Smart Money Concepts (SMC) - Abbreviations & Full Forms

Key SMC Abbreviations

Short Name	Full Form	Quick Explanation
BOS	Break of Structure	Confirms trend continuation by breaking the previous high/low
СНоСН	Change of Character	Signals trend reversal – opposite structure is broken
ОВ	Order Block	Last bullish/bearish candle before Smart Money enters
FVG	Fair Value Gap	Imbalance in price left after a strong move; price often returns to fill it
POI	Point of Interest	Any important area such as OB, FVG, or liquidity zone
LQ	Liquidity	Areas of stop-loss orders (used as targets by Smart Money)
SSL	Sell Side Liquidity	Liquidity below lows (retail buy stops)
BSL	Buy Side Liquidity	Liquidity above highs (retail sell stops)
EQH	Equal Highs	Two or more equal highs – usually forms liquidity above
EQL	Equal Lows	Two or more equal lows – usually forms liquidity below
PDH	Previous Day High	High of the last day – often used as liquidity target
PDL	Previous Day Low	Low of the last day – also used as liquidity target
HTF	Higher Time Frame	Weekly, Daily, or H4 – used to determine overall market direction
LTF	Lower Time Frame	M15, M5, M1 – used to find entry confirmation
MS	Market Structure	Structure of price movement (trending or ranging)











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MSS	Market Structure Shift	A structural shift indicating potential trend reversal
ADR	Average Daily Range	The average movement of a pair per day – used for SL/TP planning
IMB	Imbalance	Another word for FVG – price moved too fast, leaving a gap
RTO	Return to Origin	Price returning to the source of the move (OB or FVG)
IDM	Inducement	A trap or bait move by Smart Money to attract retail traders before reversing
SMT	Smart Money Trap	A false move or manipulation intended to mislead retail traders
FS	Failure Swing	A failed attempt to break structure, often signaling a reversal or CHoCH

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