

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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Massage Heights businesses provide professional therapeutic massage and optional facial services to the general public through membership-based programs, and the sale of related products and services ("MH Business"). You may choose to develop and operate a Massage Heights area representative business, which: (i) operates a MH Business; and (ii) solicits, screens, recruits, develops, services, and supports third-party franchisees that operate MH Businesses within a specified territory.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Massage Heights area representative business will depend on the size of the territory licensed to the area representative. The general territory size holds approximately ten Massage Heights business, with the total investment necessary to begin operation ranging between \$478,940 and \$937,224. This includes between \$243,990 and \$577,474 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliate(s). The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Massage Heights area representative business with the optional facial services included with the Massage Heights business ranges between \$490,715 and \$950,356. This includes between \$251,265 and \$585,606 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliate(s).

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 a 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 Suzanne Lozano at 13750 US Hwy 281 North, Suite 230, San Antonio, TX 78232 and 210-402-0777.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't 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 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, DC 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 E** 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 PILOT RETREAT FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND AREA REPRESENTATIVE REQUIRE AGREEMENT YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY TEXAS. MEDIATION/ARBITRATION/LITIGATION ONLY IN **OUT-OF-STATE** MEDIATION/ARBITRATION/LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE/ARBITRATE/LITIGATE WITH US IN TEXAS THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE PILOT RETREAT FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND AREA REPRESENTATIVE AGREEMENT STATE 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 SIGN A DOCUMENT, SUCH AS A GUARANTEE, THAT MAKES YOUR SPOUSE LIABLE FOR YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE PILOT RETREAT FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND AREA REPRESENTATIVE AGREEMENT EVEN IF YOUR SPOUSE DOES NOT OWN ANY PART OF THE FRANCHISE BUSINESS. BOTH YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE'S MARITAL AND PERSONAL ASSETS, INCLUDING YOUR HOUSE, COULD BE LOST 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 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: See next page for state effective dates.



## STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states require 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 Franchise 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:

## **Effective Dates for States Requiring Registration and Notice Filings:**

| STATE        | EFFECTIVE DATE |
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| CALIFORNIA   | PENDING        |
| HAWAII       | PENDING        |
| ILLINOIS     | PENDING        |
| INDIANA      | PENDING        |
| MARYLAND     | PENDING        |
| MICHIGAN     | PENDING        |
| MINNESOTA    | PENDING        |
| NEW YORK     | PENDING        |
| NORTH DAKOTA | PENDING        |
| RHODE ISLAND | PENDING        |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | NOT REGISTERED |
| VIRGINIA     | PENDING        |
| WASHINGTON   | PENDING        |
| WISCONSIN    | PENDING        |

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