

# FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

#### FLOWER TENT®

# FLOWER TENT USA, INC.

A Pennsylvania Corporation P.O. Box 1675 Kingston, PA 18704 1-877-356-9700 www.flowertent.com

The franchisee will operate a retail outlet ("Flower Tent Business") that offers quality fresh flowers, plants, and related items for sale to the general public at a fair price.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Flower Tent franchise ranges from \$18,200 to \$82,200. This includes \$6,000 to 16,000 that must be paid to Flower Tent USA, Inc. If you enter into a Development Agreement to develop multiple Flower Tent Businesses, you also will pay to us a Development Fee, which is credited against your Initial Franchise Fee, in the amount of \$7,500 for your first business, \$5,000 for your second business and \$2,500 for any subsequent business(es) that you commit to develop. You are required to commit to develop a minimum of four Flower Tent Businesses under the Development Agreement.

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, the franchisor or an 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 Thomas F. Ansilio, Jr., President, Flower Tent USA, Inc. at 1-877-356-9700.

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 "Buying a Franchise, A Consumer's Guide," 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 franchise administrator before offering or selling 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 your state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit E for information about us 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. EXCEPT FOR CONTROVERSIES OR DISPUTES WHERE PROVISIONAL OR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF IS SOUGHT, THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY ARBITRATION ONLY IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA. 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 PENNSYLVANIA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT PENNSYLVANIA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT. 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.

The Effective Date: See the 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:

Illinois:

Indiana:

Maryland

Michigan:

New York:

Rhode Island:

Virginia:

In all other states, the effective date of this Franchise Disclosure Document is the issuance date of March 20, 2014.

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