



## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

Hawthorn Suites Franchising, Inc.

A Georgia Corporation

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[www.hawthorn.com](http://www.hawthorn.com)

The franchise offered is to operate an upper-end lodging hotel known as Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham<sup>®</sup>. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a new construction, 76-room Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham hotel ranges from \$7,220,770 to \$11,327,350, plus real property parcel costs. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a conversion 100-room Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham hotel ranges from \$220,170 to \$2,752,900. The above amounts include from \$46,400 to \$47,900 that must be paid to the franchisor or an affiliate.

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 or grant. **Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this document.**

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.

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 Franchise Development Department, Hawthorn Suites Franchising, Inc., 22 Sylvan Way, Parsippany, NJ 07054 or call (800) 758-8999.

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](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 state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit B 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 LICENSE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO SUE US ONLY NEAR OUR THEN CURRENT PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ADDRESS (CURRENTLY, PARSIPPANY, NEW JERSEY). OUT OF STATE LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO LITIGATE WITH US IN THE STATE WHERE OUR THEN CURRENT PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ADDRESS IS LOCATED (CURRENTLY NEW JERSEY) THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
2. THE LICENSE AGREEMENT REQUIRES THAT NEW JERSEY 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. THE FRANCHISOR IS NOT THE OWNER OF THE PRINCIPAL TRADEMARK. THE FRANCHISOR HAS THE RIGHT TO FRANCHISE AND LICENSE THE PRINCIPAL TRADEMARK UNDER AGREEMENTS WITH THE TRADEMARK OWNERS, WHO ARE THE PARENT AND AN AFFILIATE OF THE FRANCHISOR.
4. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

EFFECTIVE DATE: See the next page for the effective dates of this Franchise Disclosure Document in the franchise registration states.

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