



What is mainstreet?

[mainstreet](#) is a private investment firm focused on concentrated early stage partnerships. It was founded in 2023 by two brothers—Ike Okereke (Harvard alum) and AK Okereke (Cornell alum, Los Angeles Lakers Forward).

mainstreet began as a newsletter called mainstreet memos. mainstreet memos published articles on the most interesting stories in finance, gaining fame for its unique writing style that drew clever analogies between investing and sports.

As mainstreet memos evolved into [mainstreet media](#), it amassed a following of thousands of high-profile individuals, ranging from Fortune 500 executives to Wall Street investors to professional athletes.

mainstreet launched its inaugural VC fund to build and invest in enduring institutions.

mainstreet invests in US-based early stage companies that are shaping the future of frontier technology, financial technology, and finance more broadly.

The mainstreet fellowship.

We're hiring mainstreet fellows for the 2026-27 school year. All current students at Harvard College, from all academic backgrounds, are welcome to apply.

mainstreet fellows will:

- Build lasting relationships with current or aspiring founders
- Source and diligence investment opportunities
- Craft investment roadmaps
- Help organize mainstreet events at Harvard
- Develop startup ideas

Startup/VC experience is a plus but not required. We're looking for people who are:

- Passionate about both business and technology
- Curious about how the world is changing
- Innately determined to win
- Virtuous
- Humbly confident
- Entrepreneurial

mainstreet fellows will receive:

- 1:1 mentorship from the mainstreet team
 - Intensive VC training
 - Startup incubation (both of last year's fellows incubated startups with mainstreet and then did YC S26)
- Access to the mainstreet community—a network of high-profile startup founders, investors, pro athletes, and corporate executives
- Opportunity to earn a summer 2027 internship or full-time role at mainstreet

This role is not a normal internship. mainstreet fellows will exercise significant autonomy over their work, and make a formative impact on mainstreet.

If you want to help us build the next great American venture fund, [apply here](#) by 9/27. Email matthew@themainstreetfund.com with any questions.