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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Australian first as Alternaleaf launches in UK**

**11 October, Melbourne** - Alternaleaf, Australia's largest medical cannabis clinic, has launched in the UK, making it the first patient-facing Australian medical cannabis company to go global.

Parent company Montu made the announcement just weeks after the UK's Home Affairs Committee recommended that medical cannabis access and eligibility be expanded for UK patients.

Christopher Strauch, Managing Director of Montu, said he was proud to announce the long-awaited launch.

"Although medical cannabis was legalised in the UK in 2018, patient access remains very limited," he said.

"Drawing on the success of Alternaleaf's groundbreaking telehealth clinical model, we expect our UK business to help those people who, until now, have been unable to access the medications they require."

As calls to make medical cannabis more accessible in the UK increase, Asif Dewan, Managing Director of Montu UK, also highlighted the potential for Alternaleaf's online clinic to meet growing demand from eligible patients.

"There are millions of Brits who suffer from medical conditions that may make them eligible for medical cannabis, but they haven't been able to access it," he said.

"Unfortunately, it's not rare to meet patients who are on opioids, or who have been self-medicating illegally, or both. Alternaleaf is providing a new way for people to get a medical assessment from a qualified doctor and, ultimately, access to medical cannabis, should they be eligible."

The Alternaleaf UK launch announcement comes after several milestones for Montu's Australian business, including being the first cannabis company to be listed in LinkedIn Australia's Top Startups, and placing first in the 2022 Deloitte Tech Fast50 after setting a record for its rapid growth.

For more information about Montu, visit [montu.com.au](https://montu.com.au).

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### **About Alternaleaf**

Alternaleaf is Australia's largest medical cannabis clinic, trusted by more than 100,000 Australians. Connecting patients with highly trained nurses and doctors through an innovative telehealth system, Alternaleaf prides itself on its easy-to-use and empathetic clinical experience.

### **About Montu**

Founded in 2019, Montu is Australia's leading medical cannabis company. Across a rapidly growing ecosystem, Montu is using technology to improve the medical cannabis patient experience, from delivering best-in-class clinical care, to our industry-leading product lines and innovative supply chain management tools. Our mission: to make medical cannabis more affordable and accessible for the millions who could benefit.

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