

Franchise Disclosure Document



GUARDSMAN FURNITURE PRO

THE VALSPAR CORPORATION
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The franchisee will provide one or both of the following furniture repair services:

- Wood Services - repair and refinish wood furniture and wood products;
- Upholstery Services - clean and repair leather and upholstered furniture.

The total estimated initial investment necessary to begin operation of a Guardsman FurniturePro® business is \$16,500 to \$57,000. This includes \$12,000 to \$18,000 that must be paid to us.

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.**

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 Stuart Graff, The Valspar Corporation, PO Box 1461, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440, (800) 253-3957.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not 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 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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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 IS CORRECT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit F 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 MEDIATION OR ARBITRATION ONLY IN MICHIGAN. 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 MICHIGAN THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT MICHIGAN LAW 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.

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STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states require that the 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 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:

State	Effective Date	State	Effective Date
California	March 20,18, 2013 2014	North Dakota	March 20,19, 2013 2014
Illinois	March 20,18, 2013 2014	Rhode Island	March 21,19, 2013 2014
Indiana	March 20,18, 2013 2014	South Dakota	March 20,19, 2013 2014
Maryland	March 22,21, 2013 2014	Virginia	May 30, 2013 Pending
Michigan	March 20,18, 2013 2014	Washington	March 26, 2013 Pending
Minnesota	April 1, 2013 Pending	Wisconsin	March 20,19, 2013 2014
New York	March 20,18, 2013 2014		

In the states listed below, the effective date (issuance date) of this disclosure document is March ~~20, 2013-18, 2014~~.

Alabama	Kentucky	North Carolina
Alaska	Louisiana	Ohio
Arizona	Maine	Oklahoma
Arkansas	Massachusetts	Oregon
Colorado	Mississippi	Pennsylvania
Connecticut	Missouri	South Carolina
Delaware	Montana	Tennessee
District of Columbia	Nebraska	Texas
Florida	Nevada	Utah
Georgia	New Hampshire	Vermont
Idaho	New Jersey	West Virginia
Iowa	New Mexico	Wyoming
Kansas		

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