

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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You will own and operate a Gold Coast Dogs restaurant which offers for sale to the general public hot dog, hamburger, and other sandwiches, french fries, salads, and other approved menu items using the service marks and trade secrets owned by Gold Coast Dogs Franchise Systems, Inc. Gold Coast Dogs restaurants offer "on the premises" consumption, as well as "carry-out" and, in certain circumstances, "delivery" services.

The total estimated required initial investment ranges from \$131,700 to \$511,500. This includes \$12,500.00 that must be paid to the franchisor. If you wish to develop multiple franchises within a certain geographic area, you may (at our discretion) sign an "Area Development Agreement." The non-refundable development fee, which is payable in full at the time the Area Development Agreement is signed, is \$5,000 for each restaurant for which development rights are granted. The development fee shall be credited or applied towards the \$12,500 or \$7,500 franchise fee for each corresponding restaurant.

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 government agency has verified the information contained in this document.**

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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 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 Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the Federal Trade Commission at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580. You can visit the Federal Trade Commission's home page at [www.ftc.gov](http://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 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 Illinois Attorney General's Office, Franchise Division (217/782-4465), 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 YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY ARBITRATION ONLY IN ILLINOIS. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US IN ILLINOIS THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT ILLINOIS LAW GOVERNS THE FRANCHISE 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.

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