

FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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The franchise offered in this disclosure document is for the rights to own and/or operate an ECONO LODGE® or ECONO LODGE INN & SUITES® (“ECONO LODGE”) hotel business.

The total investment necessary to convert an existing hotel and begin operation of a 63-room ECONO LODGE hotel franchise is between \$208,275 and \$938,645. This includes an affiliation fee of \$250 per room for new franchises, \$500 per room for transfers and renewals (\$25,000 minimum for new franchises, \$30,000 for transfers and renewals); a brand activation fee of approximately \$8,000 to \$17,000; and orientation and hospitality training fees of between \$0 and \$3,145 per person, all of which are paid to the Franchisor or its affiliates. These sums do not include the cost of any real estate taxes.

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read this disclosure document and all 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, us or our affiliates 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 for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Tom Nee, Vice President, Foundation Brands Development at (301) 592-5000, 1 Choice Hotels Circle, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

The terms of your franchise agreement will govern your franchise relationship. Do not rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your franchise agreement. Read all of your franchise agreement carefully. Show your franchise agreement 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 us to register or file with a state administrator before offering or selling franchises in your state. REGISTRATION OF THIS 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 administrators listed in Exhibit B for information about us or 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 FRANCHISE 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. EXCEPT FOR CLAIMS AGAINST YOU FOR INDEMNIFICATION AND ACTIONS SEEKING TO STOP YOU FROM USING OUR MARKS IN VIOLATION OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES THAT ALL DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN US BE SETTLED BY ARBITRATION. ALL ARBITRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN MARYLAND. 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 MARYLAND THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.

2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT MARYLAND 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. YOU MAY WANT TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER YOU ARE PROTECTED BY A STATE FRANCHISE LAW. YOU SHOULD REVIEW THE ADDENDA ATTACHED TO THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT FOR CERTAIN DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY STATE FRANCHISE LAWS.

3. AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018, CHOICE HAD \$243,784,000 IN CURRENT ASSETS AND HAD \$318,439,000 IN CURRENT LIABILITIES. THIS MEANS THAT FOR EVERY DOLLAR OF LIABILITIES DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR, CHOICE HAD \$0.77 IN CURRENT ASSETS. AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018, CHOICE HAD A NET INCOME OF \$216,355,000, BUT A SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT OF \$183,772,000, WHICH IS PRIMARILY ATTRIBUTABLE TO OUR REPURCHASE OF 50.5 MILLION SHARES OF TREASURY STOCK THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2018. YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISER.

4. THE TERRITORY IS NOT EXCLUSIVE. YOU MAY FACE COMPETITION FROM OTHER FRANCHISEES, FROM FRANCHISOR OWNED OUTLETS OR FROM OTHER CHANNELS OF DISTRIBUTION OR COMPETITIVE BRANDS FRANCHISOR CONTROLS.

5. WHILE THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT HAS A TERM OF TWENTY YEARS, THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR A TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE BY EITHER PARTY ON THE 5TH, 10TH OR 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING DATE.

6. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT FRANCHISOR HAS SOLE DISCRETION TO MODIFY, ADD TO, OR DISCONTINUE USE OF THE BRAND MARK OR TO SUBSTITUTE DIFFERENT PROPRIETARY MARKS FOR THE USE IN IDENTIFYING THE SYSTEM AND/OR THE HOTEL AND FRANCHISEE SHALL BEAR ALL THE COSTS OF COMPLYING WITH SUCH CHANGE.

6. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS FOR THIS FRANCHISE.

We use the services of one or more FRANCHISE BROKERS or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchises. A franchise broker or referral source represents us, not you. We pay this

person a fee for selling our franchises or referring you to us. You should be sure to do your own investigation of our franchises.

This disclosure document is for use in the United States and its territories. The following page contains the effective dates of this disclosure document for each state with its own franchise registration law.

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