

FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**BOARD AND BRUSH CREATIVE STUDIO FRANCHISING LLC**

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Business Oversight**Board & Brush**
creative studio

The franchisee will operate a creative arts studio from a single location that offers, among other things, instructional workshops for making high quality hand-painted wood signs. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Board & Brush Creative Studio® franchise ranges from \$57,289 to \$89,406. This includes \$20,000 - \$25,000 that must be paid to the franchisor.

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 the 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. **Note, however, that no government agency has verified the information contained in this document.**

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't 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 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, DC 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 A 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 FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US ONLY IN WISCONSIN. OUT-OF-STATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT. IT ALSO MAY COST MORE TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US IN WISCONSIN THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2 THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT WISCONSIN LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3 SPOUSES OF FRANCHISE OWNERS WILL BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, PLACING THEIR PERSONAL AND MARITAL ASSETS AT RISK.
- 5 THE FRANCHISOR HAS BEEN OFFERING FRANCHISES FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, SINCE JANUARY 5, 2017. THEREFORE, THERE IS ONLY A BRIEF OPERATING HISTORY TO ASSIST YOU IN JUDGING WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE THIS INVESTMENT.
- 6 THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We currently do not use the services of any **FRANCHISE BROKERS** or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchise. If we do in the future, a franchise broker or referral source represents us, not you. We would pay this person a fee for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should make sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.

STATE EFFECTIVE DATES – 2017

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 Franchise Disclosure Document is registered, on file or exempt from registrations in the following states having franchise disclosure laws, with the following effective dates

<u>STATE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
California	Pending
Illinois	Pending
Indiana	January 23, 2017
Maryland	Pending
Minnesota	Pending
New York	Pending
North Dakota	Pending
Rhode Island	January 24, 2017
South Dakota	Pending
Virginia	Pending
Washington	Pending
Wisconsin	January 10, 2017

In all other states that do not require registration, the effective date of this Disclosure Document is the issuance date of January 5, 2017

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