

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

Choice Hotels International, Inc. a Delaware corporation 1 Choice Hotels Circle, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland 20850 (301) 592-5000 e-mail: development@choicehotels.com <u>https://choicehotelsdevelopment.com</u>



EXTENDED STAY BY CHOICE HOTELS

The franchise offered in this disclosure document is for the rights to own and/or operate an Everhome Suites<sup>TM</sup> ("EVERHOME SUITES") hotel business. Some franchisees may be awarded a Master Development Agreement, which will allow them to develop multiple properties over a period of time in an agreed upon territory.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a 113-room newly constructed EVERHOME SUITES hotel franchise is between 10,195,925-12,101,969. This includes up to 67,895 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliates as follows: an affiliation fee of 50,000 for properties with 113 rooms or less (plus 300/per room for each additional room and 550 per room for transfers and renewals); a property management system software license and systems training fee of between 10,750 and 14,750; and orientation and hospitality training fees of 0 - 3,145 per person. These sums do not include the cost of purchasing or leasing land or any real estate taxes. Moreover, pursuant to a Construction Advisory Services Agreement, you are required to pay a fee of 20,000 for five site visits by us payable in one lump sum at the time you start construction of your hotel.

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 Ron Burgett, Vice President, Franchise Development, Extended Stay at (301) 628-5850, 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 "<u>A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise</u>," 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 <u>www.ftc.gov</u> 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.

Issuance Date: April 1, 2020, as amended August 3, 2020



## How to Use This Franchise Disclosure Document

Here are some questions you may be asking about buying a franchise and tips on how to find more information:

QUESTION	WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION
How much can I earn? How much will I need to invest?	Item 19 may give you information about outlet sales, costs, profits or losses. You should also try to obtain this information from others, like current and former franchisees. We had no open franchises as of the date of this franchise disclosure document. Items 5 and 6 list fees you will be paying to the franchisor or at Choice's direction. Item 7 lists the initial investment to open. Item 8 describes the
Does the franchisor have the financial ability to provide support to my business?	suppliers you must use. Exhibit C includes financial statements. Review these statements carefully.
Is the franchise system stable, growing, or shrinking?	Item 20 summarizes the recent history of the number of company-owned and franchised outlets.
Will my Everhome Suites business be the only Everhome Suites business in my area?	Item 12 and the "territory" provisions in the franchise agreement describe whether the franchisor and other franchisees can compete with you.
Does the franchisor have a troubled legal history?	Items 3 and 4 tell you whether the franchisor or its management have been involved in material litigation or bankruptcy proceedings.
What is it like to be an Everhome Suites franchisee?	We had no open franchises as of the date of this franchise disclosure document.
What else should I know?	These questions are only a few things you should look for. Review all 23 Items and all Exhibits in this disclosure document to better understand this franchise opportunity. See the table of contents.



## What You Need to Know About Franchising Generally

**Continuing responsibility to pay fees.** You may have to pay royalties and other fees even if you are losing money.

**Business model can change** The franchise agreement may allow the franchisor to change its manuals and business model without your consent. These changes may require you to make additional investments in your franchise business or may harm your franchise business.

**Supplier restrictions** You may have to buy or lease items from the franchisor or a limited group of suppliers the franchisor designates. These items may be more expensive than similar items you could buy on your own.

**Operating restrictions** The franchise agreement may prohibit you from operating a similar business during the term of the franchise. There are usually other restrictions. Some examples may include controlling your location your access to customers, what sell, how you market and your hours of operation.

**Competition from franchisor** Even if the franchise agreement grants you a territory, the franchisor may have the right to compete with you in your territory.

**Renewal** Your franchise agreement may not permit you to renew. Even if it does, you may have to sign a new agreement with different terms and conditions in order to continue to operate your franchise business.

When your franchise ends The franchise agreement may prohibit you from operating a similar business after your franchise ends even if you still have obligations to your landlord or other creditors.

## Some States Require Registration

Your state may have a franchise law, or other law, that requires franchisors to register before offering or selling franchises in the state. Registration does not mean that the state recommends the franchise or has verified the information in this document. To find out if your state has a registration requirement, or to contact your state, use the agency information in Exhibit B.

Your state also may have laws that require special disclosures or amendments be made to your franchise agreement. If so, you should check the State Specific Addenda. See the Table of Contents for the location of the State Specific Addenda. This is a document preview downloaded from FranchisePanda.com. The full document is available for free by visiting: https://franchisepanda.com/franchises/everhome-suites-choice-hotels