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Vantage Builders completes four cannabis dispensaries for Sanctuary Medicinals

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St. Petersburg, FL Vantage Builders, Inc., a commercial contractor specializing in pre-construction, construction management and design-build services, has announced that it completed the build-out of four cannabis dispensaries for Sanctuary Medicinals in Florida. The dispensaries, which offer premium, pharmaceutical-grade cannabis products for medical use, are located in Fort Pierce, Sebring, Dunedin and St. Petersburg.

The new dispensaries are the first projects that Vantage Builders has completed since launching its Florida operations in March 2021. The firm has also worked with Sanctuary on four dispensaries and a 36,000 s/f cultivation facility in Massachusetts. Vantage is also currently working on an additional six Florida dispensaries, which are scheduled to open in 2022. Sanctuary, which operates in Florida, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, currently has six medical dispensaries open in the Sunshine State.

“Our valued patients rely on Sanctuary Medicinals for both our knowledgeable and compassionate staff and our premium organic products,” said Jimmy Alex, president, Sanctuary Medicinals. “A key element of the Sanctuary experience is the comfortable, accommodating environment that we strive to establish in each of our locations. Vantage Builders’ experienced team helped us create our new dispensaries with a patient-focus that is emblematic of Sanctuary Medicinals.”

Vantage Builders followed designs by Caveney Architectural Collaborative in each project. The dispensaries all feature Sanctuary Medicinals’ distinct style and branding; wood walls, high-end millwork, specialty ceilings and faux wood beams that create an inviting yet professional atmosphere. Ample lighting ensures that the locations are bright and welcoming, and the operational flow of the stores helps patients feel cared for and unhurried. The dispensaries feature new MEP and HVAC systems, and Vantage Builders completed significant site work.

At the largest project, Vantage completely transformed a former Sunoco Mobil Mart into the Fort Pierce dispensary. The build required extensive structural improvements and new front windows, doors and roofing. Vantage constructed a two-and-a-half story tower that highlights the building and provides visibility for Sanctuary Medicinals as it continues its growth in Florida.

“Vantage Builders has established itself as a leader in cannabis construction, with significant experience in building dispensaries, cultivation facilities, and processing plants,” said Ed Silva, principal, Vantage Builders. “We appreciate the opportunity to have gotten to know the Sanctuary

Medicinals' team, their approach to growing and their philosophy towards their patients. That knowledge is reflected in each of the projects we've completed for them."

The Fort Pierce and St. Petersburg dispensaries are approximately 4,000 s/f, while Dunedin and Sebring are 2,300 s/f and 1,200 s/f, respectively. Each dispensary offers flower, vape cartridges, edibles, concentrates, tinctures, topicals and more. The stores are located at 5001 S US 1 in Fort Pierce, 3790 Tyrone Blvd. in St. Petersburg, 1352 Main St. in Dunedin and 4208 US 27 South in Sebring.

The project team included Caveney Architectural Collaborative, C. Alan Anderson Architect, Snell Engineering and Quest Design Group.

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