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Private Access: *Liquidity* Truth

Democratized private investing still sells opacity and illiquidity—technology routes around accreditation until law and cash flows answer.

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Private markets for the masses lowers minimums and polishes UX for venture and private equity exposure—multiplying lockups, valuation uncertainty, and fee layering that households must budget like any other

liability. Connect to private equity structures, venture capital systems for power-law humility, information asymmetry in diligence packets, and MPT humility when a private sleeve pretends to diversify what public beta already carries.

"Democratized private markets still sell lockups and opacity—access is not the same as edge."

1. Access *and* Minimums

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01

Liquidity ladder

Cash months; lockup budget—signed.

02

Fee map

GP, platform, SPV—totals annualized.

03

Concentration caps

Name, sector, platform limits.

04

Diligence gate

Checklist owner; no FOMO commits.

8. Atlas *Integration*

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