

RobustQuant Weekly Compass

Weekend Edition | August 3, 2025

 **COMPASS FOR EMOTIONAL DISCIPLINE—NOT TRADING ADVICE**

Objective boundaries to reduce fear and greed in decision-making

1 | At a Glance

Asset	Band for close Fri Aug 8	Range Width	Track Record
S&P 500	6,060 – 6,465	±3.3%	33/35 (94.3%)
Gold (GLD)	291 – 328	±6.0%	6/6 (100%)

Containment = how often Friday close landed within pre-published range

2 | This Week's Action Summary

 **Stocks approached bottom of new range—potential buying opportunity. Models signal structural change, so use stricter risk management. Gold stable, hold as hedge.**

Current S&P at 6,237 sits near bottom of new 6,060–6,465 range. First miss in weeks indicates market shift. Ranges moved lower to reflect new conditions. Gold maintains perfect accuracy and stable positioning.

3 | Quick Market Context (July 28–Aug 3)


What Happened:

- **Fed historic split:** First two-governor dissent since 1993 (Bowman, Waller wanted rate cuts)
- **Jobs shock:** Only 73,000 jobs vs 100,000+ expected + massive prior revisions (-258K)
- **Tariffs implemented:** August 1 resulted in 10-15% tiered system (vs threatened 30%+)
- **Manufacturing weak:** PMIs declining across US (48.0), Europe (49.8), Japan (48.8)

Market Reaction: S&P 500 closed below range for first time in weeks. Gold surged on safe-haven demand but stayed within bounds.

4 | S&P 500 Forecast Details (August 8)

 **Target Range:** 6,060–6,465

 **Accuracy:** 33/35 successful calls (94.3%)

Range Visualization

Previous Range: [----6,260=====6,666----

New Range: [----6,060=====6,465----

Current position: ↑ 6,237 (near bottom)

Action Zones

S&P 500 Positioning Guide:


[6,060] ←Entry Zone→ [6,200] ←Current→ [6,400] ←Profit Zone→ [6,465]
↑ 6,237


What the Miss Means: First miss in weeks signals market change. Ranges adapted by shifting lower while keeping same width. This typically indicates further downside movement as new conditions establish.

Positioning Guidance:

- **Lower Band:** Consider systematic opportunities—depends on your plan
- **Middle Band:** Follow your existing strategy
- **Upper Band:** Review position sizing—depends on your risk tolerance

5 | Gold (GLD) Forecast Details (August 8)

 **Target Range:** 291–328 (*Newsletter-exclusive*)

 **Track Record:** 6/6 calls (100%)

Band Zones

GLD Band Structure:

[287] ←Lower Band→ [295] ←Current→ [325] ←Upper Band→ [328]
■ ~310 (middle band)

What Gold's Stability Means: While S&P model adapts to change, gold model continues operating normally. This shows different assets can behave independently—useful for portfolio balance during market transitions.

Positioning Guidance:

- **Lower Band:** Depends on your plan—could be accumulation opportunity
 - **Middle Band:** No directional edge, follow your strategy
 - **Upper Band:** Depends on your risk tolerance—consider position sizing
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6 | How to Use This Compass

Practical Framework:

- **Compass shows boundaries**, not buy/sell signals—your strategy determines actions
- **Band position indicates** market location within normal range—depends on your plan how to use it
- **Misses signal change**—adjust risk management accordingly, specific actions depend on your approach
- **Multiple timeframes**: These are weekly ranges—your entry/exit timing depends on your system

Why High Containment \neq Guaranteed Edge

Range width corresponds to implied volatility (σ), which explains ~94% hit rate. This measures boundary accuracy, not directional prediction success.

7 | Track Record Summary

S&P 500:

- **33/35 successful calls** (94.3% accuracy) • **Active since**: November 2024 • **Recent miss**: First in weeks, signals structural change

Gold (GLD):

- **6/6 perfect newsletter record** (100% accuracy)
 - **Active since**: June 2025 • **Status**: Stable model performance during equity transition
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8 | What Is This? (Compass, Not Autopilot)

This is a compass for market boundaries, not trading signals.

The ranges below map probable weekly boundaries; your specific actions—position size, timing, stop-loss—depend entirely on your plan.

- **Range** = normal weekly market movement
 - **Breakout** = signal that conditions are changing
 - **Past accuracy** \neq future guarantee
 - **Positioning decisions** = your responsibility based on your strategy
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9 | Technical Methodology

The band is derived from a proprietary mix of current volatility, prevailing trend, and short-term momentum; weights and dynamic changes remain private, but each range is published before the week starts so anyone can confirm it's never retroactively adjusted.

Bands represent normal weekly market movement boundaries, not directional predictions. When markets close outside bands, it typically signals changing conditions requiring model recalibration.

FAQ

Q: Should I buy at 6,100?

A: Short answer: Depends on your plan. Compass shows 6,100 is within normal range, but your strategy determines if/how to act.

Q: Why is hit-rate so high?

A: Short answer: Range width reflects volatility. Bands correspond to implied σ , measuring boundary accuracy not directional prediction.

Q: What if VIX spikes during the week?

A: Short answer: Depends on magnitude. Watch for $VIX > 25$ and adjust your boundaries accordingly.

Q: What does "regime change" mean?

A: Short answer: Market behavior shifts. What worked before may need adjustment—depends on your adaptability.

Next Edition

- **Sunday, August 10** – ranges for August 15 close
- **Social media** – quick update if exceptional volatility occurs

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