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# Today's Plan Reading Guide

How to read market regime, risk, deployment, V3.5 live updates, and V3.6 weekly positioning.

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## What Today's Plan Does

Today's Plan is the top-level market intelligence panel. It summarizes market condition, risk, trade bias, deployment guidance, income opportunities, hedge alerts, and weekly positioning.

- Use it before market open to set your bias.
- Use it during the day to avoid emotional changes.
- Use it Sunday night or weekly to plan cash, LEAPS, income, and hedge watches.

## Core Values

Market Regime	Risk-On, Neutral, Risk-Off, Extended Bullish, Dip-Buy Setup	Defines overall market posture. Risk-On supports longs; Risk-Off favors caution/hedge.
Risk Mode	Green, Yellow, Red, Protect Mode	Green = normal discipline; Yellow = cautious; Red/Protect = reduce risk.
Trade Bias	Buy Dips, Selective Bullish, Wait/Confirm, Avoid Chasing, Defensive, Hedge Watch	Tells what type of action is favored.
Confidence	Low, Medium, High or % if supported	Higher confidence means more factors agree; not a guarantee.
Deployment %	0%, 5%, 10%, 20%, staged levels	How much new cash/risk may be reasonable based on setup.

## V3.5 Intraday Live Update

V3.5 is meant to show only meaningful intraday changes. It should not create noise on every refresh.

- Triggers can include SPY/QQQ losing or reclaiming VWAP, regime change, risk level change, leadership fading, or momentum cooling.
- If nothing meaningful changed, the Live Update may be hidden or show no meaningful intraday change.
- Read the Suggested Action first: trim, wait, protect gains, hedge only if confirmed, or buy dip near support.

## V3.6 Weekly Positioning / Portfolio Playbook

V3.6 adds a weekly lens to Today's Plan. It helps organize symbols into LEAPS Watch, Swing Watch, Long-Term/DCA, Income Watch, Hedge Watch, and Avoid Chasing.

LEAPS Watch	Quality long-term options candidates.	Use higher-delta, longer-dated contracts; starter only.
Swing Watch	Multi-day/multi-week candidates.	Wait for support, breakout, or VWAP confirmation.

Long-Term/DCA	Quality ETF/stock adds.	Deploy in stages: 5%, 10%, 20%.
Income Watch	CC/CSP candidates.	CC near resistance; CSP near support.
Hedge Watch	SQQQ/SOXS/puts only if weakness confirms.	Small, tactical, fast profit-taking.
Avoid Chasing	Extended symbols or leveraged ETFs after large moves.	Wait for reset/pullback.

## Basic Reading Rules

- If market is Risk-Off, reduce new long trades even if one symbol looks strong.
- If market is Extended Bullish, avoid full-size entries and use starters only.
- If hedge watch appears, wait for confirmation; do not short only because market feels high.
- If Today's Plan and Symbol Card disagree, reduce size or wait.

## Advanced Reading Rules

- Use SPY/QQQ confirmation as the main filter for calls, spreads, LEAPS, and hedges.
- Use support/resistance to time CC/CSP entries.
- Use VWAP for intraday confirmation, not long-term investing decisions.
- Use weekly positioning for Sunday planning and daily plan for execution discipline.