



## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

**GOLDFISH SWIM SCHOOL FRANCHISING LLC** 

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The franchise offered is for the establishment and operation of a swim school that provides specialized quality swim instruction and superior customer service to its clients. The franchise aims to service local markets by offering group and private swim lessons as well as birthday parties, open swim times, swim clinics and many other aquatic activities to children aged 4 months to 12 years in a fun and colorful environment. The franchise will also service its clients by offering a snack bar and retail area.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Goldfish Swim School franchise is \$1,355,283 to \$3,266,858. This includes \$50,000 - 60,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliate(s).

The total investment necessary to begin operations as a Goldfish Swim School Area Developer is at least \$1,375,283 to \$3,286,858, depending upon the number of Swim Schools you develop. This estimate includes, as a Development fee, the Initial Franchise Fee of \$50,000 for the first Swim School and one-half of the initial franchise fee for one subsequent Swim School at the reduced rate of \$40,000. You would pay an additional \$20,000 for each subsequent Swim School to be developed under the Area Development Agreement as part of your Development Fee and the remaining half of the Initial Franchise Fee for each additional Swim School developed when you sign each franchise agreement. In addition, if you sign an Area Development Agreement, you will also sign the Franchise Agreement for your first Swim School.

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 Chris McCuiston, 2701 Industrial Row Drive, Troy, Michigan 48084, (800) 856-5120.

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.

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.

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## How to Use This Franchise Disclosure Document

Here are some questions you may be asking about buying a franchise and tips on how to find more information:

QUESTION	WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION
How much can I earn?	Item 19 may give you information about outlet sales, costs, profits or losses. You should also try to obtain this information from others, like current and former franchisees. You can find their names and contact information in Item 20 or Exhibit G.
How much will I need to invest?	Items 5 and 6 list fees you will be paying to the franchisor or at the franchisor's direction. Item 7 lists the initial investment to open. Item 8 describes the suppliers you must use.
Does the franchisor have the financial ability to provide support to my business?	Item 21 or Exhibit F includes financial statements. Review these statements carefully.
Is the franchise system stable, growing, or shrinking?	Item 20 summarizes the recent history of the number of company-owned and franchised outlets.
Will my business be the only Goldfish Swim School business in my area?	Item 12 and the "territory" provisions in the franchise agreement describe whether the franchisor and other franchisees can compete with you.
Does the franchisor have a troubled legal history?	Items 3 and 4 tell you whether the franchisor or its management have been involved in material litigation or bankruptcy proceedings.
What's it like to be an Goldfish Swim School franchisee?	Item 20 or Exhibit G lists current and former franchisees. You can contact them to ask about their experiences.
What else should I know?	These questions are only a few things you should look for. Review all 23 Items and all Exhibits in this disclosure document to better understand this franchise opportunity. See the table of contents.

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