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The Toll Whose Growth is Free — and Asks No Decision.

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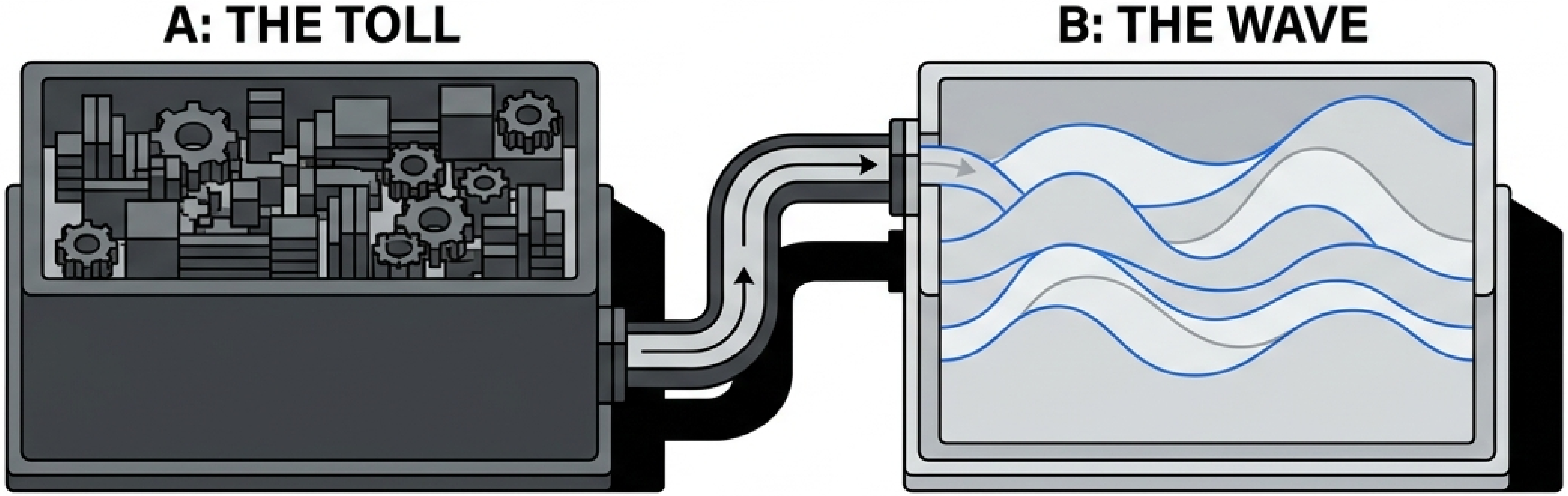
Every business is a flow of capital between two reservoirs.



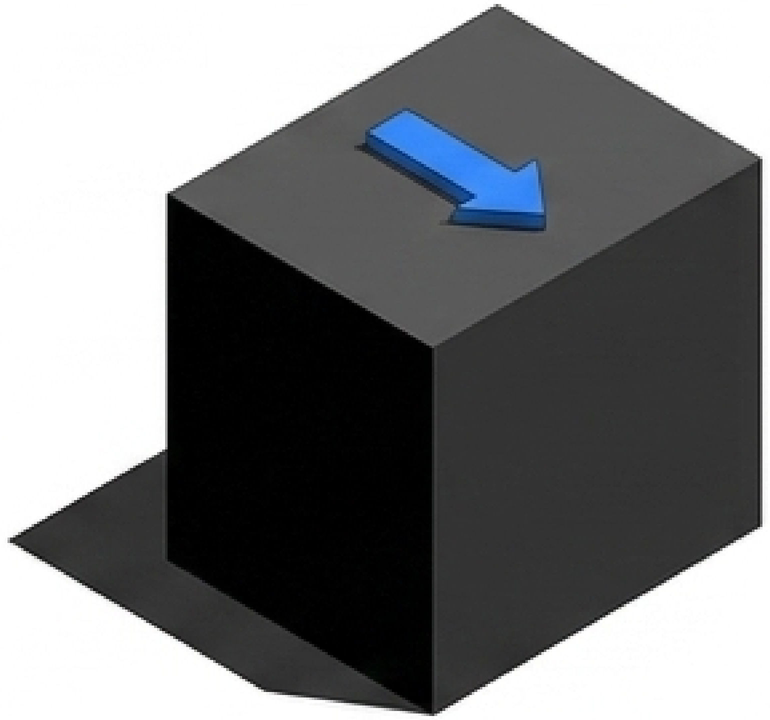
Short duration, cash now, structural chokepoint.

Long duration, cash later, secular growth.

In a business of quality, the Toll absorbs the Wave.
In a weak business, the Wave devours the Toll.

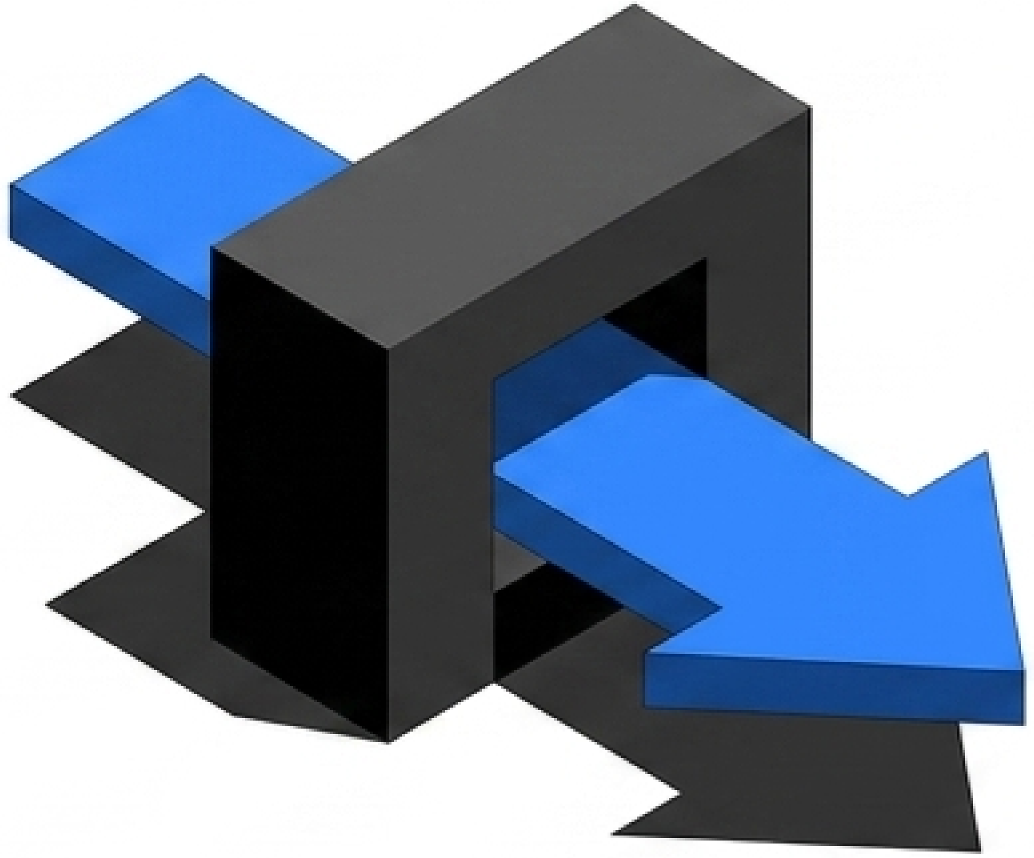
The Spectrum of Capital Absorption

The Magnificent Toll



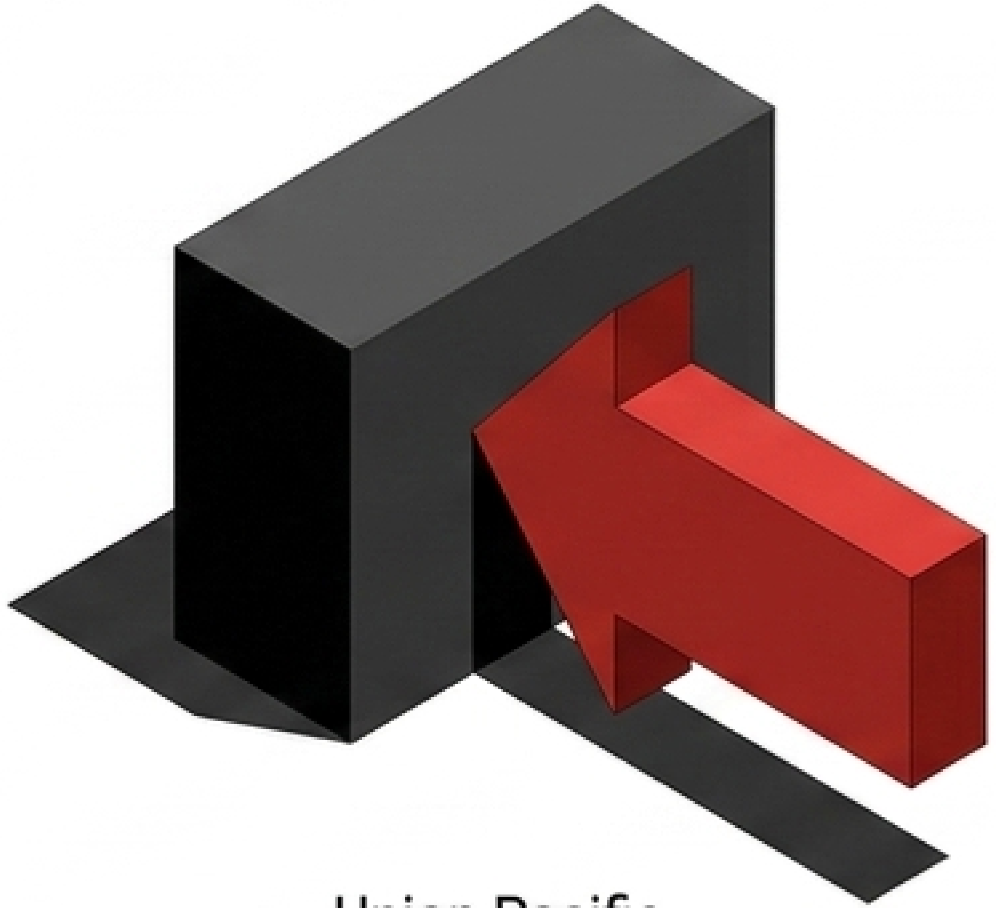
Coca-Cola, See’s Candies

The Freesurfer



Visa, Mastercard, S&P Global,
Moody’s, MSCI

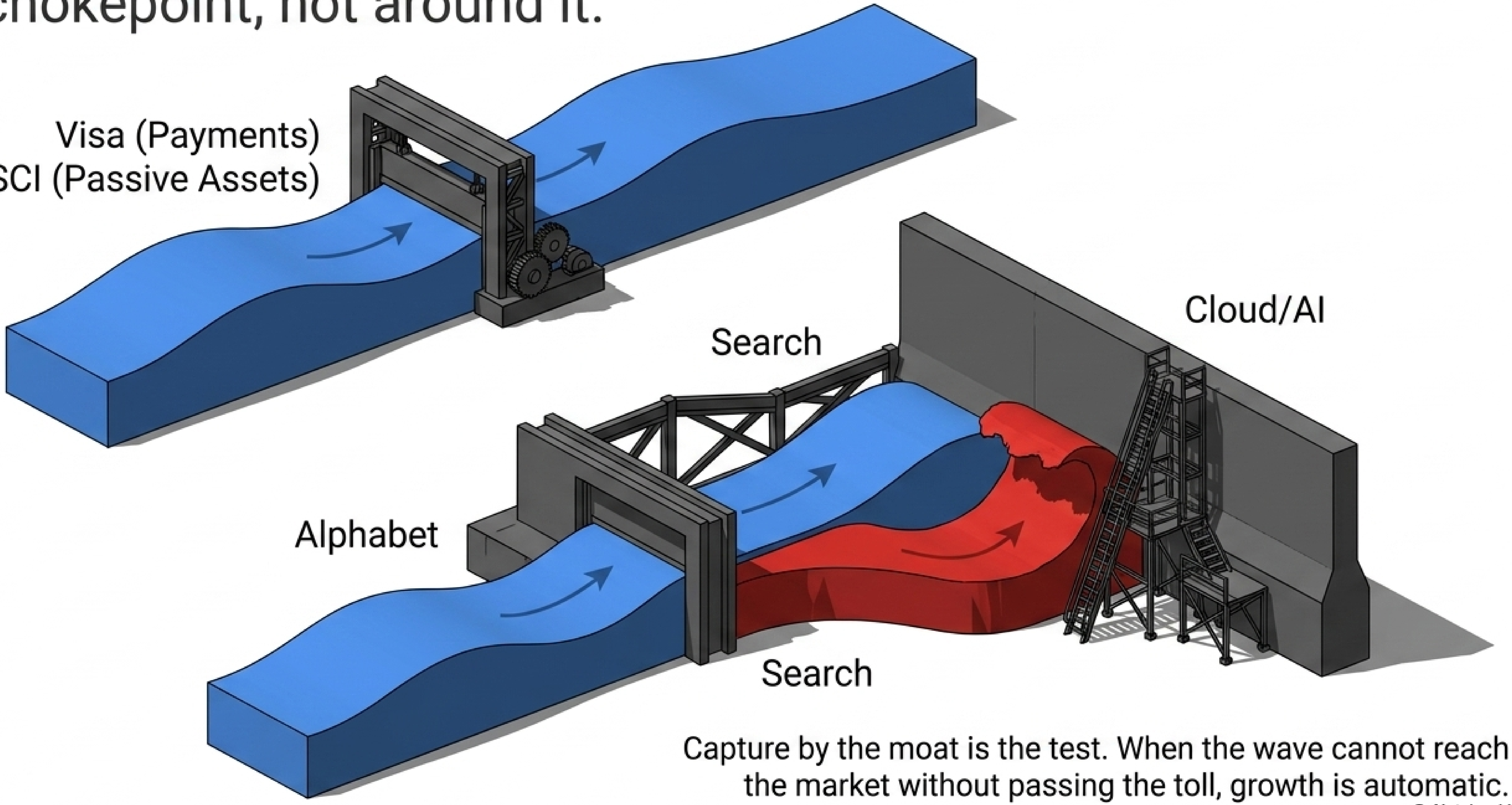
The Capital-Heavy Toll



Union Pacific

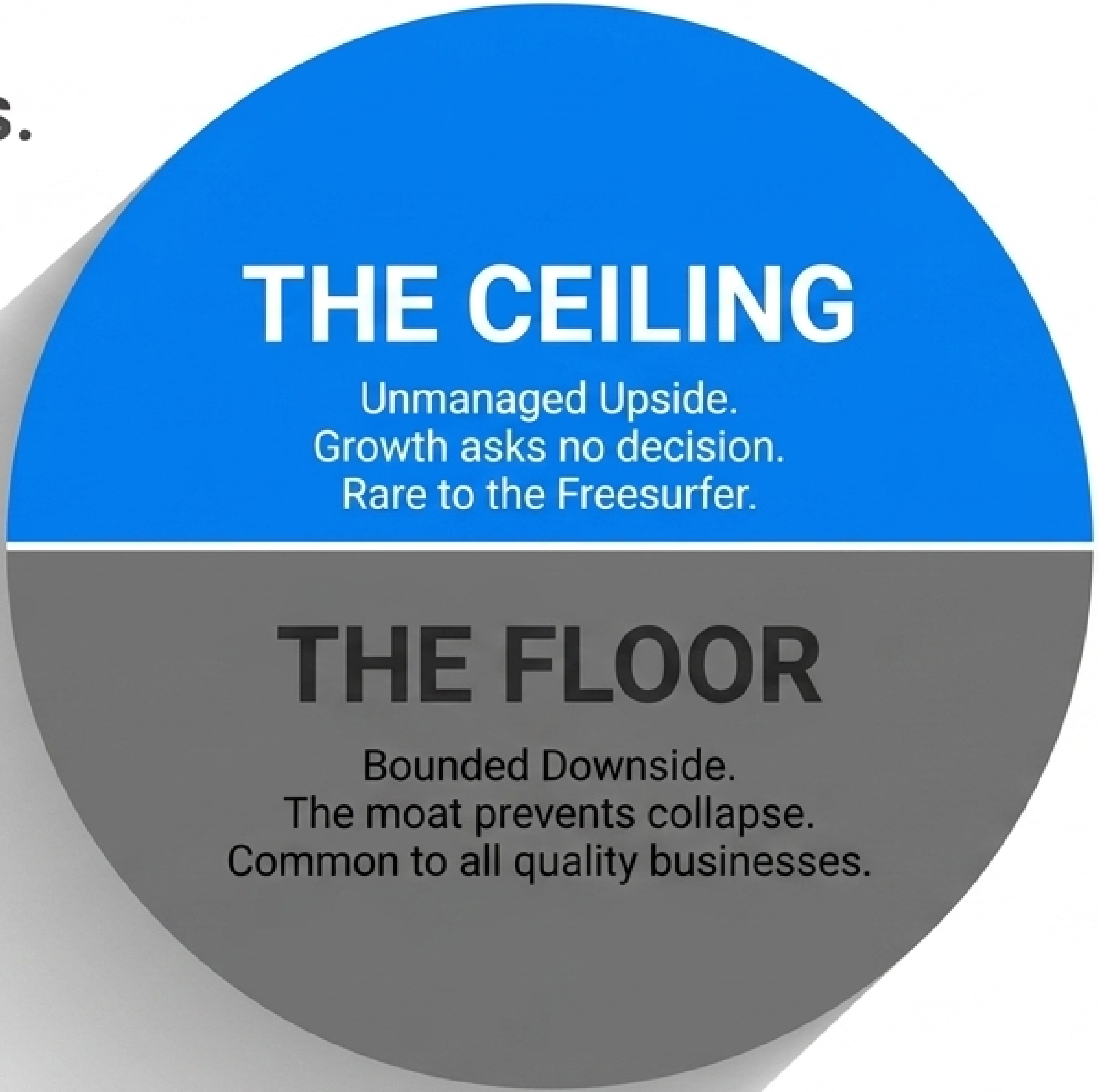
A category of its own. Chokepoints whose flow widens
for free as the world transacts, borrows, and invests.

The wave must pass through the chokepoint, not around it.



Capture by the moat is the test. When the wave cannot reach the market without passing the toll, growth is automatic.

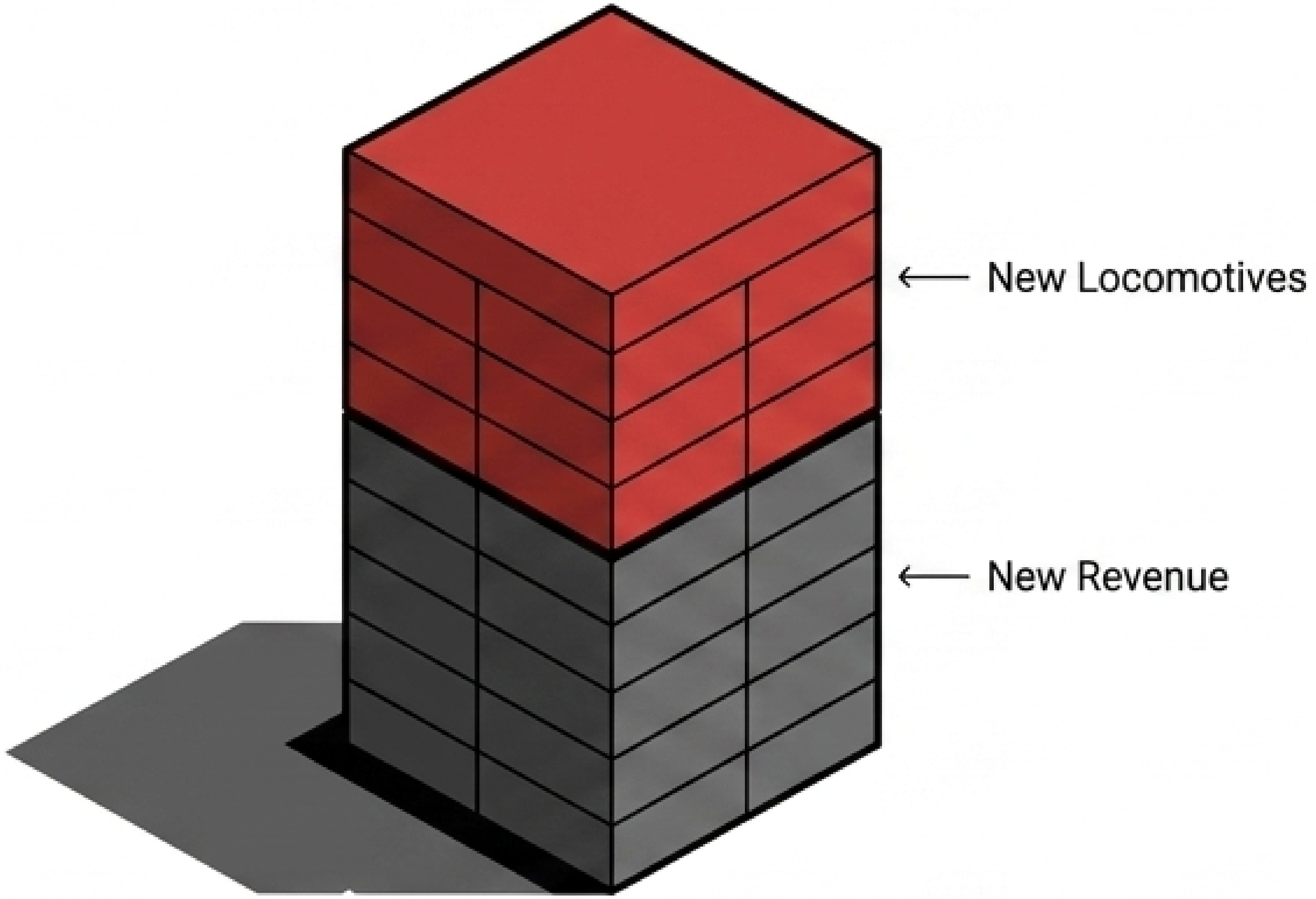
The safety everyone has versus the safety almost no one has.

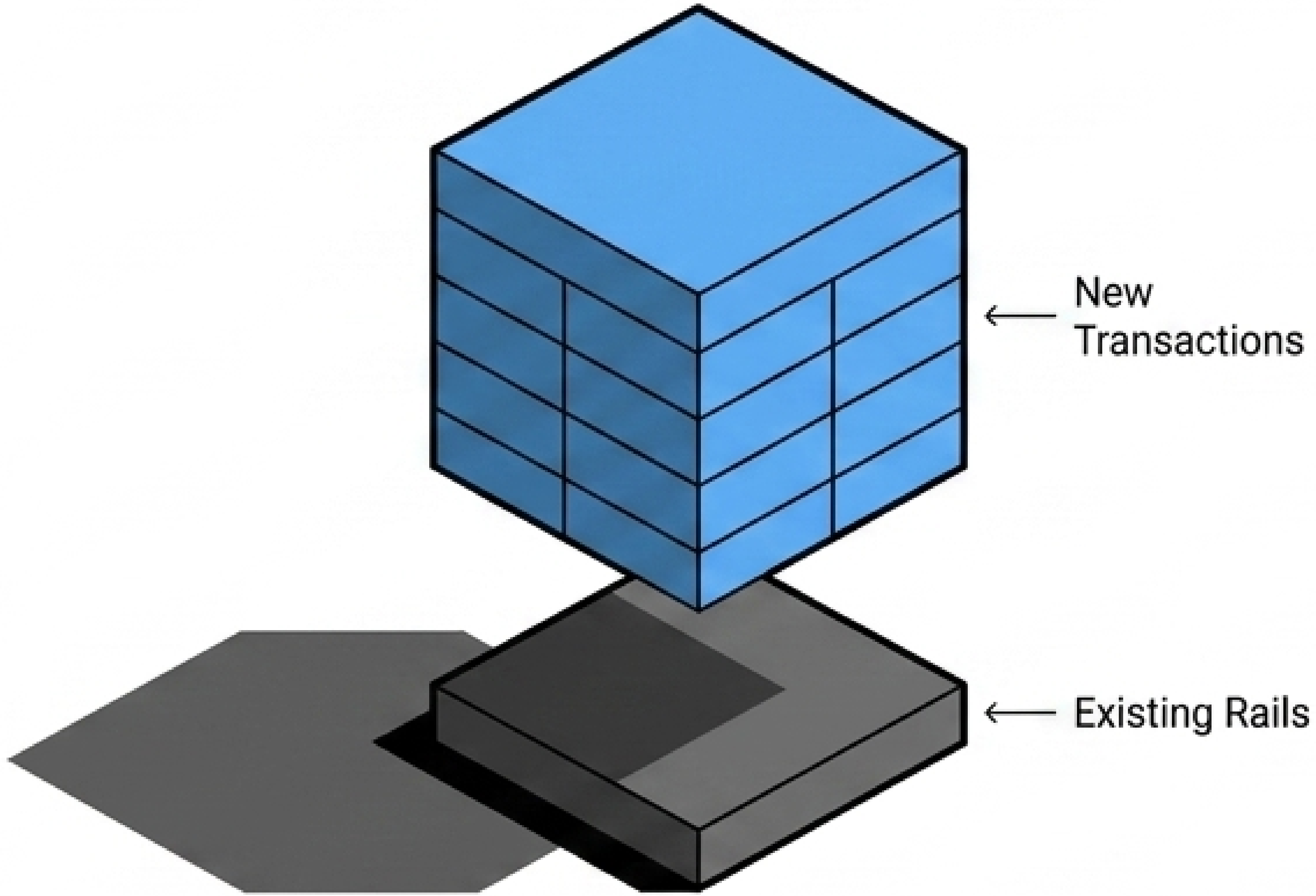


A bounded downside means the business cannot collapse.

Growth that asks no decision means the upside cannot be squandered.

Compounding is inherited arbitrage, not optimization.





One business buys a larger machine at a lower rate.
The other earns more on the exact same machine.

The mathematical law of the Freesurfer.

$$\frac{\text{Cash Flow}\uparrow}{\text{Invested Capital}}$$

Almost nothing is added to the balance sheet. The numerator rises while the denominator stands still.

The exhaust carries the one remaining risk.

The growth cannot be mismanaged, but the surplus can. A toll that cannot reinvest at its own rate must decide what to do with the exhaust.

S&P Global paid $44B for IHS Markit—reaching past its natural limit to buy a base.

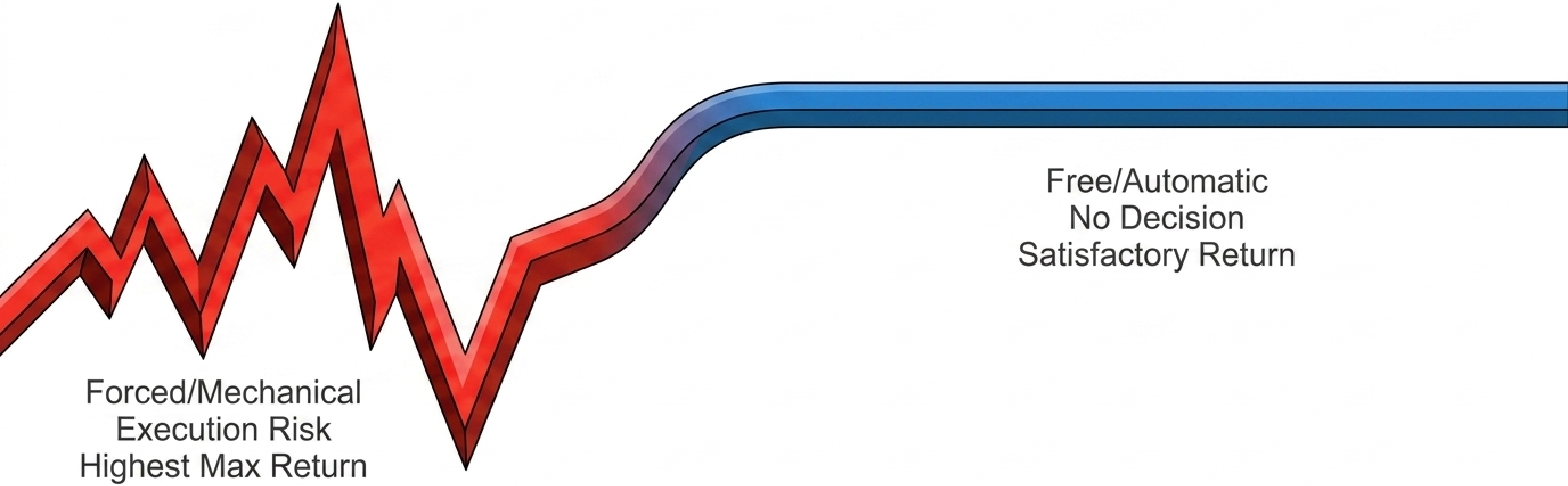
The Freesurfer removes the risk in the engine, not the risk in the exhaust.

A specific and demanding exception.

	Graham Value	GARP (Growth at a Reasonable Price)	The Freesurfer
Downside	Bounded (Price)	Unbounded (No moat required)	Bounded (Moat)
Upside	Finite (Closes the gap once)	Steered (Execution risk / Bought)	Perpetual & Free (Asks no decision)

Graham harvests a finite gap once. GARP buys growth that carries execution risk. The Freesurfer is a moated toll whose growth rides in for free.

You do not own it for the return.



Earning 12% to 15% compounded for decades without execution risk beats reaching for more.
You do not own it for the most you could make. You own it for the most you can hold without losing sleep.

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