



# FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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You will operate a McAlister's Deli<sup>®</sup> restaurant (a "**Restaurant**"). McAlister's Deli<sup>®</sup> Restaurants are fast casual restaurants offering counter service, on-premises dining and take-out services and featuring a line of deli foods, including hot and cold deli sandwiches, baked potatoes, salads, soups, desserts, iced tea and other food and beverage products.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a franchised McAlister's Deli Restaurant (**"Traditional Restaurant**") ranges from \$579,000 to \$1,475,500. This includes \$35,000 that must be paid to us or our affiliates. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a franchised McAlister's Express Restaurant (**"Express Restaurant**") is \$183,000 to \$397,000. This includes \$15,000 that must be paid to us or our affiliates.

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 sales department at 5620 Glenridge Drive NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30342 and 888-855-DELI or requests@mcalisters.com.

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, 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 F to this Disclosure Document 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.

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.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

- 1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT PERMITS YOU TO ARBITRATE OR SUE ONLY IN GEORGIA. OUT-OF-STATE ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT ALSO MAY COST MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US OR SUE US IN GEORGIA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE. CERTAIN STATES HAVE LAWS THAT SUPERSEDE THIS REQUIREMENT. SEE THE STATE ADDENDA TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, AND THE STATE ADDENDA TO THE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT GEORGIA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT. THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS. EVEN THOUGH THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT GEORGIA LAW APPLIES, LOCAL LAW MAY SUPERSEDE THIS REQUIREMENT IN YOUR STATE. SEE THE STATE ADDENDA TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND THE STATE ADDENDA TO THE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.
- 3. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

The effective dates of this Franchise Disclosure Document in the states with franchise registration laws in which we have sought registration appear on the following page.

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