

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 A](#) for information about the franchisor, or about franchising in your state. If you learn that anything in this disclosure document is untrue, contact the Federal Trade Commission and the state administrators listed on [Exhibit A](#).

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 AND THE AREA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT CONTAIN A MANDATORY BINDING ARBITRATION CLAUSE GOVERNING NEARLY ALL DISPUTES BETWEEN YOU AND US, AND ALSO PROVIDES FOR A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING AND MEDIATION TO SETTLE DISPUTES. THE FACE-TO-FACE MEETING, MEDIATION, BINDING ARBITRATION (AND ANY LITIGATION) AND ANY ARBITRATION APPEAL WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH OUR THEN-CURRENT HEADQUARTERS IS LOCATED, AND THAT MAY COST YOU MORE (AND BE LESS CONVENIENT) THAN IF THOSE PROCEEDINGS TOOK PLACE NEAR YOUR RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS. COSTS OF THE FACE-TO-FACE MEETING, MEDIATION, ARBITRATION AND ANY ARBITRATION APPEAL MAY BE GREATER THAN IN LITIGATION. YOU AND WE WILL GENERALLY BEAR EACH OF OUR OWN COSTS IN ANY DISPUTE, BUT THE ARBITRATOR CAN ASSESS COSTS (BUT NOT ATTORNEY'S FEES) AGAINST A LOSING PARTY. IF YOU ARE A CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, WE WILL REQUIRE EACH OWNER OF A 10% OR MORE INTEREST IN YOU AND HIS/HER SPOUSE TO SIGN A GUARANTY AND ASSUMPTION OF OBLIGATIONS OF YOUR OBLIGATIONS CAUSING EACH OWNER (AND THE OWNERS' SPOUSE) TO BECOME JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR THE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. THIS REQUIREMENT PLACES THE PERSONAL ASSETS OF OWNERS AND SPOUSES AT RISK.
2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA GOVERN THE AGREEMENT AND THAT LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE YOU WITH THE SAME RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS AS YOUR LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING COMPARISON OF THESE LAWS.
3. THE IT'S A GRIND BRAND HAS CLOSED SEVERAL STORES, AND IS EVALUATING THE SIZE, ECONOMIES OF SCALE AND GROWTH PROSPECTS OF THE CONCEPT. WE OR OUR AFFILIATES MAY EXPLORE GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS A GRIND, OR WE MAY PROPOSE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES, WHICH COULD INCLUDE CONVERTING THE BRAND AND NAME INTO A DIFFERENT CONCEPT. IF YOU PURCHASE AN ITS A GRIND FRANCHISE, AND WE LATER DECIDE TO CONVERT THE BRAND, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO CONVERT THE STORE AT YOUR EXPENSE
4. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THE FRANCHISE.

We 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 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.

The effective dates of this disclosure document in the states with franchise registration laws in which we have sought registration or exemption appear on the following page.

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