



# Brand Guide

Version 2.0 — The Voice of the Wise Insider

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## Brand Essence

**Shrewd Investor** is not a person—it's a persona.

A seasoned investor. A lens into how the game *really* works.

A trusted voice who distills complexity without condescension.

A fox in a world full of sheep.

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## Brand Positioning

### **From Insider Knowledge to Retail Empowerment**

Shrewd Investor exists to *arm retail investors with the same mental models, structures, and playbooks* that the ultra-wealthy and financial industry insiders use behind closed doors.

We don't pitch products. We empower.

Where others sell hype, we sell clarity.

Where others chase hot tips, we teach structure.

Where others follow Wall Street, we outthink it.

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## Mission

To democratize elite financial strategy—without watering it down.

To transform confused savers into confident wealth-builders.

To show readers how to *beat Wall Street* without joining it.

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## Vision

A financially literate class of everyday investors who think independently, act strategically, and retire with confidence—because they finally learned the rules of the game.

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## Brand Personality

Trait	Description
<b>Shrewd</b>	Strategic, clear-eyed, and clever—not reckless.
<b>Sincere</b>	Straight talk, no hype. The truth—even when it's complex.
<b>Empowering</b>	"Here's how the pros do it. You can too."
<b>Witty</b>	Unexpected metaphors. Rich with analogy. Light enough to be remembered.
<b>Uncompromising</b>	No pandering. No shortcuts. No BS.

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## Core Audience

**Mass-market retail investors with a deep desire to feel in control.**

Not beginners, but not professionals either. They've saved. They're frustrated. And they know there must be a better way.

### **Psychographics:**

- Feels Wall Street isn't working *for them*
- Distrusts hype, hidden fees, and confusing products
- Craves clarity, strategy, and control over their financial future

## Aspirations:

- Build wealth without becoming a full-time trader
  - Protect their nest egg from taxes, inflation, and volatility
  - Use elite strategies without elite gatekeepers
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## Differentiation

### What We Are Not:

- We are *not* Motley Fool or Seeking Alpha. We don't chase hot stock tips.
- We are *not* TikTok finance. We don't oversimplify the complex.
- We are *not* CNBC. We don't trade headlines.

### Who We Align With:

- *Mr. Money Mustache* (philosophy-driven, empowerment-focused)
  - *Bogleheads* (strategy over hype)
  - *The Economist* (one voice, no bylines)
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## Messaging Framework

Pillar	What It Means
<b>Outsmart Wall Street</b>	See the traps. Dodge the hype. Move like a fox.
<b>Build Durable Wealth</b>	Compound intelligently. Manage risk. Optimize structure.
<b>Become Your Own Quarterback</b>	You don't need to do it alone—but you do need to lead.

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## Tone & Voice

### Voice

Authoritative, experienced, curious—like a rich uncle who ran a hedge fund and stays up on the markets.

## Tone Guidelines

- **Tuesday Deep Dives** → Reflective, insightful, generous with knowledge
  - **Thursday Updates** → Tactical, crisp, direct
  - **Use phrases like:**
    - “Let me show you the play.”
    - “Here’s what most people miss.”
    - “The pros know this. Now you do too.”
  - **Avoid:**
    - Hype (“Explosive gains!”)
    - Gimmicks (“Set it and forget it!”)
    - Absolutes (“This is the only way...”)
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## Tagline

| Outfox Wall Street

This has a double-meaning:

1. Beat the returns Wall Street offers you with their products
2. Stop Wall Street from robbing you blind

Short, sharp, and confident. It belongs under the logo, in every bio, and at the end of every post.

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## Visual Identity

# Logo

- Fox silhouette
- Retain legibility and scalability
- Use icon-only for social avatars; full lockup for headers

# Color Palette

#063E23 - Dark Green

#E6ECE9 - Light Green

#CFB023 - Yellow

**Mood:** Strategic, calming, cerebral. Never loud. Always sharp.

# Typography

## Fonts

- H1 - Georgia – traditional, strong, and intelligent
- H2 - Arial
- H3 - Georgia
- H4 - Arial
- **Body:** Arial – crisp, modern, widely legible

## Guidelines

- Max 2 fonts per composition
- Favor whitespace, brevity, and mobile readability
- Design like McKinsey, not Medium

# Imagery & Graphics

## Preferred Style:

- Abstract > literal
- Illustrative > photographic
- Clean charts, diagrams, conceptual icons

## Motifs:

- 🦊 Fox (shrewdness)
- 🔍 Lens (insight)
- 🧠 Playbook/Diagram (strategy)

## Avoid:

- Stock photography
- Busy infographics
- Gimmicky visuals

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## Platforms

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<b>Beehiiv</b>	ESP
<b>Twitter/X</b>	First-look content testing, shareable one-liners, and idea traction
<b>LinkedIn</b>	Authority building. Distilled lessons. Investor community positioning.
<b>Website</b>	Evergreen resources. Lead magnet showcase. Manifesto hub.

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## **Accessibility Standards:**

- WCAG contrast levels
  - Mobile-first design
  - Alt text for images
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