

FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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The franchisee will operate sit-down, table service Restaurants, including the service of food and alcoholic beverages, under the trade name of Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar®.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of an Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar® franchised business ranges from \$1,967,438 to \$7,073,036. This includes Initial Fees of \$35,000 to \$50,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or an affiliate. You might pay the franchisor more if you sign a Development Agreement to develop multiple Restaurants.

This Franchise Disclosure Document (this "Disclosure Document") summarizes certain provisions of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read this Disclosure Document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this Disclosure Document at least 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale or grant. **Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this document.**

You may wish to receive your disclosure document in another format that is more convenient to you. To discuss the availability of this document in different formats, contact Jim Darby, Executive Director, Global Franchise Administration, 450 North Brand Boulevard, 7th Floor, Glendale, California 91203-4415, (818) 637-3049, jim.darby@dinebrands.com.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not rely on the Disclosure Document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this Disclosure Document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this Disclosure Document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise," which can help you understand how to use this Disclosure Document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at www.ftc.gov for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

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STATE COVER PAGE

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in **Exhibit B** for information about the franchisor, or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

- 1. THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRE THAT ALL DISAGREEMENTS BE LITIGATED IN THE STATE OF KANSAS. OUT OF STATE LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO SUE US IN KANSAS THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.**
- 2. THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATE THAT KANSAS LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENTS, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.**
- 3. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.**

Effective Date: *See the next page for state effective dates.*

STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states require that the Franchise Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the state, or be exempt from registration: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

This Disclosure Document is registered, on file or exempt from registration in the following states having franchise registration and disclosure laws, with the following effective dates:

California	_____	, 2018
Hawaii	_____	, 2018
Illinois	March 28,	2018
Indiana	March 28,	2018
Maryland	_____	, 2018
Michigan	_____	, 2018
Minnesota	_____	, 2018
New York	March 28,	2018
North Dakota	_____	, 2018
Rhode Island	_____	, 2018
South Dakota	_____	, 2018
Virginia	_____	, 2018
Washington	_____	, 2018
Wisconsin	_____	, 2018

The effective date for all other states in which franchises may be offered is March 28, 2018.

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