

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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This Franchise Disclosure Document offers a membership in Best Western International, Inc. and the right to construct, or convert an existing hotel to, a hotel that utilizes the "Best Western<sup>®</sup>", "Best Western Premier<sup>®</sup>", "Executive Residency by Best Western<sup>®</sup>", ""Vīb<sup>®</sup>", "GLō<sup>®</sup>", "Aiden<sup>®</sup>", or "Sadie<sup>®</sup>" name, as well as Best Western's proprietary system.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a 75-room Best Western hotel as one of our members is \$5,080,050 - \$9,589,538 (for new construction) and \$505,050 - \$1,939,539 (for a conversion), which includes \$69,350 - \$143,438 that must be paid to us or our affiliate; the total investment necessary to begin operation of a 90-room Best Western Plus hotel as one of our members is \$6,433,050 - \$10,397,788 (for new construction) and \$608,050 - \$2,406,288 (for a conversion), which includes \$72,350 - \$147,188 that must be paid to us or our affiliate; the total investment necessary to begin operation of a 120-room Best Western Premier hotel as one of our members is \$13,944,450 -\$24,773,188 (for new construction) and \$869,450 - \$5,673,188 (for a conversion), which includes \$78,350 - \$154,688 that must be paid to us or our affiliate; the total investment necessary to begin operation of a 100-room Executive Residency by Best Western hotel as one of our members is \$6,573,050 - \$11,949,788 (for new construction) and \$648,050 - \$3,149,788 (for a conversion), which includes \$74,350 - \$149,688 that must be paid to us or our affiliate; the total investment necessary to begin operation of a 100-room dual brand hotel as one of our members (e.g., Best Western Plus and Executive Residency by Best Western) is \$6,751,750 - \$12,065,838 (for new construction) and \$726,750 - \$3,370,838 (for a conversion), which includes \$109,350 - \$193,438 that must be paid to us or our affiliate; the total investment necessary to begin operation of a 110-room Vīb hotel as one of our members is \$9,817,150 - \$14,354,988 (for new construction) and \$1,392,150 - \$3,804,988 (for a conversion), which includes \$76,350 - \$152,188 that must be paid to us or our affiliate; the total investment necessary to begin operation of an 80-room GLō hotel as one of our members is \$7,354,750 - \$9,821,488 (for new construction) and \$1,129,750 - \$2,771,488 (for a conversion), which includes \$70,350 - \$144,688 that must be paid to us or our affiliate; the total investment necessary to begin operation of a 90-room Aiden hotel as one of our members is \$6,494,750 - \$10,467,988 (for new construction) and \$669,750 - \$2,467,988 (for a conversion), which includes \$72,350 - \$147,188 that must be paid to us or our affiliate; and, the total investment necessary to begin operation of a 120-room Sadie hotel as one of our members is \$13,924,750 - \$24,749,488 (for new construction) and \$845,750 - \$5,649,488 (for a conversion), which includes \$78,350 - \$154,688 that must be paid to us or our affiliate.

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions of your Membership 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 licensor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. **Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this document.** 

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You may wish to receive your disclosure document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Lawrence M. Cuculic, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Best Western International, Inc. at 6201 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Parkway, Phoenix, AZ 85016, and (602) 957-4200.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not rely solely on the disclosure document to understand your contract. Read your entire contract carefully. Show your contract and this disclosure document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex decision. 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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## **How to Use This Franchise Disclosure Document**

Here are some questions you may be asking about buying a franchise and tips on how to find more information:

QUESTION	WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION
How much can I earn?	Item 19 may give you information about
	outlet sales, costs, profits or losses. You
	should also try to obtain this information
	from others, like current and former
	franchisees. You can find their names
	and contact information in Item 20 or
	Exhibit G.
How much will I need to invest?	Items 5 and 6 list fees you will be paying
	to the franchisor or at the franchisor's
	direction. Item 7 lists the initial
	investment to open. Item 8 describes the
	suppliers you must use.
Does the franchisor have the financial	Item 21 or Exhibit E includes financial
ability to provide support to my	statements. Review these statements
business?	carefully.
Is the franchise system stable,	Item 20 summarizes the recent history of
growing, or shrinking?	the number of company-owned and
	franchised outlets.
Will my business be the only Best	Item 12 and the "territory" provisions in
Western, Best Western Plus, Best	the membership agreement describe
Western Premier, Executive Residency	whether the franchisor and other
by Best Western, Vīb, GLō, Aiden, or	franchisees can compete with you.
Sadie hotel business in my area?	
Does the franchisor have a troubled	Items 3 and 4 tell you whether the
legal history?	franchisor or its management have been
	involved in material litigation or
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What's it like to be a Best Western,	Item 20 or Exhibit G lists current and
Best Western Plus, Best Western	former franchisees. You can contact
Premier, Executive Residency by Best	them to ask about their experiences.
Western, Vīb, GLō, Aiden or Sadie	
hotel franchisee? What else should I know?	Those questions are sufficient for this
vy nat eise should I know?	These questions are only a few things
	you should look for. Review all 23 Items and all Exhibits in this disclosure
	document to better understand this
	franchise opportunity. See the table of
	contents.

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