

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

## INS MARKET

INS Franchising, LP 238 Queen Street South, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Mississauga, Ontario L5M 1L6 908-826-0862 Franchising@internationalnews.ca.

Franchisor franchises the right to operate a newsstand retail outlet offering periodicals, tobacco, confection, and other products under the "INS", "INS Market", and "INS Marketplace" marks.

The total initial investment necessary to begin operation of a Store ranges from \$222,500 to \$300,500, which includes \$157,000 to \$207,000 you must pay directly to the franchisor or its affiliates prior to opening.

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 our corporate office at 238 Queen Street South, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Mississauga, Ontario L5M 1L6, 908-826-0862.

The terms of your Franchise Agreement will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contracts. Read all of your contracts carefully. Show your contracts 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 Virginia 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.

The Issue Date of this Franchise Disclosure Document ("FDD") is: April 30, 2015

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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 A to this Franchise Disclosure Document for information about the franchisor, about other franchisors, 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. AT OUR OPTION, THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE ALL DISPUTES WITH US BY MEDIATION ONLY IN PENNSYLVANIA. OUT OF STATE MEDIATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE WITH US IN PENNSYLVANIA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. ANY DISPUTES WITH US NOT SUBJECT TO MEDIATION MUST BE RESOLVED BY LITIGATION ONLY IN PENNSYLVANIA. IT MAY COST YOU MORE TO LITIGATE WITH US IN PENNSYLVANIA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 3. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT IT IS GOVERNED BY PENNSYLVANIA LAW. THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 4. IF THE FRANCHISEE IS A BUSINESS ENTITY, EACH SHAREHOLDER/PARTNER/MEMBER/MANAGER OF FRANCHISEE AND THE RESPECTIVE SPOUSES OF EACH INDIVIDUAL MUST EXECUTE A PERSONAL GUARANTY. THIS PLACES THE PERSONAL ASSETS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL AND THEIR SPOUSE AT RISK.
- 5. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We may use the services of one or more FRANCHISE BROKERS or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchise. A franchise broker or referral source is <u>our</u> agent and 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.

[Effective Dates for this Franchise Disclosure Document in the Registration States are Listed on the

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