

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

## **NM FRANCHISE OPERATIONS, LLC**

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This franchise is for the establishment and operation of a Neat Method® business providing professional organizing services for residential clients, that brings comfort, efficiency and style to one's home ("Neat Method® Franchise(s)").

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Neat Method® business is from \$8,000 to \$11,000. This amount includes the initial franchise fee of \$5,000, which is paid to us.

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 government 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 us at joinNEAT@neatmethod.com.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not 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, such as a lawyer or accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this disclosure document can help you make up your mind. Information on franchising, such as a "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 (the "FTC"). 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 administrators listed in Exhibit C 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 LITIGATION ONLY IN MISSISSIPPI OUT-OF-STATE LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO LITIGATE WITH US IN MISSISSIPPI THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT MISSISSIPPI 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. THE FRANCHISOR IS AT AN EARLY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND HAS A LIMITED OPERATING HISTORY. THIS FRANCHISE IS LIKELY TO BE A RISKIER INVESTMENT THAT A FRANCHISE IN A SYSTEM WITH A LONGER OPERATING HISTORY.
- 4. YOU MUST MEET A MINIMUM SIGNED CONTRACTS REQUIREMENT. YOUR INABILITY TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF ANY TERRITORIAL RIGHTS YOU ARE GRANTED, TERMINATION OF YOUR FRANCHISE, AND LOSS OF YOUR INVESTMENT.
- 5. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We may 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 these persons a fee for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should be sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.



## **STATE EFFECTIVE DATES**

The following franchise registration and business opportunity states require that a Franchise Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the state or be exempt from registration: California, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

This Franchise Disclosure Document is registered, on file or exempt from registration in the following states:

State	Effective Date
California	Pending
Florida	11/1/2017
Hawaii	Pending
Illinois	Pending
Indiana	Pending
Kentucky	11/13/2017
Maryland	Pending
Michigan	Pending
Minnesota	Pending
Nebraska	10/27/2017
North Dakota	Pending
New York	Pending
Texas	10/30/2017
Utah	10/13/2017
Rhode Island	Pending
South Dakota	Pending
Virginia	Pending
Washington	Pending
Wisconsin	Pending

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