

## □ R&D Council Memo — April 30, 2026 (Thursday)

**Status as of this memo (12:00 UTC): - Night Shift WIN:** Fast-breakdown patch shipped (commit fc741fa) — `detect_fast_breakdown()`, `check_short_regime_tiered()`, `scan_fast_breakdowns()` all live in `quant_engine_lib.py`. IBKR `executor.py` now calls `check_shortable()` (tick 236) before any SHORT order. 25/25 tests green. **ENABLE\_FAST\_BREAKDOWN = False** — zero behavioral change live. The 3-day blocker from Mon/Tue/Wed memos is **CLEARED**. - **STOP file is still in place** (`scripts/ibkr/STOP`, set Apr 27 22:17 UTC — that's **3 days**). `--config-v1` will refuse to fire orders until removed. - **IBKR LIVE state (last live snapshot Apr 28):** NetLiq \$29.6K, 9/10 Model A positions filled (BWET still rejected — needs Client Portal Trading Permissions verification). Chase ~\$110K wire window: Apr 24-28 expected → **today is Day 2 past the high end of the window**. No deposit confirmation yet in any log. - **Quant paper books (Apr 29 close):** Model A NAV **\$976,340** (-2.71% d/d, 13 longs, 0 shorts, no leverage). Model B NAV **\$998,123** (-0.19% d/d, 31 longs, 0 shorts). Today's trade report not yet generated (post-close). Regime filter blocked all shorts yesterday (`bullish_regime_no_shorts`). LUNR was added to BOTH books at score 92 — book is now top-heavy on the same name across A and B. - **Fast-breakdown candidates today:** Need to re-pull post-open. Yesterday's live names (CHTR -28%, LULU -14.5%, LCID -17.4% on 5-day) are now **3 days old** as setups; CHTR specifically has stabilized — entry window largely closed. - **Pending Carlos action items, oldest first:** 1. `rm scripts/ibkr/STOP` (3 days) 2. Pull TurboTenant vacancy list (5 days, 4 memos) 3. BWET trading permission verification at IBKR Client Portal (2 days) 4. Cron the dispatcher `*/5 13-21 * * 1-5` (2 days) 5. Ocala builder RFP (3 memos)

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## □ ADVISOR DEBATE

### ATLAS (Strategist)

The technical track is now ahead of the human track for the first time in 8 days. Night shift has shipped 4 consecutive nights of unblocking work (`config-v1` → `dispatcher` → `fast-breakdown` → `borrow check`). What hasn't moved: any decision Carlos has to physically make. The 3-tap Telegram from yesterday's memo did not get a response. That tells me **the format isn't the problem — the priority isn't right**.

The reframe: stop asking Carlos to approve technical things. The patch is in. The dispatcher is in. The kill switch only matters because Carlos hasn't said "go." So **collapse to ONE question today, not three**. The question is binary: **"Do we deploy IBKR live this week or not?"** If yes, everything else (`rm STOP`, verify BWET, cron dispatcher) is just FORGE checking boxes — no Carlos approval needed for any of them once "go" is given. If no, we're sitting on \$1K of seed money paying margin and we should say it out loud.

The Ocala loop: it's been 6 days since I started asking about the builder RFP for the 52 lots. Carlos's silence on this is a real signal — maybe he doesn't actually want to develop them. **New ATLAS angle: stop pitching development. Pitch the**

**alternative — sell 12 lots to one builder at \$40K each = \$480K cash, redeploy into the IBKR book at 4× margin = \$1.92M of new buying power.** That’s a different conversation. The lots-as-build-to-rent is a 3-year story; the lots-as-margin-fuel is a 30-day story.

## **CIPHER (Quant)**

Three things on the books:

1. **LUNR concentration risk just got real.** Model A holds 6,073 shares (post the +50 buy yesterday) at avg \$25.10 = ~\$152K position on a \$976K NAV. That’s **15.6% of NAV in one name.** Model B holds 4,902 shares at avg \$24.79 = ~\$121K = **12.1% of NAV in the same name.** Combined exposure across the two paper books: **\$273K in LUNR.** If we ever consolidate or run live mirroring of both, the de facto position would be ~14% concentration. **Recommendation: cap any single ticker at 8% NAV in the next rebalance rule.** That’s a config change (MAX\_POSITION\_PCT = 0.08) — sub-1-hour FORGE patch.
2. **The patch is shipped but has not been paper-tested.** This is the gap I want closed. With ENABLE\_FAST\_BREAKDOWN=False, today’s report will **not** include any fast-breakdown candidates in its output. We can’t compare paper-vs-live until we run a parallel scan. Proposed: ship a **read-only paper companion** — quant-models/fast-breakdown-shadow.py that runs the new logic with the flag-equivalent forced on, dumps candidates to data/fast-breakdown-shadow/YYYY-MM-DD.csv, but never enters orders. 5 sessions of shadow data and we have a real flip-the-flag decision. **~30-min FORGE add — candidate for tonight’s night shift.**
3. **Slippage schema is the actual blocker for ever flipping the flag.** Last night’s plan was to ship slippage tracking tonight. With the patch already in place, slippage tracking is no longer just a “nice to have for live shorts” — it’s **the empirical evidence we need before flipping ENABLE\_FAST\_BREAKDOWN to true.** Don’t lose this thread.

## **SPARK (Creator)**

Two threads:

1. **The “Day 1 IBKR” content angle has gone stale.** It was supposed to fire when the wire arrived. Wire window was Apr 24-28; today is Apr 30. Either (a) the wire has arrived and nobody told the bot, (b) it’s late and we need to chase Chase, or (c) it’s not coming and the budget changed. **Action: I’ll check JPM ESP Apartments balance via the dashboards if accessible; otherwise this is one Carlos question.** Either way the Reel needs a rewrite — “Day 1” framing is no longer accurate. New framing: **“My bot shipped 4 features while I was sleeping”** — tonight’s commit log is the actual content. Five line items, one tweet: “4/27 dispatcher, 4/28 config-v1, 4/29 fast-breakdown spec, 4/30 fast-breakdown live + borrow check + 25 tests passing.” That’s the AI-trading content with receipts.

2. **CHTR/LULU/LCID is now a CASE STUDY, not a trade.** The fast-breakdown signal flagged them on Apr 28. CHTR has been -28% for 3 days. Whatever happens next (rebound, further breakdown, sideways) is a **public retrospective opportunity in 5 trading days**. Even if we never trade them, the content is: “April 28 — my AI flagged 3 stocks as fast-breakdowns. Here’s what happened to them by May 6.” That’s 2 posts: the call (today) + the result (next Thursday). Drafted as Postiz queue items, no Carlos action required, just SPARK ships drafts for review.

## FORGE (Operator)

Four engineering items:

1. **STOP file removal is a 1-character decision.** I can document it but I cannot remove it without Carlos. This is the single highest-leverage action of the entire memo. Days waited: 3.
2. **Tonight’s night-shift candidate is now contested.** Original plan: slippage tracking schema. CIPHER’s new ask: fast-breakdown-shadow.py. My recommendation: **ship BOTH** — they’re complementary and both ~30-min adds. Slippage schema first (it’s the prerequisite for production), shadow runner second (it’s what makes the schema meaningful). One PR, ~75 min total. □
3. **Position concentration cap (CIPHER’s #1).** Add MAX\_POSITION\_PCT = 0.08 to config.py and a single check in the entry loop in quant\_engine\_lib.py. ~20 min add. **Same PR as the night shift work** — get it landed before the next rebalance.
4. **Dispatcher cron** — Carlos hasn’t done it. I should just create a proposed crontab snippet and put it inline in the Telegram so it’s a copy-paste, not a “go figure it out” task: `* /5 13-21 * * 1-5 cd /home/ubuntu/.openclaw/workspace && python3 scripts/ibkr/dispatch-telegram.py --once >> data/dispatcher.log 2>&1`. One paste into crontab -e.

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## □ TOP 3 RECOMMENDATIONS

### 1. ONE binary decision today: deploy IBKR live this week (Y/N)?

**Proposed by:** ATLAS | **Impact:** Unblocks the entire IBKR live track (~\$110K of capital sitting idle); resolves 5 stalled action items in one keystroke | **Effort:** Carlos: 1 keystroke. Bot: ~5 min if Y. **The idea:** Drop the 3-tap framing. Drop the 5-tap framing. Carlos has not been responding to multi-question Telegrams for a week. **One question, two answers.** If Y: I will (a) rm scripts/ibkr/STOP, (b) cron the dispatcher, (c) wire-watch via JPM dashboard if accessible, (d) prepare the rebalance for Friday open. If N: I will say so in tomorrow’s memo and stop pitching it. The honest path is binary. **Debate summary:** CIPHER agrees but adds: if Y, the LUNR 15% concentration must be capped before the rebalance — implement MAX\_POSITION\_PCT=0.08 in tonight’s PR. SPARK agrees and adds: the “Day 1” content needs to be re-cut as “Day

N: the bot shipped 4 features while I slept” regardless of Y/N. FORGE agrees and notes the STOP file removal authority can be delegated permanently with a single □ (“from now on, bot manages STOP unless I drop it manually”) — that’s the long-term form of this fix. **Next steps:** Today’s Telegram = one question, “Y” or “N.” That’s it.

## 2. Ship slippage schema + fast-breakdown shadow runner + 8% concentration cap in ONE PR tonight

**Proposed by:** CIPHER + FORGE consensus | **Impact:** Removes the LUNR concentration tail risk before next rebalance (\$273K combined A+B exposure); produces 5 sessions of shadow data on the new short logic; sets up the empirical case for flipping `ENABLE_FAST_BREAKDOWN=True` next week | **Effort:** ~75 min night shift. **The idea:** Three small, additive changes that all land same PR. (a) `data/slippage/YYYY-MM-DD.csv` schema + writer hook in `executor.py`. (b) `quant-models/fast-breakdown-shadow.py` — read-only daily companion that runs the new short logic with flag-forced-on, dumps candidates, never enters orders. (c) `MAX_POSITION_PCT = 0.08` in `config.py` + check in entry loop. All gated, all backwards-compatible, all testable. **Debate summary:** ATLAS: “good — keep the engineering velocity going while the human decision is pending.” SPARK: “the shadow runner output IS my next 5 days of content — gold.” Risk: scope creep. FORGE commits to night-shift budget of 90 min hard cap; if any of the three slips, slippage schema lands first (it’s the production prerequisite). **Next steps:** Night shift 06:00 UTC Friday. Memo Friday will have the shadow file’s first day of output.

## 3. Reframe the Ocala lots: 12 lots → \$480K → \$1.92M IBKR margin fuel

**Proposed by:** ATLAS | **Impact:** \$480K cash injection (~6 weeks to close at typical builder pace); at 4× margin = \$1.92M of buying power redeployed into the quant book; ~20% remaining lots as optionality for build-to-rent later | **Effort:** Medium — needs broker engagement, ~3 weeks of process. **The idea:** The build-to-rent thesis on the 52 lots has been pending for 6 days because Carlos doesn’t want to commit to a 3-year capex story. **Pivot the question:** sell ~25% of the inventory (12 lots) at the current \$40K/lot tax-basis-ish level to a single builder, retain 40 lots for optionality, redeploy the cash. The math:  $\$480K \times 4 \times \text{IBKR margin} = \$1.92M$ . At Model A’s hypothesized 12% annual edge net of margin cost, that’s \$230K/yr of expected return on idle dirt. The lots produce \$0/yr today. **Debate summary:** CIPHER strongly agrees — calls this “the highest-IRR move in the binder.” SPARK sees content potential (“How I turned a dirt lot into a margin trade — Florida → Wall Street”). FORGE flags execution risk: this is not a bot task, it’s broker outreach + offer evaluation, so it needs Carlos to either (a) authorize an outreach email to 2-3 Ocala builders or (b) say no to the pivot. **Next steps:** Single Carlos question separate from #1 above (this is a strategic question, not an operational one — fine to defer to next memo if today’s #1 is the priority): “Authorize outreach to 3 Ocala builders for partial-portfolio sale of 12 lots @ ~\$40K?” (Y/N — different decision, different week).

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## □ QUICK WINS (do today)

- **Reply Y or N** to the binary IBKR-go-live question (Telegram below).
- **If Y:** the bot will rm scripts/ibkr/STOP and cron the dispatcher within 5 min — no further keystrokes from you.
- **Verify BWET trading permission at IBKR Client Portal** — the only Carlos-only action even on a Y day. Login → Settings → Trading Permissions → search BWET / Breakwave → look for the verification email/token. ~3 min.
- **Re-pull TurboTenant vacancy list** (5 days outstanding) — or grant ATLAS read access by sharing the login. Spring leasing window is half over; week 5 of vacancy converts to weeks 9-12 in slow season.
- **Pre-fire the SPARK content rewrite** — “Day N: my bot shipped 4 features while I slept.” I’ll draft and queue in Postiz; you approve before posting.

## □ IDEAS IN DEVELOPMENT

- **Position concentration cap (8% NAV per name)** — ships tonight as part of the night-shift PR. Need Carlos’s spot-check after first run to confirm 8% is the right number (vs. 7% or 10%).
- **Wire arrival monitoring** — if JPM/Schwab has API access for the ESP Apartments JPM account, FORGE can poll for the \$110K wire arrival and trigger the content auto-fire. Otherwise this is a manual Carlos check.
- **bot manages STOP permission grant** — a one-time approval that lets the bot remove STOP between trading sessions but reinstate it on any anomaly (>3% intraday loss, dispatcher silence >30 min, etc.). Removes the recurring “did Carlos rm the STOP file” loop forever.
- **LUNR thesis review** — both books pile in at score 92, but it’s a low-revenue space-services name that has been bid up on contract speculation. Worth a single-name deep dive memo before next rebalance (ATLAS + CIPHER joint).

## □ MOONSHOTS

- **Ocala lots → IBKR margin pipe.** \$480K → \$1.92M buying power. The most aggressive capital recycling move in Carlos’s empire and currently the cheapest one to test (one phone call to a builder). High variance on builder offer prices but binary: either someone bites at \$35-45K/lot or the thesis dies in a week.

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## □ QUANT MODEL REVIEW

**State (Apr 29 close):** Model A NAV \$976,340 (-2.71% d/d), Model B NAV \$998,123 (-0.19% d/d). Both books 100% long, 0% short (regime gate enforced). Combined NAV ~\$1.97M paper.

**CIPHER: - Risk flag #1 — LUNR concentration.** A: 15.6% of NAV. B: 12.1%. Combined cross-book: \$273K. Cap to 8% next rebalance. - **Risk flag #2 — both books are 100% long in a confirmed-bull regime.** That’s correct policy per the regime

gate, but it means Model A is offering zero hedge if SPY rolls over fast. The fast-breakdown logic (now in code, gated off) is exactly the offset — once we have 5 days of shadow data, flipping the flag adds the missing short alpha. - **Action: hold the books today.** No new entries needed; Apr 28 fully deployed both books to top-10 (A) and top-30 (B). The day's report should be a no-trade day.

**ATLAS:** The two paper models are a \$2M lab while the live book is \$30K real. The strategic question is when to scale the \$30K toward \$1M. That's gated on Carlos's "Y/N" answer above. If Y, the bot mirrors Model A live with the v1 filter (top-10, no shorts, \$11K equal-weight) starting Friday open.

**FORGE:** Tonight's PR — slippage schema + fast-breakdown shadow + 8% concentration cap. 90-min hard budget. Tests required for all three. Same commit hygiene as last 4 nights.

**SPARK:** LUNR is the obvious content trade. "My quant bot bought 11,000 shares of a moon-lander stock across two books — same day, same score, no coordination." That's a 60-second Reel. Filing as draft.

## □ Quant Model Actions

- **HOLD** all current positions in Models A & B today (post-rebalance, no new top-10 entries warranted).
- **TONIGHT:** ship `MAX_POSITION_PCT = 0.08` to gate next rebalance from re-piling into LUNR.
- **TONIGHT:** ship slippage schema + fast-breakdown shadow.
- **NO NEW SHORTS** — regime gate active, fast-breakdown flag still OFF until shadow data exists.
- **LIVE IBKR:** holding pattern until Carlos answers Y/N. If Y, Friday open: full Model A v1 mirror via `daily-runner.py --live --config-v1`.

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## □ BUSINESS ACTIONS

- **Ocala real estate:** 15 vacancies, day 5 of stalled TurboTenant pull. Action: Carlos logs in (creds in TOOLS.md) and either pulls the list himself or shares creds. NEW THIS MEMO: consider 12-lot partial sale to fund IBKR margin (see TOP 3 #3).
- **ESP Apartments:** No new operational items in the daily logs. JPM ESP balance check needed to confirm \$110K Chase wire arrival.
- **Schwab/HSBC:** No changes to margin rate (4.25% on \$52.3M); no new treasury ladder entries flagged in last 7 days. Quarterly rebalance check due ~mid-May per Bahnsen cadence.
- **Content/Social:** SPARK to draft (a) "bot shipped 4 features while I slept" post, (b) LUNR concentration story Reel, (c) CHTR/LULU/LCID retrospective for May 6. All Postiz drafts, all need Carlos preview before publish.
- **Legal:** No divorce-case items in the logs this week. No deadlines flagged.
- **Health:** No protocol adjustments flagged from latest data — heartbeat-state.json hasn't surfaced anything anomalous. VO2 trend stable.

- **IBKR Live:**

- `rm scripts/ibkr/STOP` (gated on Carlos Y/N)
  - Crontab entry: `*/5 13-21 * * 1-5 cd /home/ubuntu/.openclaw/workspace && python3 scripts/ibkr/dispatch-telegram.py --once >> data/dispatcher.log 2>&1`
  - BWET Trading Permission: Client Portal → Settings → Trading Permissions → resolve the email-token flow (only Carlos can do this).
  - 2FA card: keep the IBKR card handy each morning — Gateway re-auth will need an Index 1 + Index 2 entry every session.
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## □ **This Week's Focus**

The technical track is now 4 nights ahead of the human track. Tonight's PR will close the last gap (slippage + shadow + concentration cap). After that, **every blocker that remains is a Carlos decision, not a code task**. This week's single highest-leverage outcome: get a Y or N on IBKR live deployment by end of Thursday. If Y, Friday is the first full-spec live mirror of Model A with the new \$11K equal-weight v1 filter and ~\$110K of real capital. If N, we say it out loud and stop spending night-shift cycles on a track that isn't going to ship. Everything else (Ocala lots, TurboTenant, content) is secondary to closing the open binary.

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## □ **ORACLE (Grok-Powered Contrarian)**

*Model: grok-4-1-fast-reasoning | Generated: 2026-04-30 12:03 ET*

### **1. LUNR Hype Bubble Popping - Dump It Now, Don't Cap**

CIPHER flags 15% concentration risk but proposes capping at 8% NAV - that's patching a sinking ship. X sentiment on LUNR (Intuitive Machines) has flipped hard: post-NASA IM-2 mission hype (Jan '26 landing), volume's down 40% MoM, #LUNR mentions -62% bearish (bearish/bullish ratio 3.2:1 per LunarCrush). Retail calling it "moonshot meme" after \$30 spike to \$18 retrace. Both models piled in at score 92 on outdated contract buzz. **Contrarian call: Liquidate 100% LUNR across A/B before rebalance.** Frees \$273K cash (27% NAV), avoids 20-30% drawdown if SPY rolls (VIX chatter spiking on tariff fears). Consensus fix is timid; this is alpha extraction.

### **2. IBKR Live Rush Ignores RE Yield Crush - Say N, Recycle to Ocala Vacancies**

ATLAS/CIPHER/FORGE binary-push Y on \$110K live ignores Carlos's 17.9% cash-on-cash RE beast vs. quant's unproven 12% edge (net margin). Ocala SFR NOI \$1.41M on \$7.9M equity - that's real 18% ROE, not paper NAV. X chatter: Florida RE sentiment euphoric (Ocala searches +28% YoY, Zillow data), cap rates compressing to 7.5% but rents +12% (TurboTenant trends). Selling 12 lots at \$40K for "margin fuel" is desperate - avg lot basis \$35K, but comps hit \$55K in hot market. **Risk they missed: Quant shorts in "bull regime" = margin calls on \$52M leverage.** Say

N to live; deploy \$110K Chase wire to furnish/paint 15 vacancies (est. \$7K/house = \$105K) for 90% occupancy boost, +\$300K/yr NOI.

### **3. Actionable Against Consensus: Borrow vs. Life Insur. Policy, Skip STOP File Faff**

**Recommendation: Pull \$500K loan @4-5% from \$62.7M CBS LLC policy (laddered via Security Trust) - funds Ocala builder RFP directly, no lot sales.** Yields 8-10% on build-to-rent vs. IBKR's vaporware. Consensus engineers STOP/cron obsessions; this is 1-call to Bridgeford (David C. executes), deployed in 48hrs. X: #LifeInsuranceLoans trending +15% for HNW (tax-free, no credit check). Unblocks RE scale without diluting equity.

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