



## Franchise Disclosure Document Franchise Agreement



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## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

## **GN INDEPENDENTS, INC.**

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The two franchises offered are for the establishment of either a carryout and delivery restaurant or a dinein restaurant and bar.

The total investment necessary to begin operations of Glass Nickel Pizza Co.® Restaurant carryout and delivery franchise is \$225,500 to \$651,250. This includes \$25,500 that must be paid to the franchisor or affiliate. The total investment necessary to begin operations of a Glass Nickel Pizza Co.® Restaurant dine-in and bar franchise is \$432,100 to \$817,900. This includes \$35,500 that must be paid to the franchisor or affiliate.

1. This Disclosure Document summarizes certain provision 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.

2. 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 Megan Nicholson, 2916 Atwood Ave., Madison, Wisconsin, 53704 (608) 332-7211.

3. The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on this 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.

4. 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 www.ftc.gov for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

5. 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 THE 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 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 THAT MOST DISPUTES BE SUBMITTED TO ARBITRATION IN DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN. 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 WISCONSIN THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT WISCONSIN LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND WISCONSIN LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS YOUR STATE'S LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

The Effective Date for this Franchise Disclosure Document is listed in Exhibit A for your state.

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