

FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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FlatTop Grill® Restaurants feature fresh Asian-style cooking and a create-your-own menu in a casual, family friendly environment

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a franchised FlatTop Grill® Restaurant is \$964,500 to \$1,221,500. This includes \$40,000 that must be paid to Flat Top Grill Development Company, LLC or an affiliate. When you sign the Area Development Agreement, you must also pay Flat Top Grill Development Company, LLC a Development Fee equal to \$20,000 multiplied by the number of FlatTop Grill® Restaurants you must develop in your Territory.

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, Flat Top Grill Development Company, LLC or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. **Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this Disclosure 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 William Van Epps, President, Flat Top Grill Development Company, LLC, 303 W Erie, 6th Floor Chicago, IL, 60654, 312-284-6500.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not 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 (the "FTC"). 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 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 franchises 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 the State Agency Exhibit for information about Flat Top Grill Development Company, LLC 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 YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH FLAT TOP GRILL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC BY ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION ONLY IN ILLINOIS. OUT-OF-STATE ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE OR LITIGATE WITH FLAT TOP GRILL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC IN ILLINOIS THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2 THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT DELAWARE LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTION AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3 THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

Effective Date See next page for state effective dates

STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states require that the Franchise 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 Franchise 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	<u>Not Effective - Pending</u>	Nebraska	<u>Not Effective - Pending</u>
Connecticut	<u>Not Effective</u>	New York	<u>Not Effective</u>
Florida	<u>August 31, 2012</u>	North Dakota	<u>Not Effective - Pending</u>
Hawaii	<u>Not Effective - Pending</u>	Rhode Island	<u>Not Effective - Pending</u>
Illinois	<u>July 25, 2012</u>	South Dakota	<u>Not Effective - Pending</u>
Indiana	<u>June 18, 2012</u>	Texas	<u>August 31, 2012</u>
Kentucky	<u>Not Effective - Pending</u>	Utah	<u>Not Effective - Pending</u>
Maryland	<u>Not Effective</u>	Virginia	<u>Not Effective</u>
Michigan	<u>August 31, 2012</u>	Washington	<u>Not Effective - Pending</u>
Minnesota	<u>Not Effective</u>	Wisconsin	<u>August 30, 2012</u>

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Alabama	Idaho	Montana	Oregon
Alaska	Iowa	Nevada	Pennsylvania
Arizona	Kansas	New Hampshire	South Carolina
Arkansas	Louisiana	New Jersey	Tennessee
Colorado	Maine	New Mexico	Vermont
Delaware	Massachusetts	North Carolina	West Virginia
District of Columbia	Mississippi	Ohio	Wyoming
Georgia	Missouri	Oklahoma	

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