



THE MARKET FORECASTING PLAYBOOK

**A PROVEN FRAMEWORK TO
REDUCE RISK AND GROW
SMARTER IN BUSINESS &
INVESTING**

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WELCOME



Most investors and entrepreneurs fail not because they're lazy, but because they act at the wrong time. They expand just before contractions. They panic just before recovery. They invest without a strategy for cycles.

That's why I created this Playbook — to give you the exact forecasting framework I use with investors and businesses so you can make clear & confident, decisions based in a disciplined approach.

– Derek Miller

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THE FORECASTING ADVANTAGE



**Increase the probability of success
exponentially**

Why Timing Matters:

- The market moves in cycles (growth → peak → contraction → recovery).
- Acting with the cycle = leverage. Acting against it = unnecessary risk.
- Forecasting isn't prediction — it's preparation.

THE FRAMEWORK



Use Forecasting to your Advantage

1. Observe Leading Indicators

- *Economic signals, consumer confidence, inflation trends, etc.*

2. Apply the Cycle Lens

- *Growth vs. peak vs. contraction vs. recovery*
→ *where are we now?*

3. Strategic Action Plan

- *Investors: Should you buy, hold, rebalance, or sit on cash?*
- *Business Owners: Should you expand, preserve, or restructure?*

QUICK REFERENCE CHEAT SHEET (BUSINESS OWNER)



Business Owner Forecast Checklist	
Step	What to Check
1	What is your value proposition (Not your product or service)
2	Is your target market meticulously defined
3	What problem are you solving for your target market
4	Is your social prescence an information hub
5	Are you selling your product/service or it's benefits
6	Does your pricing lead to your "featured" product/service
7	What is your biggest objection - How do you overcome it
8	What is the economic climate - How are you helping
9	Sales Trends vs. Industry Benchmarks
10	Interest Rate Environment (borrowing costs)
11	Labor Market (hiring difficulty, wage pressure)
12	Commodity/Material Costs
13	Customer Sentiment & Demand Forecast
14	Capital Availability (lending conditions, investor appetite)
15	Competitive Landscape & Pricing Power

QUICK REFERENCE CHEAT SHEET (INVESTORS)



	Investor Forecast Checklist
Step	What to Check
1	Is this a trader's market or a market based on the economy
	If the market is tied to the economy
2	Macro Trends: GDP, inflation, unemployment
3	Federal Reserve stance (rate hikes/cuts, QE/QT)
4	Bond Market Signals: Yield curve steepening/inverting
5	Commodities: Oil, gold, industrial metals
6	Leading Indicators (housing, PMI, consumer confidence)
7	Valuation metrics (P/E ratios, CAPE, earnings growth)
8	Risk Appetite (VIX, credit spreads)
	If the market is a trader's paradise
2	How is market structure
3	Which index is your leading & which is your lagging index
4	How are highs being formed
5	How are bottoms being formed
6	Is the timeframe between cycles increasing or decreasing
7	Is volume either really high or really low
8	Is the market creating a lot of gaps and rapid price swings

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