

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

### ELEVATION FRANCHISE VENTURES, LLC

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We offer franchises for the operation of “Elevation Burger” restaurants offering hamburgers, fries and milkshakes using fresh and organic ingredients on a dine-in and carry-out basis.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of an Elevation Burger franchised business is \$383,500 to \$771,500. This includes \$35,000 that must be paid to the franchisor and/or its affiliate, as appropriate, for each unit developed.

If you are an area developer, you will pay a Territory Fee equal of \$17,500 for each restaurant to be developed under the Area Development Agreement, in addition to an initial franchise fee of \$17,500 per unit. Your estimated initial investment will vary based on the number of restaurants to be developed.

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.**

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 Hans Hess at 4100 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 730, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and 703-243-7894.

You may have elected to receive an electronic version of your disclosure document. If so, you may wish to print or download the disclosure document for future reference. You have the right to receive a paper copy of the disclosure document until the time of sale. To obtain a paper copy, contact Hans Hess at 4100 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 730, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and 703-243-7894.

The terms of your contract(s) will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract(s). Read all of your contract(s) carefully. Review your contract(s) and this disclosure document with an advisor or advisors, like a lawyer and 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, DC 20580. You can also visit the FTC’s home page at [www.ftc.gov](http://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 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 TO RENEW.**

Please consider the following **RISK FACTORS** before you buy this franchise:

1. **THE FRANCHISE AND AREA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS REQUIRE YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY ARBITRATION ONLY IN VIRGINIA. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US IN VIRGINIA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.**
2. **THE FRANCHISE AND AREA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS STATE THAT VIRGINIA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENTS, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.**
3. **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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