Price Is a Position, Not a Prediction

How to create momentum in the market's most important window

A list price shapes who sees the home, how buyers compare it, and whether they feel urgency.

- **Use current competition, not only closed sales**
- **Evaluate buyer search ranges and price thresholds**
- **Consider condition, presentation, location, and timing**
- **Avoid pricing based on what you need to net**
- **Choose a position that supports the complete launch strategy**

The First-Week Window

Buyer attention is usually strongest when a listing is new. The launch must be complete from day one.

- **Finish preparation before going live**
- **Release professional media and messaging together**
- **Make showing access easy during the launch window**
- **Monitor inquiries, saves, showings, and feedback**
- **Respond to real evidence instead of waiting and hoping**

Read the Market Clearly

The market gives fast feedback. The key is interpreting the signal correctly.

- **Strong traffic with no offers may signal value or condition concerns**
- **Low traffic may signal poor positioning or limited exposure**
- **Repeated objections reveal what buyers are comparing**
- **Days on market can change buyer perception**
- **Adjust early enough to protect momentum when evidence is clear**

Build Negotiating Leverage

Preparation, positioning, and timing create the leverage used at the offer table.

- **Create a clear offer-review process**
- **Compare financing strength, contingencies, and timing**
- **Understand appraisal and inspection exposure**
- **Protect price while improving certainty where possible**
- **Select the offer that best supports your full move**

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