

# **KINGSTON TRADER SEARCH 2026/27**

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**CAMPAIGN PERIOD: 10 SEPTEMBER 2026 TO 30 JANUARY 2027**

**INDIVIDUAL EVALUATION PERIOD: 90 DAYS**

**SCOPE: GLOBAL PROGRAMME**

**VERSION: 1.0 | SEPTEMBER 2026**

## 1. ORGANISER AND PURPOSE

The Kingston Trader Search 2026/27 ("Programme") is organised by Kingston Automation ("Kingston", "we", "us" or "the Organiser").

The Programme is designed to identify and evaluate eligible traders based on their trading performance, consistency, risk management, drawdown, discipline and account stability over a 90-day evaluation period.

The Programme is an evaluation and selection initiative. Participation does not constitute or guarantee employment, investment advice, funding, capital allocation, a fund-management appointment, a profit-sharing arrangement or any other financial or commercial opportunity.

## 2. CAMPAIGN AND EVALUATION PERIOD

The overall Programme will operate from 10 September 2026 to 30 January 2027, unless extended, suspended or terminated in accordance with these Terms.

Each eligible participant will undergo an individual 90-day evaluation period.

"Day 1" means the date on which Kingston confirms that the participant has completed the applicable registration and verification requirements, the qualifying starting balance has been verified, and valid investor/read-only monitoring access has been provided.

The participant's individual 90-day evaluation begins on Day 1. Where an evaluation commences before the close of the Programme but extends beyond 30 January 2027, Kingston may complete that participant's 90-day evaluation after the campaign closing date.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY

An applicant must:

- be at least 18 years old;
- be legally eligible to participate from the applicant's country or jurisdiction of residence and any other jurisdiction applicable to the applicant;
- provide complete and accurate registration information;
- complete identity and eligibility verification reasonably required by Kingston;
- use a qualifying trading account held in the participant's own name;
- commence with a qualifying starting balance between USD500 and USD1,000;
- provide valid investor/read-only access;
- comply with these Terms and applicable platform/account requirements; and
- acknowledge the applicable Privacy Notice.

Kingston may decline an application where eligibility or account ownership cannot reasonably be verified.

Availability of the Programme in a country or jurisdiction does not mean that Kingston represents that participation, trading activity, any particular financial instrument, broker, platform or subsequent opportunity is lawful or available in every location.

Applicants must not participate where participation would be unlawful, prohibited or restricted under laws, regulations, sanctions, platform requirements or other rules applicable to them. Kingston may decline, restrict or discontinue participation where legal, regulatory, sanctions, platform, service-provider or eligibility requirements prevent or materially restrict participation.

## 4. PARTICIPANT'S OWN ACCOUNT AND FUNDS

Participants trade using their own trading account and their own funds.

The USD500 to USD1,000 qualifying balance is capital belonging to the participant and maintained in the participant's designated trading account. It is not an entry fee, payment, investment or deposit made to Kingston.

Kingston does not receive custody of the participant's trading capital under the Programme.

Participants remain solely responsible for their trading decisions and any profit or loss arising from those decisions.

## 5. QUALIFYING STARTING BALANCE

Each participant must commence Day 1 with a qualifying starting balance of not less than USD500 and not more than USD1,000, or an approved equivalent where applicable.

The starting balance will form the baseline from which trading performance is assessed.

Changes to account equity caused by trading activity will form part of the evaluation.

Kingston may distinguish trading-generated performance from deposits, withdrawals, transfers, credits, bonuses, rebates or other non-trading adjustments.

## 6. ADDITIONAL DEPOSITS

To maintain a reasonably comparable evaluation, participants should not make additional participant-funded deposits into the designated evaluation account after Day 1 unless expressly approved by Kingston.

Where an additional deposit occurs, Kingston may adjust the participant's performance calculations to exclude the effect of the deposit.

Where the additional deposit materially prevents Kingston from reliably evaluating performance, Kingston may require clarification, adjust the evaluation or, where reasonably necessary, discontinue that account's evaluation.

## 7. WITHDRAWALS

No withdrawal may be made from the designated evaluation account during Days 1 to 59.

From Day 60 onwards, participants may withdraw available profits, subject to the terms and requirements of the applicable account provider.

A permitted withdrawal on or after Day 60 will not automatically terminate, reset or complete the evaluation.

The participant must continue trading and remain subject to monitoring until completion of the full 90-day evaluation period.

A permitted withdrawal from Day 60 onwards will not, by itself, negatively affect the participant's evaluation.

Kingston may adjust performance calculations to distinguish trading performance from the effect of withdrawals and other non-trading account movements.

## 8. INVESTOR / READ-ONLY ACCESS

Participants must provide Kingston with valid investor/read-only access to the designated trading account for the duration of the evaluation.

Such access may allow Kingston to view relevant account and trading information for monitoring and evaluation.

Read-only access must not permit Kingston to:

- open trades;
- modify trades;
- close trades;
- withdraw funds;
- transfer funds; or
- otherwise transact on the participant's account.

Participants must not provide Kingston with their master trading password or any credential providing trading, withdrawal or transfer authority.

Participants remain in control of their account and trading decisions.

## 9. CONTINUITY OF MONITORING

Participants are responsible for maintaining valid investor/read-only access throughout the 90-day evaluation.

If access becomes unavailable, the participant should notify Kingston promptly.

Kingston may pause, extend or discontinue an evaluation where account activity cannot reasonably be verified for a material portion of the evaluation period.

## 10. PERMITTED TRADING METHODS

Kingston does not require participants to use one specific trading methodology unless separately stated in the applicable Programme requirements.

Participants may use legitimate manual trading, Expert Advisors (EAs), algorithmic or automated trading strategies, or other permitted trading methodologies, provided such activity complies with applicable account/platform rules and these Terms.

Use of an EA or automated strategy neither guarantees nor prevents selection.

Kingston may prohibit or disregard activity reasonably determined to involve falsification, manipulation, exploitation of technical errors or other conduct that compromises the integrity of the evaluation.

## 11. EVALUATION PHILOSOPHY

The Programme is not designed to identify the participant who simply produces the highest percentage return.

Kingston intends to identify traders demonstrating a sustainable combination of performance, risk management, consistency, discipline and account stability.

Accordingly, a participant generating a higher return while taking materially greater risk may receive a lower overall assessment than a participant producing a lower return with stronger risk management and consistency.

## 12. 100-POINT EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

Where practicable, participants completing the evaluation will be assessed using the following framework:

| EVALUATION CATEGORY           | WEIGHT      |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| RISK MANAGEMENT & DRAWDOWN    | 30%         |
| CONSISTENCY                   | 25%         |
| OVERALL PERFORMANCE           | 20%         |
| RISK-ADJUSTED PERFORMANCE     | 15%         |
| TRADING DISCIPLINE & ACTIVITY | 10%         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>100%</b> |

### 12.1 RISK MANAGEMENT & DRAWDOWN: 30%

Kingston may consider maximum drawdown, account stability, position sizing, exposure, concentration of risk, management of losing positions, material increases in risk following losses and other indicators of risk behaviour.

### 12.2 CONSISTENCY: 25%

Kingston may consider the distribution of trading performance throughout the 90 days, stability of results, profitable and losing periods, consistency of risk behaviour, dependence on a small number of unusually large trades and behaviour following losing periods.

A participant whose overall performance is substantially attributable to one or a small number of unusually large trades may receive a lower consistency assessment.

### 12.3 OVERALL PERFORMANCE: 20%

Overall performance will primarily consider net trading performance relative to the participant's qualifying starting balance.

Where reasonably identifiable, deposits, withdrawals, transfers, credits, rebates, bonuses and other non-trading account adjustments may be excluded or adjusted when assessing trading performance.

### 12.4 RISK-ADJUSTED PERFORMANCE: 15%

Kingston may assess the relationship between returns generated and the level of risk taken to achieve those returns. This may include return relative to maximum drawdown, volatility of returns, downside volatility, equity stability and other appropriate risk-adjusted performance measures.

## 12.5 TRADING DISCIPLINE & ACTIVITY: 10%

Kingston may consider position management, risk behaviour, sufficient activity to reasonably evaluate the participant's strategy, adherence to Programme rules, management of losing trades and consistency of trading behaviour.

Kingston will not impose the same expected trading frequency on every strategy. A legitimate lower-frequency trader will not be disadvantaged solely because another participant executes substantially more trades.

## 13. DIFFERENT TRADING STYLES

Kingston recognises that participants may use different legitimate trading styles, frequencies and methodologies.

Participants will not be disadvantaged solely because they trade less frequently, hold positions for longer periods, use automated strategies or use a trading methodology different from other participants.

There must, however, be sufficient verifiable activity and information for Kingston to reasonably assess the participant.

## 14. DAY 90 FINAL EVALUATION

Upon completion of Day 90, Kingston may conduct a final review of the participant's complete evaluation-period activity.

A participant may subsequently:

1. complete the Programme without further progression;
2. receive recognition for performance;
3. be shortlisted for further evaluation; or
4. be invited to discuss a potential separate trading opportunity.

No particular outcome is guaranteed.

## 15. SHORTLISTING

Shortlisting is based on Kingston's overall evaluation and does not constitute an offer, appointment, employment relationship, funding commitment or capital allocation.

Shortlisted participants may be required to complete additional identity verification, trading-history verification, interviews, strategy assessment, due diligence, risk assessment, regulatory/compliance checks and contractual documentation.

## 16. FUTURE TRADING OPPORTUNITIES

Selected participants may, following further evaluation, be considered for separate trading opportunities involving proprietary or third-party capital.

Any such opportunity is separate from the Kingston Trader Search Programme and will be subject to additional eligibility requirements, applicable regulatory requirements, due diligence and separate written terms.

Participation, completion, shortlisting or ranking in this Programme does not guarantee any future capital allocation or trading appointment.

## 17. TIE-BREAKING AND COMPARABLE RESULTS

Where two or more participants achieve substantially similar overall evaluation results, Kingston may give priority in the following order:

5. lower maximum drawdown;
6. stronger consistency;
7. stronger risk-adjusted performance;
8. higher net trading performance; and
9. additional assessment or interview where reasonably required.

This reflects the Programme's principle that risk management and consistency take priority over raw return alone.

## 18. EVALUATION OUTCOME AND REVIEW

Kingston will exercise reasonable judgment in applying the evaluation methodology.

A participant may request clarification regarding an evaluation outcome within seven (7) calendar days after receiving the relevant result.

Kingston may review an apparent calculation, data or administrative error.

Kingston is not required to reconsider an outcome solely because a participant disagrees with the evaluation methodology or assessment.

## 19. DISQUALIFICATION

Kingston may disqualify or discontinue the evaluation of a participant where there is reasonable evidence of:

- false or misleading information;
- identity misrepresentation;
- account ownership discrepancies;
- falsified trading activity or records;
- unauthorised multiple identities or entries;
- manipulation of evaluation data;
- exploitation of technical errors or abnormal pricing;
- unauthorised alteration of monitoring access;
- deliberate interference with the evaluation;
- material breach of these Terms; or
- other conduct materially compromising Programme integrity.

Where reasonably appropriate, Kingston may request clarification before making a final determination.

## 20. TRADING RISK AND NO INVESTMENT ADVICE

Trading financial instruments involves risk and may result in the loss of some or all capital committed by a participant.

Nothing relating to the Programme constitutes investment advice, financial planning, personalised trading advice, a recommendation to buy or sell a particular instrument, a guarantee that a strategy will be profitable or a representation of future trading performance.

Participants remain responsible for determining whether trading is appropriate for their own circumstances.

## 21. THIRD-PARTY BROKERS AND PLATFORMS

Participation may involve third-party brokers, trading platforms, technology providers or other service providers.

Such third-party services are governed by their own terms, policies, geographic availability, eligibility requirements and applicable regulatory framework. A provider or service available in one country or jurisdiction may not be available or permitted in another.

Where Kingston requires or introduces a designated third-party provider, Kingston will provide applicable material disclosures concerning the arrangement where required.

## 22. PERSONAL AND TRADING DATA

Kingston may collect and process information reasonably necessary to administer and evaluate the Programme, including name and contact information, age and identity-verification information, application information, trading-account identifiers, trading history, account balance and equity information, performance and drawdown information, information accessible through investor/read-only access and Programme-related communications.

Information may be processed for purposes including registration, eligibility verification, administration, performance monitoring, evaluation, fraud prevention, communication and consideration for subsequent opportunities where applicable.

## 23. PRIVACY NOTICE

Kingston will provide participants with a separate Privacy Notice explaining how their personal and trading-related information is collected, processed, disclosed, protected and retained, and how applicable data-subject rights may be exercised.

The Privacy Notice will be presented separately from these Terms.

## 24. SECURITY OF ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Kingston will only request account-access information reasonably required for investor/read-only monitoring.

Kingston will implement appropriate organisational and technical measures to protect personal data and account-access information against loss, misuse, unauthorised access, disclosure, alteration or destruction.

## 25. PUBLICITY AND RESULTS

Kingston may publish general Programme results, rankings or recognition subject to applicable privacy requirements.

Kingston will not publicly disclose a participant's account password, investor/read-only credentials, complete account number, complete private trading statement or other confidential account information.

Where Kingston wishes to publish a participant's identifiable photograph, testimonial, interview, detailed performance case study or similar promotional material, appropriate consent will be obtained.

## 26. PROGRAMME CHANGES

Kingston may reasonably amend, extend, suspend or terminate the Programme where necessary because of legal or regulatory requirements, technical issues, platform/provider changes, fraud or integrity concerns, circumstances outside Kingston's reasonable control or circumstances materially affecting proper Programme operation.

Material changes affecting active participants will be communicated through an appropriate Kingston channel.

Kingston will not retrospectively apply changes in a manner that unfairly disadvantages participants except where reasonably necessary for legal, regulatory, security or Programme-integrity reasons.

## 27. LIMITATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

To the extent permitted by applicable law, Kingston will not be responsible for trading losses arising from a participant's own trading decisions or for failures, interruptions or actions attributable to independent third-party platforms or providers outside Kingston's reasonable control.

Nothing in these Terms excludes or limits liability that cannot lawfully be excluded or limited.

## 28. GOVERNING LAW

These Terms are governed by the laws of Malaysia, without prejudice to any mandatory rights or protections that apply to a participant under the laws of their country or jurisdiction and cannot lawfully be excluded.

Subject to any mandatory rights or jurisdictional protections that apply under applicable law, disputes relating to the Programme will be subject to the courts and laws of Malaysia.

## 29. ACCEPTANCE

By applying for the Kingston Trader Search 2026/27, the applicant confirms that they:

- have read and understood these Terms;
- satisfy the applicable eligibility requirements;
- understand that trading involves financial risk;
- understand that Kingston receives investor/read-only monitoring access only;
- understand the Day 60 withdrawal rule;
- understand that the full evaluation period is 90 days;
- understand that completion or shortlisting does not guarantee future funding, capital allocation, employment or a trading appointment;
- acknowledge the applicable Privacy Notice; and
- agree to comply with these Terms throughout participation.

## END OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS