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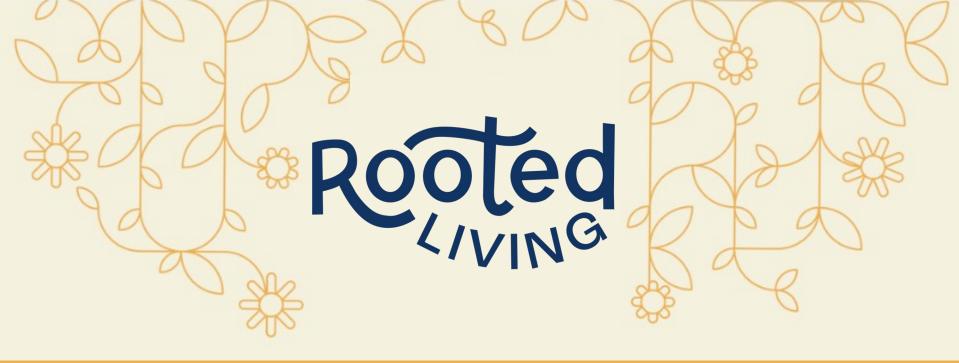
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01. COMPANY BACKGROUND





PROBLEM STATEMENT



There is a gap in the market for **sustainably-packaged** snacks with **clean ingredients** that taste good. Most snacks on the market are either full of processed ingredients or are wrapped in single-use plastic that hardly ever gets recycled.



SOLUTION

100% Compostable

Plastic takes hundreds of years to break down

Rooted Living's packaging takes three months



(Rooted Living, n.d.

No Refined Ingredients

Instead of sugar we use maple syrup

Instead of oil we use nut butter



TARGET MARKET

Primary

18-24 years old

- Interests lie in personal health and well-being + environmental and social causes
- 49% of Gen Z eat snacks to boost their moods while
 30% agree they are a convenient meal replacement

Secondary

<18 years old; 35-55 years old

- Find RL through retail + marketplaces
- Looking for healthier snacks for their family, may already engage in sustainable practices like composting



Aloe Gomez



Demographic

- 21 years old
- Female
- Northeastern University
- Student-Athlete

Geographic

Lives in the Back Bay neighborhood of Boston, MA Travels around the state and country for her games

Psychographic



- Passionate about sustainability
- Engages with small businesses
- Invested in her local community

Behavioral

- Looking to minimize her carbon footprint
- Prefers purchasing sustainable products
- Brings convenient snacks to practices and games

(SportsEngine, n.c

TARGET MARKET PERSONA 1

Rebecca Crumb



- **Psychographic**
- Rooted



- 47 years old
- Female
- Young mother of two

- Cares about the environment and doing her part to protect it
- Looking for healthy options for her family

Geographic

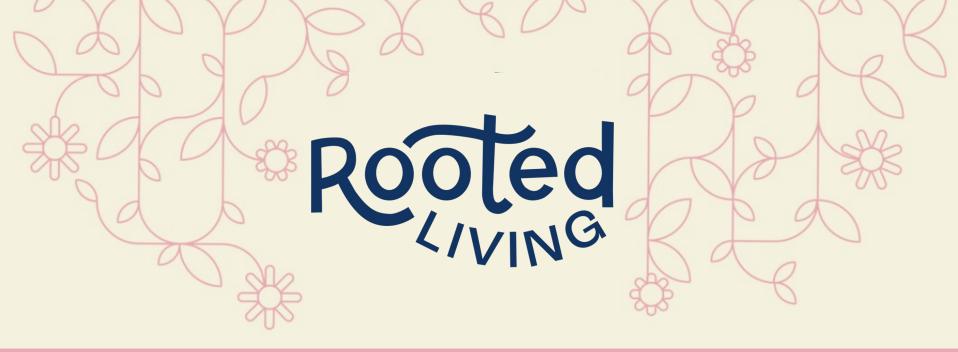
- Lives in Brookline, MA
- Has lived in New England her whole life

Behavioral

- Packs lunches for her kids every morning
- Composts, recycles, and looks to reduce their production of waste

(6 tips, n.d.

TARGET MARKET PERSONA 2





02. BRAND POSITIONING



COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE ROOK



Brand	Purely Elizabeth	88 Acres	Oats Overnight	Rooted Living
Product Type	Granola, oatmeal , cereal, and bars	Granola bars , seed butters and dressings	Overnight Oats	Granola
Position	Regenerative agriculture, superfoods, and collagen	Seed-based, allergy-friendly, and vegan products	Heathy, innovative, customizable	Compostable packaging, free refined ingredients and support your values.
Price	\$7.99 per bag	\$7.99 per bag	\$3.33 per 2.7 oz pouch	\$9 per bag
Mission	Believes that food can heal. When you eat better, you feel better.	Everything made in an allergen-friendly Bakery to foster a more inclusive and empowered community.	To create a new way to enjoy oats with exciting flavors and benefits	Compostable packaging and snacks that are free of any refined ingredients, allowing you to shop, snack, and support your values.
Target Audience	People with dietary restrictions or are health conscious	People with dietary restrictions who appreciate natural and organic food	Adventurous, fitness- focused, oat addicts	People who value personal health and well-being / environmental issues
Distribution Channel	Online, Whole Foods	Online, Whole Foods	Online, Walmart, Target	Online & Local Boston Stores



BRAND POSITIONING

Points-of-Parity:

Similar health benefits

Overlapping Target Markets

Selection of vegan and gluten free product offerings existing in the market

Points-of-Difference:



Packaging



5g Plant Protein



Gluten Free



Vegan



No refined sugars



Student Founded







No added oil



POSITIONING STATEMENT

"For the **eco-minded health-conscious** snackers in the US who aim to snack with intent while **minimizing their environmental impact** without compromising dietary choices, Rooted Living is the only **whole-food snack company** with **fully compostable packaging**, providing products that are **free of any refined ingredients** because we believe you should be able to **shop**, **snack**, **and support your values**."

"Snack with an Impact"









Gluten Free

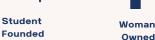


Vegan



No refined sugars

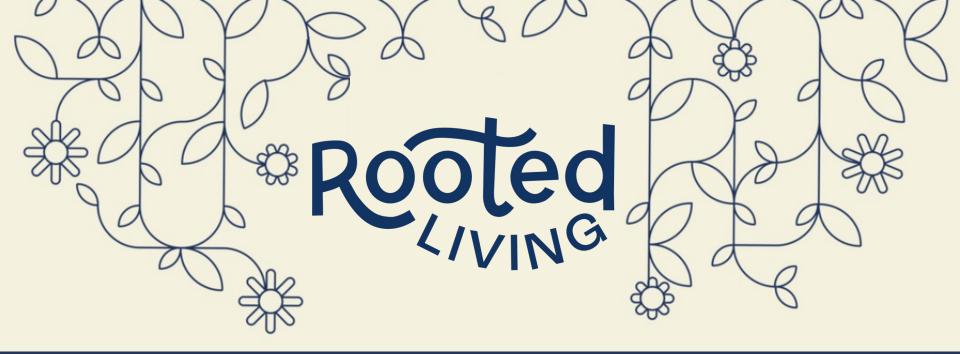








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03. BRAND PORTFOLIO & ASSOCIATIONS







Product Visual Hierarchy





BRAND PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

Market Coverage

- Organized the market coverage analysis by types, distributional channel, flavors, and ages
- Focuses more on product category, and distributional channel
- Also, consider children (under 18 yrs old) as our potential customers

Future Opportunities

- Expand Customer Base
 Category Extension Maximize the market coverage
 so that no potential customers
 are being ignored
- Maximize Brand Equity
 Subscription Box Minimize
 overlap to avoid competition
 among themselves



CURRENT BRAND ASSOCIATIONS

Health

Plant-Based & Gluten Free

No refined ingredients

Sustainability

Compostable packaging

Desired Associations

Accessible & Convenient

Reputable Boston small business

Good value for your money

Impactful

Innovation

Woman owned

Student founded

S.W.O.T. ANALYSIS





Strengths

- Healthy: free of any refined ingredients
- Plant-based: contains no animal products
- Eco-friendly packaging:
 100% compostable packaging



Weaknesses

- Limited product portfolio: small range of snack products
- **Geographic coverage:** in-person shopping in Boston only
- **Limited brand awareness:** lacks recognition and trust that established competitors have



Threats

- **Competition:** challenging to differentiate & gain market share
- Price sensitivity: new product higher production costs - higher prices
- Regulatory Compliance: maintaining quality and ingredients
- **Scaling:** less focus on original product





EXPANSION OPPORTUNITIES

1. Category Extension

Use leftover granola from manufacturing to make granola bars

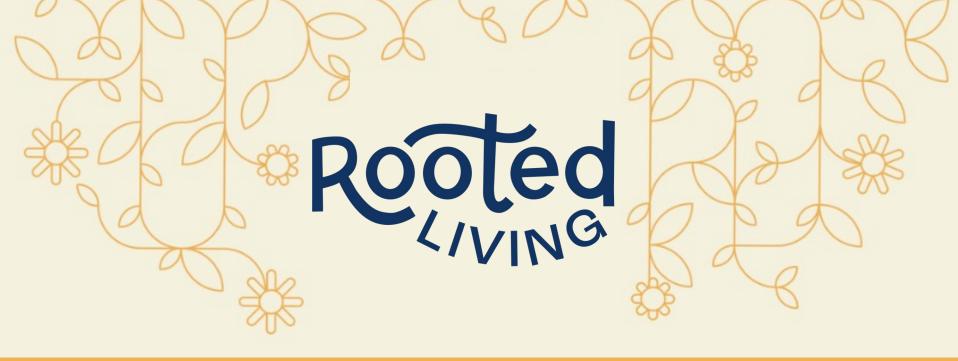




Partner with a nationwide clean health or environmentally-focused subscription box company



Images: (PngTree, 2023), (The Bread Shop, n.d.), (PackagaingBlue, n.d.)





04. BRAND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES



BRAND GROWTH OPPORTUNITY #1



Category Extension

- Rooted Living granola bars made with leftover granola product, (i.e., smaller pieces that get filtered out of the bagged granola)
- Maintain market differentiation with dedication to no refined ingredients and 100% compostable granola bar packaging.

Desired Brand Associations: Satiating, high-quality, iconic, giftable, sustainable, nutritious, delicious.



Ansoff's Growth Matrix:

Product Development Strategy

Products

New

Existing	Market Penetration Strategy	Product Developmen Strategy
New	Market Development Strategy	Diversificatio Strategy

Existing

Markets

Vew

BRAND GROWTH OPPORTUNITY #2



New Subscription Box Model

Rooted Living to partner with a nationwide clean health or environmentally-focused subscription box company

Desired Brand Associations: accessible, high-quality, unique, recognizable, giftable, delicious, something special to look forward to.



Ansoff's Growth Matrix:

Market Development Strategy

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SUBSCRIPTION BOX MODEL



Potential subscription box companies for Rooted Living to partner with:



UrthBox

Sustainable Snack Box \$29.99/box



Thrive Market

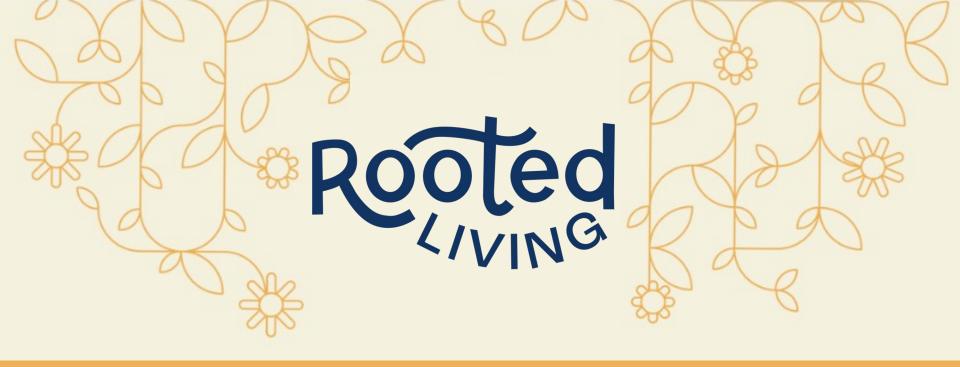
Wholesome Food at Wholesale Prices \$12/mo membership



(Runner Box, 2023)

The Runner Box

Products and Accessories for **Endurance Athletes** \$40/box





05. RESEARCH METHODS & INSIGHTS





RESEARCH METHOD & PURPOSE





Sampling Technique:

27 question, ~ 3 min. long Qualtrics survey, convenience sample dispersed through our networks

Ideal outcome: 50+ responses

Looking to gain more info on:

- Existing brand associations
- New brand associations with our two BGOs
- Insight into the ideal Marketing Mix (4
 P's: Product, Price, Place, and Promotion)
- Attitude towards each brand growth opportunity from our two main target markets:
 - Willingness to buy their granola vs.
 a granola bar
 - Likelihood of subscribing to the new subscription box method

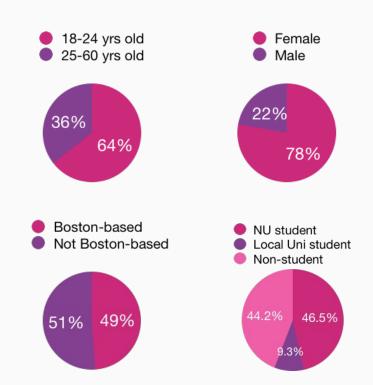




Qualtrics Survey

Total number of participants: 45

- Age: 29 (18-24 yrs old); 16 (25-60 yrs old)
- Gender: **35** (Female); **10** (Male)
- <u>Location</u>: 22 (Boston-based); 23 (Not Boston-based)
- Occupation: 20 (NU student); 4
 (Local Uni student); 19 (Non-student)

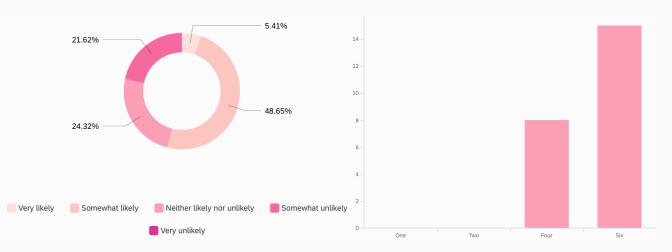




PRIMARY DATA – GRANOLA BAR

Qualtrics Survey

<u>Survey Question:</u> How likely would you be to buy a Rooted Living granola bar over their current granola offerings?



Key Insights

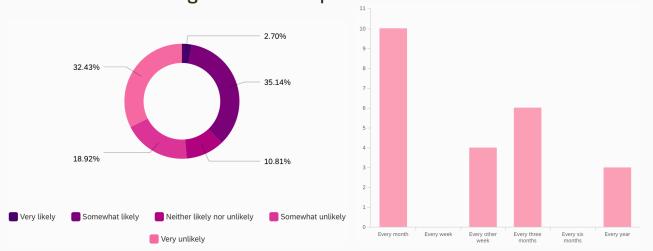
- 48.65% of participants (nearly half of them) would somewhat likely to buy a Rooted Living granola bar, a BGO strategy product
- Most survey participants associated granola bar with a healthy, sustainable, and convenient product
- 65% respondents prefer to buy a pack of six granola bar, and 35% respondents are willing to buy a pack of four
- Most respondents willing to pay \$2 for a 1oz granola bar



PRIMARY DATA – SUBSCRIPTION BOX

Qualtrics Survey

<u>Survey Question:</u> How likely would you be to subscribe to a sustainable and health-conscious nationwide monthly subscription box if Rooted Living granola were to partner with one?



Key Insights

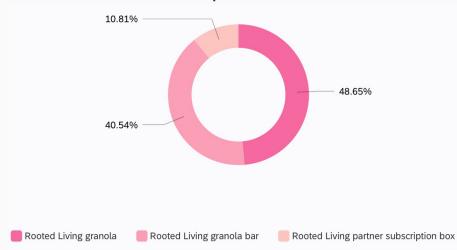
- Almost 40% of respondents would willing to purchase a Rooted Living subscription box, a BGO strategy.
- Most survey participants
 would love to receive a
 subscription box every
 month, followed by every
 three months.
- Majority of participants believe that price influences their purchasing behavior, so people are more likely to buy when it is on Sale or less than \$30 per month.



SURVEY RESULTS

Qualtrics Survey

<u>Survey Question</u>: Would you be more likely to be a consumer of the Rooted Living granola, granola bar, or sustainable and health-conscious subscription box?



Key Insights

- According to the chart, almost half of the respondents (48.65%) are more inclined to buy granola, followed by granola bar (40.54%) and then subscription box (10.81%)
- Compared to the subscription box, the granola bar will be a better BGO.
- However, it is unclear from our data why people prefer to buy granola than granola bar and subscription box.



SECONDARY RESEARCH

Category Extension

- oranola bars market was valued at USD 4.56 billion in 2022 and is expected to reach the value of USD 5.97 billion by 2030, at a CAGR of 4.87% during the forecast period of 2022 to 2030 (Granola Bars Market Report Highlights)
- Granola bars targeted at children showed a more positive nutrient profile than those for the general population (Gilbert-Moreau et al., 2021).

However, compared to bagged granola...



(Linkedin, n.d.)

- **\$377.3 million:** US granola bar sales in 1985
- \$722.2 million: US sales of just the top granola bar vendor (Clif Bar & Co.) in 2021
- Consumer insight surveys show that ~65% of consumers prefer bagged granola over granola bars.

(Quartz, 2023) (White, 2019)

BGO Challenges:

- Granola Bar market is highly saturated and highly competitive
- Does little to grow brand awareness for Rooted Living
- Increases production and manufacturing costs for the company





Subscription Box

The global subscription box market size was valued at around USD 27 Billion in 2022 and is projected to surpass **USD 123.46** Billion by 2031, expanding at a CAGR of 18.4% during the forecast period, 2023-2031.

- As of 2021, Blue Apron has over **1 million subscribers** and a net revenue of over \$300 million.
- The average US consumer now has four subscriptions.
- Quality and variety are top elements for retention.
- The strongest magnet for new subscribers, cited by 62% of survey respondents, is good perceived value: the right combination of offerings and pricing.

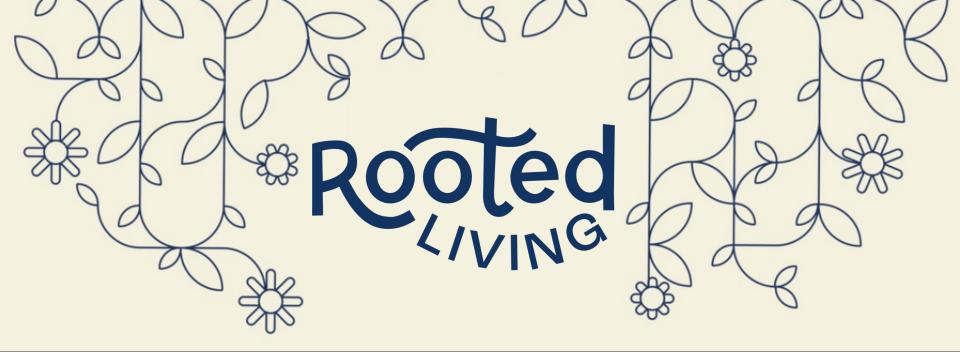


BGO Challenges:

 Balancing profit with an ideal price point for consumers

(Kalantari, 2023) (McKinsey, 2021)

- Adjusting to increased pressure on manufacturing
- Securing first subscription box collaboration





06. BRAND MARKETING PLAN





BRAND MARKETING PLAN



BGO to prioritize: Category Extension

Product

- Rooted Living granola bar
- Produced in current granola flavors
- Made with leftover granola product
- Six granola bars per box

Place

- Integrated Marketing Campaign
- Collaboration advertised on both the subscription box company's and Rooted Living's content distribution channels
- People prefer to purchase the bars in-store

Price

• **\$12.99 for a box of six** 1.5 oz. granola bars

Promotion

- Recurring purchases prompts
- Social media giveaways and discount codes
- Sale events near major holidays
- Bulk deals for athletes and teams



METRICS

Metrics to Track:

- Sales Growth: Measure the sales of granola bars and compared with granola sales
 - Frequency: Every month
- Brand Awareness and Perception: Consumer awareness and perception of the brand
 - Method: Surveys on consumer feedback and brand associations
 - **Frequency:** Each year
- Customer Engagement: social media, website traffic, brand's online content interaction
 - Method: Social media performance KPIs (reach, shares, likes) on each platform
 - Frequency: Each week

Consumer Questions:

- **Product Satisfaction:** How satisfied are customers with the new granola bar/subscription box?
- **Brand Consistency**: Do consumers feel the granola bar/subscription box aligns with the core values and image of RL brand?
- **Purchase Intent**: Are consumers more likely to purchase a RL granola bar over their competitors?





Key Takeaways:

- 50% of survey participants said they would be more likely to be a consumer of granola bars than granola
- 10% said they would be a consumer of the subscription box
 - Subscription box market is valued at **USD 27 Billion** and is projected to continue to grow

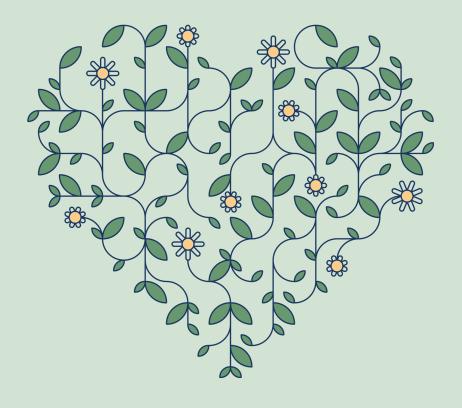
Recommendations:





- 1. Establish **greater brand presence**, **reach**, and **loyalty** with introduction of granola bars extension
- Packs of 6, pricing set around \$2 for every 1 oz of granola bar
- 2. Once the brand has expanded their reach, consumers are **more likely to subscribe** to a subscription box that Rooted Living partners with.
- Rooted living will also have a greater depth of product offerings with both the granola and granola bars





Thank you!

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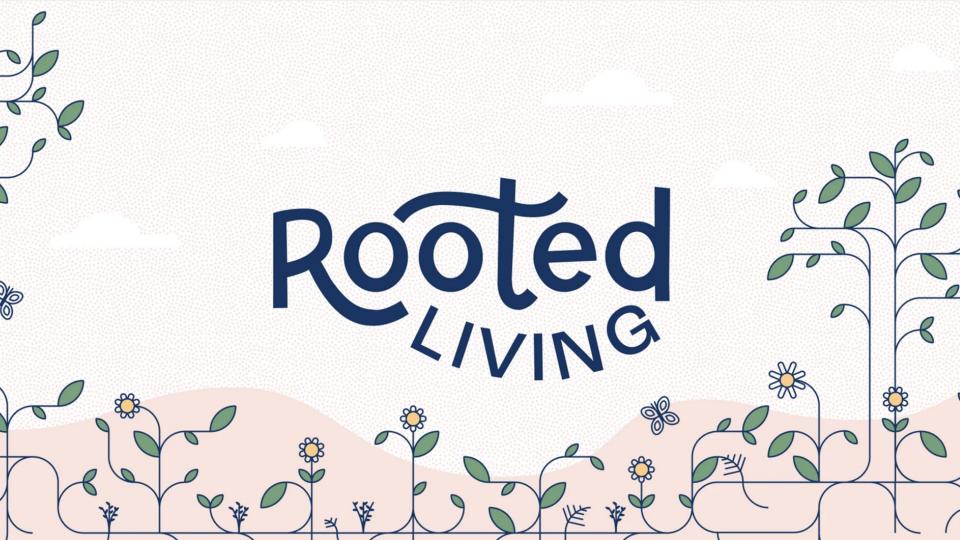
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APPENDIX



Data Collection Instrument: Qualtrics Survey





"I started Rooted Living when I was 19 because I was tired of making sacrifices every time I snacked. Either my snacks were packed with impossible to pronounce ingredients or wrapped in single-use plastic, a major environmental pollutant."



-Rachel Domb, Founder of Rooted Living



BRAND DIMENSIONS

Brand Values

 Rooted Living values sustainability, community, health, and innovation as it strives to make eco-friendly, plant-based living accessible.

Brand Personality

• Rooted Living embodies "The Caregiver" archetype, demonstrating nurturing, **responsibility**, and compassion in its approach to sustainability, community engagement, and health & wellness.

Brand Voice

 Rooted Living's communication is friendly, informative, and environmentally conscious, reflecting its mission to educate and inspire its audience about sustainable living.



INDUSTRY

Rooted Living product category:

Vegan granola product



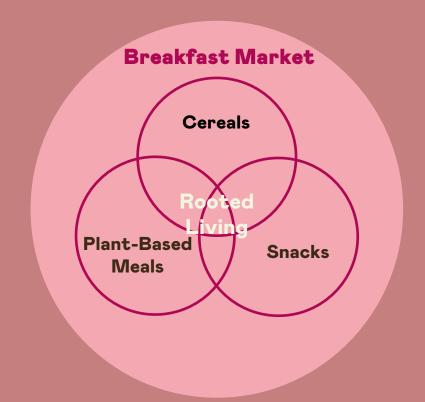
- The granola market is a segment of the breakfast cereals market
- Rooted Living competes with various cereal products, such as: ready-to-eat cereals, hot cereals, granola, muesli, and cereal bars
- The US granola market size was valued at USD 1.2 billion in 2023
- The share of vegan consumers in the US was estimated at 3% in 2020



INDUSTRY

The granola market can be segmented by product type and application:

- By product type, the market can be divided into bars, mixes, and cereals.
- By application, the market can be classified into breakfast, snack, gratins, fruit crisps, salads and trail mix.





MARKET COVERAGE

By Type

- Cereals
- Bars (Brand Growth Opportunity)
- Popular among people who participate in outdoor activities like hiking since they are light, healthy, high in calories, and easy to store (Allied Market Research, para. 1)

By Flavor

- **Primary:** blueberry lemon, maple almond, peanut butter crunch
- **Secondary** (Granola Bars Market Report Highlights):
 - Fruits flavor
 - Nuts flavor
 - Spice flavor
 - Other flavor

By Distribution Channels

- Grocery store/hypermarket
- Subscription box (Brand Growth Opportunity)
- Most subscribers come from the younger age groups. They are the most active social media group, making it easier for companies to advertise their services (Subscription Box Market 2024-2032, para.9)

By Age

Primary: 18-24 year olds

Engage with most on social media & interests lies in personal health and well-being + environmental and social causes

Secondary: <18 year olds; 35-55 year olds

 Looking for healthier snacks for their family, may already engage in sustainable practices like composting.

S.W.O.T. ANALYSIS





Strengths

- **Healthy:** free of any refined ingredients
- **Plant-based:** contains no animal products
- Eco-friendly packaging:
 100% compostable packaging



Weaknesses

- Limited product portfolio: small range of snack products
- Geographic coverage: in-person shopping in Boston only
- Limited brand awareness: lacks recognition and trust that established competitors have



Threats

- **Competition:** challenging to differentiate & gain market share
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- Scaling: less focus on original product



Opportunities

- Category extension: Rooted Living granola bars
- Distribution: Rooted Living collaboration with with a healthfocused and sustainable subscription box company





METHODS

Qualtrics Survey

Capture Two **Target Markets**:



- **Primary:** 18-24 year olds
- **Secondary:** 35-55 year olds

Sampling Technique: Qualtrics, convenience sample dispersed through our

networks

Ideal outcome: 50+ responses



BRAND POSITIONING

Points-of-Parity:

- Similar proposed **health benefits** to other brands
- Overlapping Target Markets with other granola brands
- There are a selection of **vegan** and gluten free product offerings existing in the market

Points-of-Difference:

- Ingredients (no sugar and oil)
- Vegan, plant based, gluten free, etc.
- Compostable packaging
- Smaller portions (8oz versus 11oz)
- Only three flavor profiles (i.e., blueberry lemon, peanut butter crunch)
- Apparel (t-shirts, tote bags)
- Offers blog posts to customers with recipes using their products
- Small local business



Packaging



5q Plant Protein



Gluten Free



Vegan







Founded







No added oil

BRAND GROWTH OPPORTUNITY #3



Brand Revitalization

Key Steps:

- Rooted Living to pursue building upon their established **brand awareness** with the help of brand **ambassadors** and **influencers**.
- 2. Rooted Living to create local **brand recognition** and **loyalty** with attending or sponsoring **local events**, festivals, and farmer's markets.
- 3. Rooted Living to engage in local **educational efforts**, sharing composting **resources** on their website and more.

Desired Brand Associations: Boston-based, local, health-focused, delicious, innovative, sustainable.

Ansoff's Growth Matrix:

Market Penetration Strategy

Products

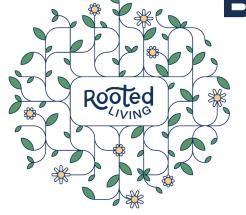
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Market Development Strategy	Diversification Strategy

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RL Branding elements (from website, pitch, and google)



































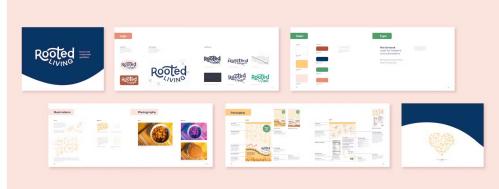












Color Ratio

Color Usage

Header Color Blocking (by flavor)



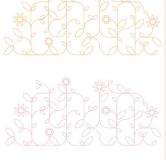
Opting for a more earthy and approachable color palette, the Rooted Living colors uses a mix of earth tones with brighter colors in a color block manner to keep it cool and timeless.



MAPLE ALMOND



The vines may be placed in any color from the palette, providing they maintain proper contrast.



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Navigo / Medium

TYPEFACE / WEIGHT

Paralucent / Medium

Snack with an impact

Stores near 02120

A classic you love, done right



Color Palette **Primary Colors**

#21355D RGB 33/53/93 CMYK 65/43/0/64





#EEB156 RGB 238/171/86 CMYK 0/26/64/7

Secondary Colors

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