

The Weekly Governance Cadence

Fifteen minutes. Same order. Every week. Margin first — it's the existential one — then allocation.

YOUR MARGIN ZONE — $\text{LOAN} \div \text{PORTFOLIO VALUE}$

Clear

under 30%

Room to breathe. The wealthy's own safe-leverage line.

Harvest

30–35%

Fine — but stop adding risk and start trimming.

Freeze

35–40%

No new exposure. You're close to the edge.

Forced

over 40%

A bad week can make the decision for you.

THE CADENCE — SIX MOVES, IN ORDER

MARGIN FIRST — THE EXISTENTIAL READ

1 Read your zone

$\text{Loan} \div \text{portfolio value} = \text{utilization}$. Place it: Clear, Harvest, Freeze or Forced. Note if it moved a zone since last week.

2 Check for a persisted breach

One bad reading is noise. The **same** breach two weeks running is a signal. Only a persisted breach drives an action.

THEN ALLOCATION — THE DRIFT READ

3 Scan your Layers for drift

Roughly — is any strategy Layer meaningfully heavier or lighter than you intended? Flag the biggest mover.

4 Check concentration

Has any single position grown past the share you'd consciously choose? Name it out loud.

5 Note what changed

One line: what's different from last week — margin, a Layer, a position, income booked.

6 Decide — or decide not to

Most weeks the right move is none. The point is that you **looked**, on cadence, and chose on purpose.

*Governance isn't a heroic decision made in a crisis. It's fifteen quiet minutes, run the same way every week, so that when a crisis comes **you've already done the thinking**.*

Education about concepts and safe-use principles — not personalized financial, tax, or legal advice. Margin amplifies losses as well as gains, and a broker can liquidate your positions without contacting you. Utilization is defined here as $\text{loan} \div \text{total portfolio value}$; brokers vary.

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