



**State of Rhode Island  
Office of the Secretary of State**

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**Limited Liability Company  
Articles of Organization**

(Chapter 7-16-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the limited liability company is: Groundswell LLC

**ARTICLE II**

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the limited liability company's registered agent in Rhode Island is:

No. and Street: SAYER REGAN & THAYER, LLP  
130 BELLEVUE AVENUE

City or Town: NEWPORT

State: RI

Zip: 02840

The name of the resident agent at such address is: ADAM H. THAYER, ESQ.

**ARTICLE III**

Under the terms of these Articles of Organization and any written operating agreement made or intended to be made, the limited liability company is intended to be treated for purposes of federal income taxation as:

*Check one box only*

☐ a partnership    ☐ a corporation    ☒ disregarded as an entity separate from its member

**ARTICLE IV**

The address of its principal office of the limited liability company if it is determined at the time of organization:

No. and Street: 55 JOHN CLARKE ROAD  
UNIT 19

City or Town: MIDDLETOWN

State: RI

Zip: 02842

Country: USA

**ARTICLE V**

The limited liability company has the purpose of engaging in any lawful business, unless a more limited purpose is set forth in Article VI of these Articles of Organization.

The period of its duration is: ☒ Perpetual    ☐

## ARTICLE VI

Additional provisions, if any, not inconsistent with law, which members elect to have set forth in these Articles of Organization, including, but not limited to, any limitation of the purposes or any other provision which may be included in an operating agreement:

### SIXTH: ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH LAW SET FORTH IN THESE

#### ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION:

#### I. A MEMBER OR MANAGING MEMBER OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SHALL

NOT BE PERSONALLY LIABLE TO THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR TO ITS MEMBERS

FOR MONETARY DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF ANY DUTY PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 17 OF

THE RHODE ISLAND LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT, AS MAY HEREAFTER BE AMENDED

(THE "ACT"), EXCEPT FOR (I) LIABILITY FOR BREACH OF THE MEMBER OR MANAGING

MEMBER'S DUTY OF LOYALTY TO THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR ITS MEMBERS.

(II) LIABILITY FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS NOT IN GOOD FAITH OR WHICH INVOLVE INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR A KNOWING VIOLATION OF LAW, (III) LIABILITY IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 32 OF THE ACT, OR (IV) LIABILITY FOR ANY TRANSACTION FROM WHICH THE MEMBER OR MANAGING MEMBER

DERIVED AN IMPROPER PERSONAL BENEFIT, UNLESS SAID TRANSACTION WAS WITH THE

INFORMED CONSENT OF THE MEMBERS OR A MAJORITY OF THE DISINTERESTED MANAGING

MEMBERS.

#### II. (A) THE MEMBERS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MAY INCLUDE PROVISIONS IN THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY'S OPERATING AGREEMENT, OR THE

MANAGING MEMBER(S) MAY AUTHORIZE AGREEMENTS TO BE ENTERED INTO WITH EACH

MEMBER, MANAGING MEMBER, AGENT OR EMPLOYEE, PAST OR PRESENT, OF THE LIMITED

LIABILITY COMPANY (AN "INDEMNIFIED PERSON"), FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDEMNIFYING AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON IN THE MANNER AND TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY THE ACT.

#### (B) IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY CONFERRED UPON THE MEMBERS AND MANAGING

MEMBER(S) OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY BY THE FOREGOING

PARAGRAPH (A).

THE MEMBERS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY MAY INCLUDE PROVISIONS IN THE OPERATING AGREEMENT, OR THE MANAGING MEMBER(S) MAY AUTHORIZE AGREEMENTS TO BE ENTERED INTO WITH EACH INDEMNIFIED PERSON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INDEMNIFYING SUCH PERSON IN THE MANNER AND TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED HEREIN.

(I) THE OPERATING AGREEMENT PROVISIONS OR AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED HEREBY MAY PROVIDE THAT THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SHALL, SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE SIXTH II (B), PAY, ON BEHALF OF AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON ANY LOSS OR EXPENSES ARISING FROM ANY CLAIM OR CLAIMS WHICH ARE MADE AGAINST THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON (WHETHER INDIVIDUALLY OR JOINTLY WITH OTHER INDEMNIFIED PERSONS) BY REASON OF ANY COVERED ACT OF THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON.

(II) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE SIXTH II (B), WHEN USED HEREIN.

(1) "MANAGING MEMBER(S)" MEANS ANY OR ALL OF THE MANAGING MEMBERS OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR THOSE ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OR OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE EXERCISING ANY POWERS NORMALLY VESTED IN THE MANAGING MEMBER(S);

(2) "LOSS" MEANS ANY AMOUNT WHICH AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON IS LEGALLY OBLIGATED TO PAY FOR ANY CLAIM FOR COVERED ACTS AND SHALL INCLUDE, WITHOUT BEING LIMITED TO, DAMAGES, SETTLEMENTS, FINES, PENALTIES OR, WITH RESPECT TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS, EXCISE TAXES;

(3) "EXPENSES" MEANS ANY EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEFENSE AGAINST ANY CLAIM FOR COVERED ACTS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT BEING LIMITED TO, LEGAL, ACCOUNTING OR INVESTIGATIVE FEES AND EXPENSES OR BONDS NECESSARY TO PURSUE AN APPEAL OF AN ADVERSE JUDGMENT; AND

(4) "COVERED ACT" MEANS ANY ACT OR OMISSION BY THE INDEMNIFIED

PERSON IN

THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON'S OFFICIAL CAPACITY WITH THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AND WHILE SERVING AS SUCH OR WHILE SERVING AT THE REQUEST OF THE

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AS A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY, MANAGER,

OFFICER, EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF ANOTHER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, JOINT VENTURE, TRUST, OTHER ENTITY OR ENTERPRISE,

INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY ENTITIES AND ENTERPRISES WHICH ARE SUBSIDIARIES OR AFFILIATES OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN.

(III) THE OPERATING AGREEMENT PROVISIONS OR AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED HEREBY

MAY COVER LOSS OR EXPENSES ARISING FROM ANY CLAIMS MADE AGAINST A RETIRED

INDEMNIFIED PERSON, THE ESTATE, HEIRS OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF A DECEASED

INDEMNIFIED PERSON OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF AN INCOMPETENT, INSOLVENT

OR BANKRUPT INDEMNIFIED PERSON, WHERE THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON WAS AN

INDEMNIFIED PERSON AT THE TIME THE COVERED ACT UPON WHICH SUCH CLAIMS ARE BASED OCCURRED.

(IV) ANY OPERATING AGREEMENT PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED HEREBY MAY

PROVIDE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EXPENSES TO AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON PRIOR TO

THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF ANY ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING OR ANY APPEAL THEREFROM INVOLVING SUCH INDEMNIFIED PERSON AND BASED ON THE ALLEGED

COMMISSION BY SUCH INDEMNIFIED PERSON OF A COVERED ACT, SUBJECT TO AN

UNDERTAKING BY OR ON BEHALF OF SUCH INDEMNIFIED PERSON TO REPAY THE SAME TO

THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY IF THE COVERED ACT INVOLVES A CLAIM FOR WHICH

INDEMNIFICATION IS NOT PERMITTED UNDER CLAUSE (V), BELOW, AND THE FINAL

DISPOSITION OF SUCH ACTION, SUIT, PROCEEDING OR APPEAL RESULTS IN AN ADJUDICATION ADVERSE TO SUCH INDEMNIFIED PERSON.

(V) THE OPERATING AGREEMENT PROVISIONS OR AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED  
HEREBY MAY  
NOT INDEMNIFY AN INDEMNIFIED PERSON FROM AND AGAINST ANY LOSS, AND  
THE  
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY SHALL NOT REIMBURSE FOR ANY EXPENSES, IN  
CONNECTION WITH ANY CLAIM OR CLAIMS MADE AGAINST AN INDEMNIFIED  
PERSON  
WHICH THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY HAS DETERMINED TO HAVE  
RESULTED FROM:  
(1) ANY BREACH OF THE INDEMNIFIED PERSON'S DUTY OF LOYALTY TO THE  
LIMITED  
LIABILITY COMPANY OR ITS MEMBERS; (2) ACTS OR OMISSIONS NOT IN GOOD  
FAITH  
OR WHICH INVOLVE INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR KNOWING VIOLATION OF  
LAW; (3)  
ACTION CONTRAVENING SECTION 17 OF THE ACT; OR (4) A TRANSACTION FROM  
WHICH  
THE PERSON SEEKING INDEMNIFICATION DERIVED AN IMPROPER PERSONAL  
BENEFIT.

#### ARTICLE VII

The limited liability company is to be managed by its   X   Members\* or      Managers (check one)

**\* If you checked to be managed by your MEMBERS (*the owners*) DO NOT complete the following section. Only complete the following section if you checked to be managed by MANAGERS (*Individuals hired by the members with no ownership interest*).**

The name and address of each manager:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
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#### ARTICLE VIII

The date these Articles of Organization are to become effective, not prior to, nor more than 90 days after the filing of these Articles of Organization.

Later Effective Date:

*This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the company, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-16.*

**Signed this 15 Day of June, 2023 at 10:50:08 AM by the Authorized Person.**

ADAM H. THAYER, ESQ.

**Address of Authorized Signer:**

SAYER REGAN & THAYER, LLP

130 BELLEVUE AVENUE

NEWPORT, RI 02840

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