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REAL ESTATE INVESTOR EXPANSION GUIDE

WHAT TO KNOW WHEN SCALING BEYOND YOUR FIRST OR CURRENT PROPERTY

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01 — KEY FACTS TO UNDERSTAND FIRST

CASH FLOW, NOT EMOTION, DRIVES INVESTMENT DECISIONS.

YOUR PERSONAL INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS REQUIRED FOR FINANCING (EX: DSCR).

EQUITY + LEVERAGE + CASH FLOW DETERMINE HOW FAST YOU CAN SCALE.

YOUR MARKET MAY NOT BE THE BEST MARKET — RETURNS VARY BY LOCATION.

THE DEAL MUST WORK ON PAPER BEFORE YOU BUY IT IN REAL LIFE.

02 — Most Common Expansion Paths			
Option	Description	Pros	Considerations
Buy Local with Conventional Financing	Use personal income + DTI for funding	Familiar market; stable underwriting	Limits scaling if DTI is high
Use DSCR Loan to Scale	Loan qualifies based on rental income vs PITI	No DTI; repeatable; investor-friendly	Must meet DSCR ratio + reserves
Out-of-State Cash-Flow Market	Buy where rent/price ratio performs better	More affordable; stronger cash flow	Long-distance team + management
HELOC or Cash-Out Refi to Re-Deploy Equity	Use existing property to fund next deal	Leverages trapped equity; accelerates scaling	Payment may rise; timing matters
Value-Add / BRRRR	Improve → Refi → Recycle capital	Fast growth; build equity quickly	Rehab skill & timing required

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03 — INVESTOR FINANCING & QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST

IF USING DSCR, LENDERS WILL EVALUATE:

MARKET RENT VS PITI + RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

DSCR RATIO TARGET (COMMONLY 1.0 – 1.25+ DEPENDING ON LENDER)

CREDIT SCORE + PROPERTY TYPE + LTV

PROPERTY CONDITION & LOCATION

APPRAISAL WITH MARKET RENT SCHEDULE (1007)

IF USING CONVENTIONAL / PORTFOLIO:

PERSONAL INCOME + DTI

GLOBAL REAL ESTATE DEBT EXPOSURE

LIQUIDITY + CREDIT HISTORY

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04 — DOCUMENTS & DATA TO PREPARE (BEFORE YOU SHOP)

RECENT CREDIT REPORT (NOT MANDATORY TO PULL HARD CREDIT YET)

RENT COMPS (RENTOMETER, ZILLOW, AIRDNA, FURNISHED FINDER, ZUMPER)

COMPARABLE SALES + CAP RATE DATA

PRE-APPROVAL OR DSCR TERM SHEET

RESERVE PLAN (3–12 MONTHS SUGGESTED)

05 — CRITICAL QUESTIONS TO ANSWER BEFORE EXPANDING

WHAT IS MY DESIRED STRATEGY: CASH FLOW, APPRECIATION, OR HYBRID?

CAN THIS PROPERTY PAY FOR ITSELF DAY ONE?

HOW WILL I MANAGE THE PROPERTY — LOCAL OR REMOTE TEAM?

DO I HAVE EQUITY, CASH RESERVES, AND EMERGENCY FUNDS?

WHAT IS MY EXIT PLAN — HOLD, FLIP, REFI, OR SELL?

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06 — WARNING SIGNS (SLOW DOWN & RE-EVALUATE)

- ⚠ BUYING BASED ON EMOTION OR HYPE, NOT UNDERWRITING
- ⚠ UNDER-ESTIMATING REPAIRS, VACANCY, OR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COSTS
- ⚠ ASSUMING AIRBNB INCOME WITHOUT REGULATORY DUE DILIGENCE
- ⚠ NOT STRESS-TESTING WORST-CASE DSCR OR RENT DROPS
- ⚠ NO RESERVES OR BACKUP PLAN

IF THE DEAL ONLY WORKS WITH PERFECT CONDITIONS — IT'S NOT A DEAL.

WANT HELP BUILDING A SCALABLE INVESTMENT ROADMAP USING DSCR, CREATIVE LEVERAGE, OR OUT-OF-STATE STRATEGIES?

I OFFER A 1:1 INVESTOR STRATEGY CALL TO HELP YOU:

- ✓ IDENTIFY YOUR BEST MARKETS
- ✓ ANALYZE DSCR VS CONVENTIONAL OPTIONS
- ✓ ESTIMATE CASH-FLOW + RESERVE MODELS
- ✓ CREATE A 90-DAY PURCHASE PLAN
- ✓ BUILD A REPEAT-ABLE FINANCING PATH

YOU DON'T NEED MORE MOTIVATION — YOU NEED A BLUEPRINT.
LET'S BUILD IT TOGETHER.