

Franchise Agreement



FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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The Franchisee will own and operate a PIP Center offering marketing, signs and printing services.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a PIP Center franchise ranges from \$227,981 to \$277,981, including \$25,000 (or \$7,500 for an existing PIP Center Franchisee who is acquiring an additional PIP Center Franchise Agreement) that must be paid to the franchisor as an initial franchise fee, and \$30,000 that must be paid to the franchisor for training and opening costs. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a limited service PIP Center ranges from \$50,500 to \$108,000, including \$1,000 that must be paid to the franchisor as an initial franchise fee.

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read this disclosure document and all 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 or grant. 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 disclosure document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising such as "Buying a Franchise: A Consumer's Guide" 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-FTCHELP 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 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 about franchising in your state, or if you learn that anything in the Disclosure Document is untrue.

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.

Special Risk Factors

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

1. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT PERMITS THE FRANCHISEE TO ARBITRATE/LITIGATE WITH THE FRANCHISOR ONLY IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. *OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO ARBITRATE OR LITIGATE WITH THE FRANCHISOR IN CALIFORNIA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT CALIFORNIA 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.
3. YOUR SPOUSE MUST ALSO SIGN A PERSONAL GUARANTY MAKING YOUR SPOUSE INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE AGREEMENT. THE GUARANTEE WILL PLACE YOUR SPOUSE'S MARITAL AND PERSONAL ASSETS AT RISK IF YOUR FRANCHISE FAILS.
4. THE TERRITORY IS NOT EXCLUSIVE. YOU MAY FACE COMPETITION FROM OTHER FRANCHISEES, FROM FRANCHISOR OWNED OUTLETS OR FROM OTHER CHANNELS OF DISTRIBUTION OR COMPETITIVE BRANDS THAT FRANCHISOR CONTROLS.

*See Multi-State Addendum to Disclosure Document and Franchise Agreement for laws in your state, which may override this and other provisions of this Disclosure Document and the Franchise Agreement.

Effective Dates: See next page for State Effective Dates.

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