

# OFFERING MEMORANDUM

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# Rooted in LLC

# FORM C

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# Purpose of This Form

A company that wants to raise money using Regulation Crowdfunding must give certain information to prospective investors, so investors will have a basis for making an informed decision. The Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, has issued regulations at 17 CFR §227.201 listing the information companies must provide. This form – Form C – is the form used to provide that information.

Each heading below corresponds to a section of the SEC's regulations under 17 CFR §227.201.

# (A) The Company

Name of Company	Rooted in LLC
State of Organization	MA
Date of Formation	03/01/2019
Entity Type	Limited Liability Company
Street Address	105 Mount Pleasant Ave, Boston MA, 02119
Website Address	www.rootedinroxbury.com

# (B) Directors and Officers of the Company

Key Person	Rokeya Begum
Position with the Company  Title First Year	Founder 2019
Other business experience (last three years)	Founder and Advisor  Rokeya is a successful Boston restaurant owner, operating Shanti Restaurants in Dorchester, Roslindale, and Kendall Square, and Dudley Café in Roxbury.

Key Person	Joanne Keith
Position with the Company  Title First Year	Founder 2019
Other business experience (last three years)	Founder and Advisor

Key Person	Andrea Dolan
Position with the Company  Title First Year	Director of Finance 2021
Other business experience (last three years)	<ul> <li>Director of Finance - Rooted In, LLC - Nov 2021 - Present</li> <li>Senior Advisor Michelle Wu for MayorMichelle Wu for Mayor - Sep 2021 - Nov 2021</li> <li>Finance Director - Andy Kim for Congress - Nov 2018 - December 2020.</li> </ul>

Key Person	Solmon Chowdhury
Position with the Company  Title First Year	Founder 2019
Other business experience (last three years)	Founder

Key Person		Brian Keith
Position with the Company	Title First Year	Chief Operating Officer 2019
Other business experience (last three years)	Ot	<ul> <li>Collaborate with founders in setting and driving organizational vision, operations strategy, and hiring levels</li> </ul>

- Translate strategy into actionable steps for growth, implementing organization-wide goal setting, performance management, and annual operations planning
- Oversee company operations and employee productivity, building a highly inclusive culture that ensures team members can thrive and that organizational goals are met
- Ensure effective recruiting, onboarding, professional development, performance management, and retention
- Ensure compliance with national, state and local regulations, and take appropriate action when necessary

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Analyze internal operations and identify areas for process enhancement
- Implement business strategies and plans that align with the short- and long-term objectives developed in tandem with partners
- Oversee operations, HR, and accounting, andfounders in sales management so that sufficient investment capital can be budgeted for near-term growth targets
- Manage capital investments and expenses to ensure that the company achieves investor targets for growth and profitability
- Monitor performance with tracking software and take corrective measures when necessary, and prepare detailed updates and forecasts
- Build and maintain trusting relationships with key customers, clients, partners, and stakeholders

### (C) Each Person Who Owns 20% or More of the Voting Power

Name of Holder	% of Voting Power (Prior to Offering)
Rokeya Begum	41%
Joanne Keith	29%
Brian Keith	20%

### (D) The Company's Business and Business Plan

# Opening Winter 2022

- October 2022: 95% of Construction is Complete
- October 12th 2022: Passed Provisional Inspection with State of Mass
- November 10th 2022: Projected Hearing Date for Final License with State of Mass
- December 5th 2022: Projected Opening Date

### The Space

We are bringing a boutique cannabis retail shop that is from the community, for the community. We cannot wait to open our doors and bring this fine and curated experience to Newbury Street this December.

- Welcoming and accessible for all
- Expert Budtenders, and highly trained staff
- Online Ordering for Express Pick up
- Touch Screen Technology to Assist Customers with what they would like to order based on feeling
- High Quality Curated Products

### Our Story

Rooted in Roxbury is a community-conscious cannabis business committed to engaging, serving and benefiting members of our communities through financial success and social responsibility.

- 20+ years as small business owners
- 25+ years as community advocates
- Expertise in the areas of retail operation, luxury marketing, regulated industries
- 5+ years of planning + research in local cannabis space

#### Our Mission

Rooted In was established not only to generate profit, but also to build generational wealth in Boston's Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities. Through our shared benefits model, funds from our cannabis businesses are channeled directly back to the most impacted neighborhoods.

### Location

We are located at 331 Newbury Street, in Back Bay Boston, MA. The neighborhood is one of the most well known shopping districts in Boston.

- 110 Population within 1 mile
- 102,000 Daytime Workers
- \$1.8M International visitors Annually
- 133,000 Average House Hold Income
- \$1.8B Annual Retail Sales

#### The Team

Joanne Keith, Founder Brian Keith, Founder Solmon Chowdhury, Founder Rokeya Begum, Founder

For more information, please refer to the Page View included with this filing.

### (E) Number of Employees

The Company currently has 4 employees. The Company may hire or discharge employees in the future to meet its objectives.

# (F) Risks of Investing

A crowdfunding investment involves risk. **YOU SHOULD NOT INVEST ANY FUNDS IN THIS OFFERING UNLESS YOU CAN AFFORD TO LOSE YOUR ENTIRE INVESTMENT.** In making an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of the issuer and the terms of the offering, including the merits and risks involved. Please review the <u>Educational Materials</u> for risks that are common to many of the companies on the MainVest platform.

THESE SECURITIES ARE OFFERED UNDER AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER FEDERAL LAW. THE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (THE "SEC") HAS NOT MADE AN INDEPENDENT DETERMINATION THAT THESE SECURITIES ARE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION. THE SEC HAS NOT PASSED UPON THE MERITS OF THE SECURITIES OR THE TERMS OF THE OFFERING, AND HAS NOT PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE OFFERING DOCUMENTS OR LITERATURE.

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN RECOMMENDED OR APPROVED BY ANY FEDERAL OR STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR REGULATORY AUTHORITY. FURTHERMORE, THESE AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS DOCUMENT.

Please refer to Appendix A for additional risks to consider when investing in this offering.

# (G) Target Offering Amount and Offering Deadline

Target Offering Amount	\$100,000
Offering Deadline	December 23, 2022

If the sum of the investment commitments does not equal or exceed the Target Offering Amount as of the Offering Deadline, no securities will be sold in the offering, investment commitments will be canceled, and all committed funds will be returned. The Company may extend the Offering

Deadline and shall treat such an extension as a material change to the original offer and provide Investors with notice and opportunity to reconfirm their investment in accordance with Section (K) of this Memorandum.

# (H) Commitments that Exceed the Target Offering Amount

Will the Company accept commitments that exceed the Target Offering Amount?	Yes
What is the maximum you will accept in this Offering?	\$124,000
If Yes, how will the Company deal with the oversubscriptions?	We will accept subscriptions on a first-come, first-served basis.

# (I) How the Company Intends to Use the Money Raised in the Offering

The Company is reasonably sure it will use the money raised in the offering as follows:

Use	Amount (Minimum)	Amount (Maximum)
Close Out Construction	\$93,250	\$115,630
Mainvest Compensation	\$6,750	\$8,370
TOTAL	\$100,000	\$124,000

The amounts listed estimates and are not intended to be exact description of the Company's expenditures. Exact allocation and use of funds may vary based upon legitimate business expenditures and economic factors.

# (J) The Investment Process

#### To Invest

- Review this Form C and the Campaign Page
- If you decide to invest, enter an amount and press the Invest button
- Follow the instructions

# TO CANCEL YOUR INVESTMENT

Send an email to info@mainvest.com no later than 48 hours before the Offering Deadline or go to the dashboard for your user account to cancel manually. In your email, include your name and the name of the Company.

### Other Information on the Investment Process

- Investors may cancel an investment commitment until 48 hours prior to the Offering Deadline.
- MainVest will notify investors when and if the Target Offering Amount has been raised.
- If the Company reaches the Target Offering Amount before the Offering Deadline, it may close the offering early if it provides notice about the new Offering Deadline at least five

- business days before such new Offering Deadline, absent a material change that would require an extension of the offering and reconfirmation of the investment commitment.
- If an investor does not cancel an investment commitment before the 48-hour period before the Offering Deadline, the funds will be released to the Company upon closing of the offering and the investor will receive securities in exchange for his or her investment.

For additional information about the investment and cancellation process, see the <u>Educational Materials</u>.

### (K) Material Changes

In the event the issuer undergoes a material change, the Investor will be notified of such change. The investor will have five (5) business days from the receipt of such notice to reconfirm their investment. IF AN INVESTOR DOES NOT RECONFIRM HIS OR HER INVESTMENT COMMITMENT WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF THE NOTICE OF MATERIAL CHANGE BEING SENT, THE INVESTOR'S INVESTMENT COMMITMENT WILL BE CANCELLED, THE COMMITTED FUNDS WILL BE RETURNED, AND THE INVESTOR WILL NOT BE ISSUED ANY OF THE SECURITIES REFERENCED IN THIS OFFERING.

# Explanation

A "material change" means a change that an average, careful investor would want to know about before making an investment decision. If a material change occurs after you make an investment commitment but before the Offering closes, then the Company will notify you and ask whether you want to invest anyway. If you do not affirmatively choose to invest, then your commitment will be cancelled, your funds will be returned to you, and you will not receive any securities.

#### (L) Price of the Securities

The Company is offering "securities" in the form of revenue sharing notes, which we refer to as "Notes." The Notes are being offered at their face amount. For example, you will pay \$1,000 for a Note with a face amount of \$1,000.

# (M) Terms of the Securities

### Overview

The Company is offering "securities" in the form of revenue sharing notes, which we refer to as the "Notes." The Terms of the Notes are set forth in the Revenue Share Agreement accompanying this Form C in Appendix A. Copies of the Note and Revenue Sharing Agreement are attached to this Form C.

# **Summary of Terms**

Revenue Percentage <sup>1</sup>	0.25 - 0.31% <sup>2</sup>
Payment Deadline	2028-12-31
Maximum Payment Multiple <sup>3</sup> - Early Investors - All Other Investors	1.6 x 1.38 x
Sharing Start Date	The first day after disbursement that the company has revenues greater than one (\$1) dollar
First Payment Date	The last day of the calendar month ending not more than thirty days after the end of the first calendar year after the Sharing Start Date
Seniority	Subordinated
Securitization	Unsecured
Accrual Rate	3.24%

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  as defined in the note agreement included in Appendix A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The rate of revenue sharing is calculated on a linear scale with a minimum rate of 0.25% and a maximum rate of 0.31% and is rounded to the nearest 1/10th percent. The final rate is based on the amount raised and is calculated after the offering has successfully closed. As the amount raised in the offering increases, the rate of revenue sharing increases. For example, a hypothetical offering could result in the following revenue sharing percentages, depending on the amount raised:

Amount Raised	Revenue Sharing Percentage
\$100,000	0.2%
\$106,000	0.3%
\$112,000	0.3%
\$118,000	0.3%
\$124,000	0.3%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> To reward early participation, the investors who contribute the first \$100,000.0 raised in the offering will receive a 1.6x cap. Investors who contribute after \$100,000.0 has been raised in the offering will receive a 1.38x cap.

# Your Right to Payments under the Note

Your right to payments under the Note is set forth in the Note, together with a separate document called the Revenue Sharing Agreement. Copies of the Note and Revenue Sharing Agreement are attached to this Form C. Additionally, general terms are outlined below and in the Company's offering page.

### Obligation to Contribute Capital

Once you pay for your Note, you will have no obligation to contribute more money to the Company, and you will not be personally obligated for any debts of the Company. However, under some circumstances you could be required by law to return some or all of a distribution you receive from the Company.

### No Right to Transfer

You should plan to hold the Notes until maturity. The Notes will be illiquid (meaning you might not be able to sell them) for at least four reasons:

- The Revenue Sharing Agreement prohibits the sale or other transfer of Notes without the Company's consent.
- If you want to sell your Note the Company will have the first right of refusal to buy it, which could make it harder to find a buyer.
- Even if a sale were permitted, there is no ready market for Notes, as there would be for a publicly-traded stock.
- By law, for a period of one year you won't be allowed to transfer the Investor Shares except (i) to the Company itself, (ii) to an "accredited" investor, (iii) to a family or trust, or (iii) in a public offering of the Company's shares.

### Security

The Notes are not secured by any assets of the Company or any assets of persons associated with the Company.

#### **Modification of Terms of Notes**

The terms of the Notes and the Revenue Sharing Agreement may be modified or amended with the consent of Investors holding 50% of the Notes, measured by the total amount outstanding under each Note.

### Other Classes of Securities

Name of Security	Limited Liability Company Interests
Number of Shares Outstanding	N/A
Describe Voting Rights of These Securities, Including Any Limitations on Voting Rights	N/A
How these securities differ from the revenue sharing notes being offered to investors	Limited Liability Company Interests are an equity interest, whereas Revenue Sharing Notes are a debt obligation of the Company.

### Dilution of Rights

The Company has the right to create additional classes of securities, both equity securities and debt securities (e.g., other classes of promissory notes). Some of these additional classes of securities could have rights that are superior to those of the Notes. For example, the Company could issue promissory notes that are secured by specific property of the Company.

# The People Who Control the Company

Each of these people owns 20% or more of the total voting power of the Company:

Name of Holder	% of Voting Power (Prior to Offering)
Rokeya Begum	41%
Joanne Keith	29%
Brian Keith	20%

### How the Exercise of Voting Rights Could Affect You

You will receive payments with respect to your Note only if the Company makes enough money to pay you, or, if the Company does not make enough money to pay you, if there is enough value in the collateral the Company pledged as security for the Notes.

The people with voting rights control the Company and make all the decisions about running its business. If they make good business decisions, it is more likely you will be paid. If they make poor business decisions, it is less likely you will be paid. For example, if they hire too many people and/or try to expand too quickly, the business could be harmed. The people with voting rights could also decide to file for bankruptcy protection, making it more difficult for you to be paid.

#### How the Notes are Being Valued

The Notes are being valued at their face value. We don't anticipate that we'll ever need to place a value on the Notes in the future.

### (N) The Funding Portal

The Company is offering its securities through MainVest, Inc., which is a "Funding Portal" licensed by the Securities and Exchange Commission and FINRA. MainVest Inc.'s Central Index Key (CIK) number is 0001746059, their SEC File number is 007-00162, and their Central Registration Depository (CRD) number is 298384.

### (O) Compensation of the Funding Portal

Upon successful funding of the Offering, the Funding Portal will receive as the "Revenue Securement Fee"; 4.5% of the amount of the Offering raised by In-Network Users of the Platform plus 9.0% of the amount of the Offering raised by all other investors. "In-Network Users" means a user of Mainvest.com who who have utilized the Company's specified in-network link on the

Site.

### (P) Indebtedness of the Company

Creditor	Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Other Important Terms
Green Thumb Inc	\$1,000,000	10%	12/15/2023	The entire unpaid principal amount of this Note, together with any accrued and unpaid interest
Greencare Collective	\$500,000	12%	09/12/2025	N/A

# (Q) Other Offerings of Securities within the Last Three Years

The Company has not made any offerings with other third-party regulation crowdfunding companies in the past three years.

### (R) Transactions Between the Company and "Insiders"

The Company has not entered into any business transactions, including stock Purchases, salaries, property rentals, consulting arrangements, guaranties, or other agreements with any individual identified in Section 227.201 (r)(1)-(4) of Regulation Crowdfunding during the 12 months preceding this Offering.

### (S) The Company's Financial Condition

No operating history

Rooted In, LLC was established in March, 2019. Accordingly, there are limited financial statements and information for investors to review. When evaluating this investment opportunity, investors should consider factors outlined in the risk section as well.

# (T) The Company's Financial Statements

Please see Appendix B for historical financial statements.

### Pro Forma Income Statement

In order to illustrate its future earning potential, the Company has provided a summary of its year financial forecast. The forecast has been developed by the Company using reasonable best efforts based on their understanding of the industry and market they wish to enter. Please refer to Section (F) of this Offering Memorandum for a list of the risks associated with an investment in the Company and utilizing any pro forma provided by the Company for making investment decisions.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Gross Sales	\$12,564,000	\$13,371,237	\$13,295,853	\$13,960,645	\$14,379,464
Cost of Goods Sold	\$6,282,000	\$6,685,618	\$6,647,926	\$6,980,321	\$7,189,730
Gross Profit	\$6,282,000	\$6,685,619	\$6,647,927	\$6,980,324	\$7,189,734
EXPENSES					
Occupancy Costs	\$131,000	\$134,275	\$137,631	\$141,071	\$144,597
Total Security Costs	\$180,000	\$336,000	\$372,000	\$372,000	\$372,000
Total Personnel Costs	\$973,440	\$2,021,760	\$2,096,640	\$2,096,640	\$2,096,640
General & Admin	\$376,920	\$401,137	\$398,876	\$398,876	\$398,876
Operating Profit	\$4,620,640	\$3,792,447	\$3,642,780	\$3,971,737	\$4,177,621

### (U) Disqualification Events

Neither The Company nor any individual identified by Section 227.503(a) of Regulation Crowdfunding is the subject of a disqualifying event as defined by Section 227.503 of Regulation Crowdfunding.

### Explanation

A company is not allowed to raise money using Regulation Crowdfunding if certain designated people associated with the Company (including its directors or executive officers) committed certain prohibited acts (mainly concerned with violations of the securities laws) on or after May 16, 2016. (You can read more about these rules in the Educational Materials.) This item requires a company to disclose whether any of those designated people committed any of those prohibited acts before May 16, 2016.

# (V) Updates on the Progress of the Offering

To track the investment commitments we've received in this Offering, click to see the <u>Progress</u> <u>Bar</u>.

### (W) Annual Reports for the Company

The Company will file a report with the Securities and Exchange Commission annually and post the report on our website no later than 120 days after the end of each fiscal year. It's possible that at some point, the Company will not be required to file any more annual reports. We will notify you if that happens.

# (X) Our Compliance with Reporting Obligations

The Company has never raised money using Regulation Crowdfunding before, and therefore has

never been required to file any reports.

### (Y) Other Information Prospective Investors Should Know About

Because Banks may not be willing to do business with a cannabis entity for the reasons discussed above, any repayments owned under the Revenue Sharing Note will be fully administered by the Company likely not processed by a financial institution. This means it is unlikely that the Company will be able to provide payments via ACH returns, and may need to rely on other sources, such as personal checks and/or third party financial applications. This other sources may subject repayments to additional fees or risks, and will be subject to any applicable terms and conditions

The Issuer may offer "Perks" as a means of showing appreciation to investors for supporting small community businesses. The offering of "Perks" by issuers is done purely on a voluntary basis and have no influence upon the terms of the Offering. As such, Investor "Perks" are not contractual conditions governed by "the Note" and are not enforceable under "the Note".

#### Additional Information Included in the Form C

	Most recent fiscal year- end (tax returns)	Prior fiscal year-end (tax returns)
Total Assets	\$1,669,790.00	\$o
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1,219,005.00	\$o
Accounts Receivable	\$o	\$o
Short-term Debt	\$8,800.00	\$o
Long-term Debt	\$1,660,990.00	\$o
Revenues/Sales	\$o	\$o
Cost of Goods Sold	\$o	\$o
Taxes Paid	\$o	\$o
Net Income	\$o	\$o

Jurisdictions in which the Company intends to offer the securities:

AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY, B5, GU, PR, VI, 1V