

PAULIE GEE'S FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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The franchise that we offer is for a Paulie Gee's artisanal brick-oven pizza restaurant. Paulie Gee's restaurants feature and serve specialty artisanal brick-oven pizza with proprietary recipes, toppings, cheeses and sauces and Italian specialties served in a casual atmosphere that incorporates a specialized brick oven (a "Paulie Gee's Restaurant").

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Paulie Gee's Restaurant is \$356,000 to \$717,500. This includes \$15,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or the Franchisor's 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 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 form that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different forms, contact Paul Giannone, Paulie Gee's Franchising, LLC at 41 Challenger Drive, Staten Island, New York 10312.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read your entire 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 administration 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.

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Call the state franchise administrator listed in <u>Exhibit A</u> to this Franchise Disclosure Document for information about the franchisor, about other franchisors, 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 SUE PAULIE GEE'S FRANCHISING, LLC ONLY IN THE STATE WHERE PAULIE GEE'S FRANCHISING, LLC MAINTAINS ITS CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS WHICH IS CURRENTLY THE STATE OF NEW YORK. OUT OF STATE LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO SUE PAULIE GEE'S FRANCHISING, LLC IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT NEW YORK LAW GOVERNS EACH AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU SHOULD COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.
- 4. YOUR SPOUSE MUST SIGN A DOCUMENT, SUCH AS A GUARANTEE, THAT MAKES YOUR SPOUSE LIABLE FOR YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FRANCHISE 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.

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State Effective Dates

The following states require that the Franchise 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.

The 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:			
California	Michigan	South Dakota	
Hawaii	Minnesota Minnesota	Virginia	
Illinois	A New York	Washington	
Indiana	North Dakota	Wisconsin	
Maryland	Rhode Island	3	

In all other states the effective date of this Franchise Disclosure Document is the issuance date of: January 19, 2019

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