# **Introduction to Commodity Trading**

### Overview of Commodity Markets:

- Types of commodities (agricultural, energy, metals)
- o Key players in the market (hedgers, speculators, arbitrageurs)
- Importance of commodity trading in the global economy

#### Market Structure and Instruments:

- o Spot markets vs. futures markets
- Understanding commodity exchanges (MCX, NYMEX, LME)
- o Trading instruments: Futures, options, ETFs

### **Module 2: Basics of Commodity Trading**

### • Understanding Commodity Prices:

- Factors affecting commodity prices (supply and demand, geopolitical events, weather patterns)
- o Price discovery and the role of exchanges

#### Introduction to Futures Contracts:

- Key terms (lot size, expiry, margin requirements)
- Reading commodity quotes

#### Risk Management Basics:

- o Importance of risk management
- Tools: Stop-loss, position sizing, and hedging

### **Module 3: Technical Analysis for Commodity Trading**

#### • Chart Patterns and Trends:

- Identifying trends (uptrend, downtrend, sideways)
- Support and resistance levels
- Popular chart patterns (head and shoulders, double tops/bottoms)

### • Indicators and Oscillators:

- Moving Averages (SMA, EMA)
- o RSI (Relative Strength Index)
- MACD (Moving Average Convergence Divergence)

### Customized Strategy: Trend Tracker Strategy

- Use EMA crossover for trend confirmation
- Combine RSI for overbought/oversold conditions
- o Entry and exit rules for commodity trades

### **Module 4: Fundamental Analysis for Commodities**

### • Key Economic Indicators:

- o Impact of GDP, inflation, and interest rates on commodities
- Importance of inventory data (e.g., crude oil inventories, crop reports)

### • Supply and Demand Analysis:

- Understanding seasonal cycles
- Impact of geopolitical events on commodities

### • COT Report Trading Strategy:

- o Introduction to the Commitment of Traders (COT) report
- o Interpreting data: Commercial vs. non-commercial positions
- Using COT report for trend analysis and identifying reversals

# **Module 5: Customized Trading Strategies**

### Breakout Strategy:

- o Identifying key levels of consolidation
- o Volume confirmation for breakout trades
- Entry, stop-loss, and profit target guidelines

## Reversal Strategy:

- Spotting potential reversals using candlestick patterns
- Confirmation with MACD and divergence analysis
- o Practical applications in volatile commodities

### **Module 6: Advanced Tools and Techniques**

## • Using Trading Platforms Effectively:

- Overview of popular platforms (MT5, TradingView)
- Setting up watchlists and alerts

# • Algorithmic Trading Basics:

- o Introduction to algo trading in commodities
- Backtesting strategies using historical data

# • Customized Strategy: Volatility Squeeze Strategy:

- o Identifying low volatility periods using Bollinger Bands
- o Trading breakouts for high-probability trades

# **Module 7: Practical Applications and Case Studies**

### • Simulated Trading:

- o Hands-on practice with demo accounts
- Real-time analysis of live markets

### • Case Studies:

- o Successful commodity trades and lessons learned
- Analyzing failed trades to avoid common pitfalls

#### **Module 8: Final Assessment and Certification**

#### Assessment:

- o Multiple-choice questions on theory
- Practical trading assignments

# Certification:

o Award certificate upon successful completion