

Department of **Business** Oversight

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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GJG CA LLC is a master franchisee of G.J. Gardner Homes (USA) Pty Ltd (the "Franchisor"). In its dual capacity as a master franchisee of the Franchisor and the subfranchisor of the franchises being offered in this Disclosure Document, GJG CA LLC offers individual franchises for a "G.J. Gardner Homes" business (a "Business"), which is a management system for a home construction business, featuring a distinctive method, style and system of home-building.

The total initial investment necessary to begin operation of a Business ranges from \$100,450 to \$102,700. This includes \$75,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or affiliate(s).

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 Greg Dettwiler at 4381 Gateway Park Blvd #560, Sacramento CA 95834, telephone 858 309 2545.

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. 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.

The issuance date of this Franchise Disclosure Document is \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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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 C 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.

Risk factors:

- \*1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT PERMITS THE FRANCHISEE TO LITIGATE AND MEDIATE ONLY IN CALIFORNIA. OUT OF STATE LITIGATION OR MEDIATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO ARBITRATE OR MEDIATE WITH THE FRANCHISOR IN CALIFORNIA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- \*2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT THE LAW OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, 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.

\* Local law may supersede these agreement provisions. Certain states require the superseding provisions to appear in an addendum to this disclosure document (see Exhibits I and J of this disclosure document).

4. Your spouse must also sign a personal guarantee making your spouse individually liable for your financial obligations under the agreement. The guarantee will place your spouse's marital and personal assets at risk if your franchise fails.

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:

STATES	EFFECTIVE DATE
California	

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