



## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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The franchises offered are for the right to operate a business to buy, sell and rehabilitate residential and commercial properties and provide certain services to buyers and sellers. Full franchises ("Full Franchises") have a higher initial fee and lower ongoing fees than associate franchises ("Associate Franchises"), either of which may be operated on a full-time or part-time basis.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Full Franchise HomeVestors Business is \$81,000 to \$347,250. This includes \$55,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or affiliate.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of an Associate Franchise HomeVestors Business is \$44,000 to \$285,250. This includes \$18,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or 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. **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 the Vice President, General Counsel at 6500 Greenville Avenue, Suite 400, Dallas, Texas 75206 and (972) 761-0046 ext. 133.

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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## 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 FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY MEDIATION OR ARBITRATION ONLY IN TEXAS. OUT OF STATE MEDIATION, ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE, ARBITRATE OR LITIGATE WITH US IN TEXAS THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE. CERTAIN STATE LAWS SUPERSEDE THE LITIGATION PROVISION.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT TEXAS LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTION AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3. YOUR SPOUSE MUST ALSO SIGN A PERSONAL GUARANTY MAKING YOUR SPOUSE JOINTLY AND INDEPENDENTLY LIABLE FOR THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. THE GUARANTEE WILL PLACE YOUR SPOUSE'S MARITAL AND PERSONAL ASSETS AT RISK IF YOUR FRANCHISE FAILS.
- 4. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We use the services of one or more FRANCHISE BROKERS or referral services to assist us in selling our franchise. A franchise broker or referral source represents us, not you. We pay this person a fee for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should be sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.



## STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states require that this 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 either not registered or registered, on file or exempt from registration in the following states having franchise registration and disclosure laws, with the following effective dates:

California-Pending Hawaii-Pending Illinois-Pending5 Pending Indiana-Pending Maryland-Michigan-April 23, 2016 Minnesota-Pending New York-January 4, 2010, amended Pending Pending North Dakota-Pending Rhode Island-Pending South Dakota-Virginia-Pending Washington-Pending Wisconsin-Pending

This Disclosure Document is not required to be registered in the following states, but an exemption has been filed as required by the state's business opportunity laws and this Disclosure Document is effective as of the date specified below:

Florida- January 22, 2016
Kentucky- Date of Issuance
Nebraska- Date of Issuance
Texas- Date of Issuance
Utah- Pending

In all other states this Disclosure Document is effective as of it Date of Issuance.

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