
PERSONAL PRODUCTIVITY / LIFE ARCHITECTURE

Lifestyle Design: *Freedom* Financed

Balance without tradeoffs is marketing; designed life still obeys cashflow physics and family facts.

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Lifestyle design names tradeoffs among money, time, place, and relationships—then funds them with explicit runway and modular exits.

Read with [three-bucket policy](#), [time arbitrage](#), [stock vs. flow](#), and [path dependence](#) so early bets do not trap future freedom.

"Freedom is a portfolio decision—runway, values, and dependents on the same page."

1. Freedom *as Portfolio*

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2. Tradeoffs *on Paper*

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LIFESTYLE DESIGN ANNUAL PASS

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Freedom thesis

What you optimize; what you refuse.

02

Runway sheet

Months of burn by scenario.

03

Stakeholder map

Partner, kids, parents—explicit agreements.

04

Geography facts

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