

#### FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

## ELEMENTS THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE, INC.

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# therapeutic massage

Elements Therapeutic Massage, Inc. offers franchises for the operation of studios under the name Elements Therapeutic Massage<sup>®</sup> offering various forms of therapeutic massage services and any related future services and products. The total initial investment necessary to begin operation of an Elements Therapeutic Massage studio ranges from \$233,300 - \$399,500. This includes the \$52,004 that you must pay to us or our affiliates.

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 franchise agreement with, or make any payment to, the franchisor or 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 the Elements Therapeutic Massage, Inc. Franchise Development Department at 9092 S. Ridgeline Blvd., Suite A, Highlands Ranch, CO, (877) 663-0880.

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 ("FTC"). 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. (See Exhibit E.)

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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 <u>Exhibit E</u> 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 THAT ALL DISAGREEMENTS AND DISPUTES BE SETTLED BY BINDING ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION IN THE STATE IN WHICH OUR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IS CURRENTLY LOCATED, WHICH IS CURRENTLY DENVER, COLORADO. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE OR LITIGATE WITH US IN OUR HOME STATE RATHER THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- 2. COLORADO LAW GOVERNS THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US AND YOU. THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3. IF YOU ARE A CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR OTHER BUSINESS ENTITY, YOUR OWNERS WILL HAVE TO GUARANTY YOUR OBLIGATIONS AND BE BOUND BY THE PROVISIONS OF OUR FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. IF THE OWNER IS A RESIDENT OF A STATE WHICH REQUIRES SPOUSAL CONSENT TO ENCUMBER THE ASSETS OF A MARITAL ESTATE, THEN THE OWNER'S SPOUSE MUST CONSENT TO THE GUARANTY, WHICH PLACES THE SPOUSE'S MARITAL ASSETS AT RISK.
- 4. 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.

Effective Date: See the next page for state effective dates



## **STATE EFFECTIVE DATES**

The following states require that the 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 effective date: April 2, 2013

Hawaii effective date: April 4, 2013

Illinois effective date: March 28, 2013

Indiana effective date: March 28, 2013

Maryland effective date: , 2013

Michigan effective date: March 28, 2013

Minnesota effective date: April 1, 2013

New York effective date: April 5, 2013

North Dakota effective date: April 11, 2013

Rhode Island effective date: April 1, 2013

South Dakota effective date: March 28, 2013

Virginia effective date: April 11, 2013

Washington effective date: April 3, 2013

Wisconsin effective date: March 28, 2013

In all other states that do not require registration, the effective date of this Disclosure Document is the issuance date of March 28, 2013.

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