



## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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The franchise offered is for the operation of a Chem-Dry business which provides carpet cleaning, upholstery cleaning, spot removal, protective services and other authorized services.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Chem-Dry franchised business is \$16,550 to \$162,457. This includes \$18,000 (for existing franchisees) to \$89,456, which will vary based upon the applicable package described in Item 5, which 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 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. **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 for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact your sales representative at 124 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Suite 300, Nashville, TN 37203, 800-841-6583 or 877-307-8233.

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 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 <a href="https://www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a> 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:

THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO ARBITRATE WITH US ONLY IN TENNESSEE OR UTAH. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US IN TENNESSEE OR UTAH THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.

THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT TENNESSEE 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. SOME STATE FRANCHISE LAWS PROVIDE THAT CHOICE OF LAW PROVISIONS ARE VOID OR SUPERSEDED. YOU MAY WANT TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER YOU ARE PROTECTED BY A STATE FRANCHISE LAW. YOU SHOULD REVIEW ANY ADDENDA OR RIDERS ATTACHED TO THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT FOR DISCLOSURES REGARDING STATE FRANCHISE LAWS.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE FRANCHISOR'S LIABILITIES EXCEED ITS TANGIBLE ASSETS, WHICH MAY ENTAIL ADDITIONAL RISK OF FINANCIAL LOSS.

THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We use the services of one or more FRANCHISE BROKERS or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchise. A franchise broker or referral source represents us, not you. We pay this person a fee for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should be sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.

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## STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

| <u>State</u>  | Effective Date |
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| California:   |                |
| Hawaii:       |                |
| Illinois:     |                |
| Indiana:      |                |
| Maryland:     |                |
| Michigan:     |                |
| Minnesota:    |                |
| New York:     |                |
| North Dakota: |                |
| Rhode Island: |                |
| South Dakota: |                |
| Virginia:     |                |
| Washington:   |                |
| Wisconsin:    |                |

In all other states, the effective date of this franchise disclosure document is the issuance date of April 1, 2018.

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