PRODUCT BROCHURE



Kintsugi

An automated gold breakout system. Trades the push into yesterday's and last week's highs and lows, banks the move with a tight trail, and lets a runner chase the big days.

Launching Friday 20 November 2026

2.56	74%	10.4%	13
Profit factor	Winning setups	Max drawdown (Medium)	Setups a month

Backtest figures: XAUUSD, real tick data, Aug 2022 – Nov 2026 (StarTrader) and Jan – Nov 2026 (JT Markets), Medium tier, $3,000 start. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

How it trades

One instrument, one idea, done properly. Kintsugi only trades gold, and only at the price levels the whole market is watching.

01 · LEVELS

Yesterday and last week

Each day starts with four prices: the previous day's high and low and the previous week's high and low. Nothing else is traded.

02 · ENTRY

In before the break

When price pushes to within a whisker of a level, Kintsugi enters in the direction of the break, so the stop run through the level works for the trade, not against it. First touch only, one shot per level per day.

03 · FILTERS

Only the clean setups

Skips days where the market is too quiet, levels that price has already drifted onto, FOMC and NFP days, and stops for the day after two losses.

04 · EXIT

Bank it fast

Fixed stop beyond the level on every trade. Once in profit, a tight trailing stop locks the gain and never lets a winner turn into a loss. If price has already jumped past the entry, the trade is skipped.

05 · RUNNER

Let the big days run

A slice of each trade runs on its own: break-even early, target eight times the risk. Most runners close flat; the few that go pay for many trades.

06 · FORM ENGINE

Press when it's working

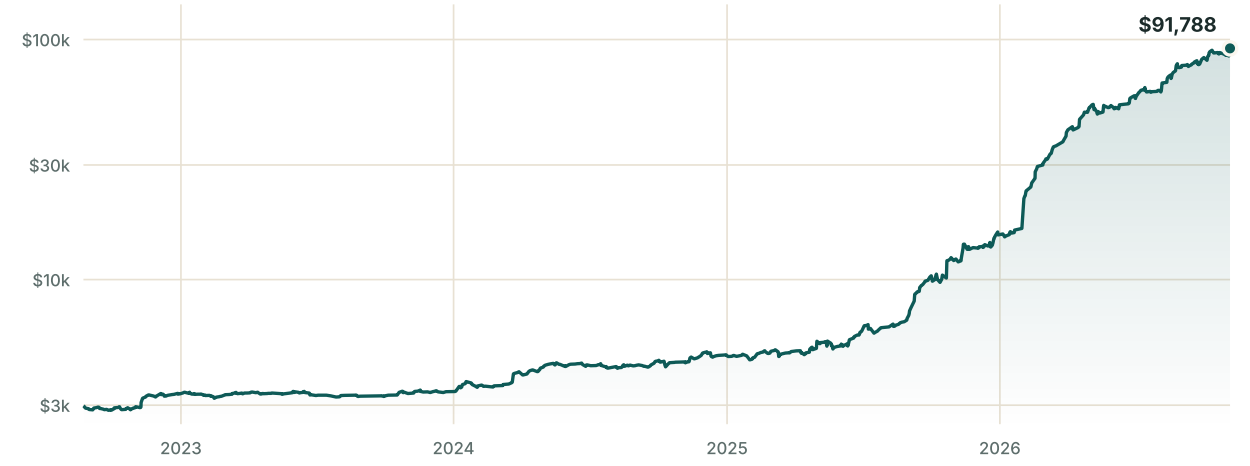
Kintsugi tracks its own recent results. When it's in form, size doubles; otherwise it trades normal size. Tested out-of-sample before it was switched on.

What it doesn't do

- No grid, no martingale, no averaging into losers. Every position has a hard stop from the moment it opens.
- No weekend holds. Most trades last minutes; a runner can stay open up to 16 hours. You can switch it off at any time.
- No curve-fitted magic numbers. Every setting was checked on two brokers and on years it was not tuned on, and sits on a plateau, not a spike.

Performance

Medium tier, $3,000 start, every trade from August 2022 to November 2026 on StarTrader real tick data.



Account balance, log scale. Each gridline is roughly ×3, so a steady slope is a steady growth rate.

Year by year (Medium)

Year	Return	Note
2022 (Aug–Dec)	+12%	part year
2023	+2%	ranging gold, flat year
2024	+41%	
2025	+218%	strong trend
2026 (to Nov)	+498%	strong trend

Returns compound and lot size grows with the balance, so the strong trending years carry most of the dollar total.

Whenever you start

Any 12 months from	Return	Max DD
Dec 2022 (worst)	+3%	6.4%
Mar 2023	+9%	5.4%
Sep 2023	+34%	5.4%
Mar 2024	+39%	7.5%
Sep 2024	+57%	8.1%

13 quarterly 12-month windows, Sep 2022 – Sep 2025: **none lost money**. Median +39%, worst +3%.

Every trade, at a glance: 694 setups · 40 of 52 months positive · worst month −$187 · 74% of setups win; the average loss is about 1.1× the average win. **On JT Markets in 2026:** 11 of 11 months positive, $3,000 → $9,590 (+220%), profit factor 2.19, max drawdown 10.1%.

Pick your tier

Same trades on every tier, only the lot size changes. Lots scale with your balance: 0.01 lot for every $X in the account.

Tier	0.01 lot per	StarTrader Aug 2022 – Nov 2026	PF	Max DD	JT Markets Jan – Nov 2026	Max DD
Very Low	$1,200	$11,031	2.46	4.0%	$4,420	3.5%
Low	$800	$22,498	2.50	4.5%	$6,037	4.3%
Low-Medium	$600	$46,563	2.54	6.1%	$7,789	9.3%
Medium	**$500**	**$91,788**	**2.56**	**7.3%**	**$9,590**	**10.1%**
Medium-High	$300	$414,730	2.17	15.1%	$20,123	11.4%
High	$200	$1,503,942*	2.11	14.9%	$34,270	20.6%
Very High	$150	$1,675,570*	1.93	18.0%	$66,845	25.3%

End balance from a $3,000 start, nothing withdrawn. *High and Very High reach the broker's maximum order size during 2025–26, so their totals are held back by that cap. Max DD here is the tester's largest peak-to-trough drop; on Medium the worst relative drop was 10.4%, early on while the account was small.

Our recommendation
Start on **Low-Medium** or **Medium**. Medium is the tier the system was built around, with the best profit factor of the ladder. Plan for drawdowns of around 10% on Medium and up to 15% on a bad run. Above Medium-High, drawdowns climb faster than returns.

Two brokers, one system

Every setting was checked on StarTrader across four years and on JT Markets in 2026, and was kept only if it held up on both. JT Markets is where most of our clients trade.

Minimum recommended balance: $2,000.

The fine print

What we'd want to know before buying, set out plainly.

Specs

Instrument	XAUUSD (gold) only
Platform	MetaTrader 5
Chart	XAUUSD M15, one chart
Minimum balance	$2,000
Trading hours	01:00–19:00 server time, Mon–Fri
Hold time	Minutes to hours; never over the weekend
Risk per trade	Hard stop on every position
Daily protection	Stops after 2 losses or a 5% equity drop
News	Skips FOMC and NFP days
Broker	Low-spread gold account; VPS recommended

Honest notes

- **It can go a year without growing.** In 2023 gold ranged and Kintsugi made +2%. It didn't lose, but it didn't make much either.
- **The big totals come from trending years.** 2025 and 2026 were historic years for gold. Judge the system by its year-by-year percentages, not its four-year total.
- **Drawdowns are part of it.** The worst stretch on Medium was about 10%; plan for up to 15%.
- **Brokers differ.** The same system made +220% on JT Markets and +498% on StarTrader over 2026. Spread, price feed and execution all matter; your results will be close to the backtest, not identical.
- **Higher tiers are not free money.** Above Medium-High, extra size adds more drawdown than return.

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