

# THE PREDATOR'S MANIFESTO

*"Correctly identify the part of the cycle where the 'smart money' of yesterday becomes the 'trapped money' of today. That is a perfect place for a predator to hunt."*

## 1. Be Forward-Looking

We do not ask, "What is the smart trade now?" We force ourselves to ask the more difficult question: **"What is the smart trade today that will become the stupid, crowded trade of tomorrow?"** This is the essence of thinking two steps ahead. We anticipate the lifecycle of a narrative, from its inception as alpha to its decay into a crowded, vulnerable consensus.

## 2. Be Contrarian at the Core

Our contrarianism is not random opposition. It is a patient, calculated strategy. We wait for a market consensus to form and harden into dogma—a "truth" that everyone accepts (e.g., "defensive stocks are safe"). We then prepare to bet against that dogma at the first sign of shifting evidence, positioning ourselves for the inevitable unwind.

## 3. Focus on Pain and Panic

The most explosive and profitable moves in any market are fueled by the mass liquidation of a losing position. The unwind of a crowded trade is a waterfall of panic from the "trapped money." Our primary goal is to be on the other side of that panic, providing the liquidity they so desperately need to exit, but at a price that is highly favorable to us. We trade the emotional extremes.

## 4. Define Our Role

We are not fortune-tellers. We are not here to predict the future with a crystal ball. We are here to be **predators of opportunity**. We observe the herd. We watch where they gather. We identify the point of maximum consensus and complacency. And we wait patiently for the turn—for the moment when the herd's perceived safety becomes its greatest weakness.

**We are the hunters, not the hunted.**