

# Mr. Smoothie Franchises, Inc.

### FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

### MR. SMOOTHIE®

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The franchise offered is for the operation of a restaurant under the name MR. SMOOTHIE® featuring juice and smoothies.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a MR. SMOOTHIE® franchise ranges from \$87,650 to \$377,400. This includes \$17,500 to \$20,000 which must be paid to the Franchisor.

This Franchise 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 government 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 Franchise 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 <a href="www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a> 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 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.

### **RISK FACTORS:**

- 1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE ALL MONETARY DISPUTES WITH US EXCLUDING ANY CLAIM CONCERNING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OR THE MARKS, BY ARBITRATION ONLY IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US IN MARYLAND THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT MARYLAND LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE YOU WITH THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS YOUR LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.



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3. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

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