

## UNIFORM FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co. was formed in 1978 for the purpose of packaging and distributing nuts, dried fruits, trail mixes, candy and snack foods. This is done through a network of distributors (franchisees) working in specific areas and delivering product at regular intervals to consumers at their place of employment.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co. franchise is \$12,360 to \$13,100. This includes \$4,500 that must be paid to the Franchisor.

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 made 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.

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

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<u>www.ftc.gov</u> for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

## UNIFORM CONSENT TO SERVICE OF PROCESS

Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co. (a corporation) organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, irrevocably appoint as the officers of the States designated below and their successors in those offices, its attorney in those States for service of notice, process or pleading in an action or proceeding against it arising out of or in connection with the sale of franchises, or a violation of the franchise laws of that State and consents that an action or proceeding against it may be commenced in a court of competent jurisdiction and proper venue within that State by service of process upon this officer with the same effect as if the undersigned was organized or created under the laws of that State, and had lawfully been served with process in that State. Each state in which this application is or will be shortly on file is listed below, and a duplicate original bearing an original signature has been provided to that state.

X California: Commissioner of Corporations
Department of Corporations
320 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 750
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1105

X South Dakota: Director of Labor & Regulations

Division of Securities 123 s. Euclid, Suite 104 Pierre, S.D. 5750ol

X Minnesota: Commissioner of Commerce
Department of Commerce
133 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street

St. Paul, Minn. 55101 X Washington: Director of Financial Institutions

X Washington: Administrator, Division of Securities,
Department of Financial Institutions
PO Box 9033
Olympia, WA 98507-9033

Please mail or send a copy of any notice, process or pleading served under this consent to:

Mountain Man Nut & Fruit Co., 10338 S. Progress Way, Parker, Colorado 80134

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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 your State Specific Addendum 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 EITHER LITIGATION OR ARBITRATION IN THE STATE OF COLORADO. OUT OF STATE LITIGATION OR ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO LITIGATE OR ARBITRATE WITH US IN COLORADO THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT COLORADO LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

There are state specific addendums at the end of this Uniform Franchise Disclosure Document. You should refer to this section for additional information. The agent of service for process for your state is listed in the Additional Protection Addendum by state.

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