



WELCOME TO ZEN DHANDHO'S
MINDFUL WEALTH BI WEEKLY DIGEST: YOUR GUIDE TO
FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT

BUILDING WEALTH, ONE MINDFUL STEP AT A TIME

ZEN DHANDHO CONDITIONS UPDATE

A forward-looking snapshot of the economic landscape—designed to help you stay grounded, not reactive. The Conditions Update is our macroeconomic compass. Each edition, we evaluate inflation, interest rates, market volatility, and economic growth to offer a clear Pulse Rating—a quick read on where we are and what that means for your strategy.

This isn't about predicting the future—it's about staying mindful of where we are, so you can act with purpose and confidence.

Zen Dhandho Pulse Rating System:

- A – Strong Pulse: Growth-friendly market conditions
- B – Elevated Pulse: Optimistic but watchful
- C – Steady Pulse: Neutral with defensive positioning
- D – Weak Pulse: High-risk environment
- F – Flatlining Pulse: Critical economic stress

Current Pulse Rating: C – Steady Pulse

The market environment is balanced—there's resilience in some areas, and vulnerability in others. It's a season for strategy, not complacency.

Inflation – 2.8% YoY (Feb CPI)

Cooling, but still sticky in housing and services.

Zen Take: Don't assume it's over. Stay flexible with spending and avoid lifestyle creep.

Interest Rates – Fed holding at 4.33%

We're in a pause; markets expect cuts later this year.

Zen Take: This is still a good time to lock in competitive yields via CDs, MYGAs, or short-term bonds.

Market Volatility – S&P 500 down 10% from Feb highs

Trade tensions, tech pullbacks, and election-year jitters fueling uncertainty.

Zen Take: Volatility = opportunity for disciplined investors. Rebalance, don't retreat.

Economic Growth – Labor strong, sentiment soft

CapEx in AI and energy rising, but household spending is slowing.

Zen Take: Diversify into resilient sectors. Prioritize cash flow and flexibility.

"Markets move. Wisdom endures."

MARKET INSIGHTS: FEBRUARY AND MARCH RECAP

STAY INFORMED WITH KEY FINANCIAL TRENDS AND UPDATES THAT IMPACT YOUR MONEY.

February delivered optimism as the S&P 500 reached a record high of 6,144.15. But by mid-March, markets reversed—dropping over 10%, officially entering correction territory.

What happened?

- AI-driven rallies: Super Micro, Meta, Nvidia, and others surged on AI hype.
- Correction catalyst: Tariff threats, geopolitical tension, and institutional repositioning brought markets back down to earth.
- Investor behavior: New money entering near the highs may be feeling shaken—but long-term investors know this is part of the game.

Zen Reminder: Corrections are normal, not new. Keep your time horizon in mind and your allocation aligned with your goals.


STOCK IN FOCUS: META PLATFORMS (META)

Ticker: META | Price: \$590.64 | Market Cap: \$1.51 Trillion

Meta remains one of the strongest businesses in the digital world, with unmatched ad reach, growing infrastructure in AI, and consistent cash flow.

 Meta Core Metrics:

- P/E Ratio: 20.1x – Reasonable for a tech leader
- EPS: \$29.38 – High profit per share
- Net Margin: 32% – Strong efficiency and pricing power
- Free Cash Flow: \$37.1B – Flexibility to invest and weather downturns
- Debt-to-Equity: 0.13 – Very low debt risk
- Users: ~3.8B – Massive global presence




 Zen Dhandho View:


Meta is trading ~20% below its 52-week high, but the business hasn't weakened. This is a company with strong bones, wide reach, and a long runway. A correction might be your window—not your warning.

FIXED INCOME FOCUS: RATES, BONDS & MYGAS


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
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FOUNDATIONAL LEVEL: MANAGING DEBT IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

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🧠 WISDOM LEVEL: IRA STRATEGY & THE BUCKET FRAMEWORK

With the April 15 IRA contribution deadline approaching, now is the moment to align your retirement moves with your tax strategy.

✅ IRA Highlights:

- Max contribution (2024): \$7,000 (\$8,000 if 50+)
- Traditional IRA: Pre-tax, lowers this year's taxable income
- Roth IRA: No deduction, but tax-free withdrawals in retirement
- Backdoor Roth: A smart workaround for high earners

👉 The Zen Dhandho Bucket Strategy

Bucket **1** – Short-Term (1–3 years)

Purpose: Liquidity, near-term needs

Example Assets: Cash, CDs, Money Market Funds

Bucket **2** – Mid-Term (4–10 years)

Purpose: Income, medium-term security

Example Assets: Bonds, Annuities, Dividend-Paying ETFs

Bucket **3** – Long-Term (10+ years)

Purpose: Growth & legacy planning

Example Assets: Equities, REITs, Growth ETFs

👉 Zen Take:

Your portfolio should reflect your life—not your fear. Bucket thoughtfully, and revisit regularly.



🌟 CRYPTO CORNER: BITCOIN'S BIG SWING & HOW MUCH TO HOLD

Bitcoin soared to ~\$109K in January... and pulled back to ~\$80K in March. That's a 25% drop—but also a familiar story.

What Drove the Slide?

- Profit-taking after the highs
- Uncertainty around policy announcements (e.g., Bitcoin reserve proposals)
- Overall tech market correction bleeding into crypto

Zen Dhandho Crypto Allocation Guide:

- 1–3% → For cautious, diversified exposure
- 3–7% → For moderate risk-takers
- 10–15% → For those with high conviction and long-term focus

👉 Zen Take:

Crypto is a seasoning—not a staple. Use it to enhance your portfolio, not define it.

THE UPCOMING SLATE AT ZEN DHANDHO

EXCITING NEW RESOURCES AND TOOLS—ALL DESIGNED TO EMPOWER YOUR FINANCIAL JOURNEY.

◆  **Free One-on-One Coaching (soft launch in April)**

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◆  **Smart Money Assistant Powered by AI**

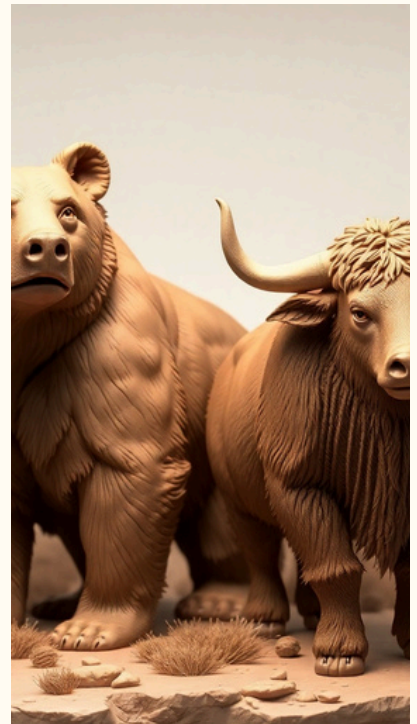
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