

FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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You will offer individualized weight management programs, goods and services from a retail location.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a PROFILE SANFORD® franchise is approximately from \$363,500 to \$607,000 for a stand-alone store and approximately \$150,000 to \$293,000 for an in-facility store. This includes approximately \$303,500 to \$425,000 for a stand-alone store, and approximately \$119,000 to \$212,500 for an in-facility store that must be paid to us or our affiliates.

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 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 to 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 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 D 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 MEDIATION THEN ARBITRATION (AND IN CERTAIN CASES LITIGATION) ONLY IN THE CITY OF OUR THEN-CURRENT PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS. OUT-OF-STATE ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION MAY ENCOURAGE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE OR LITIGATE WITH US IN SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT SOUTH DAKOTA 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. THE FRANCHISOR HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, SINCE SEPTEMBER 27, 2013. THEREFORE, THERE IS ONLY A BRIEF OPERATING HISTORY TO ASSIST YOU IN JUDGING WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE THIS INVESTMENT.
- 4. WE HAVE LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES WHICH MIGHT NOT BE ADEQUATE TO FUND OUR PRE-OPENING OBLIGATIONS TO EACH FRANCHISEE AND PAY OPERATING EXPENSES.
- 5. THE FRANCHISEE WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE AN ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT RANGING FROM APPROXIMATELY \$364,500 to \$607,000 FOR A STAND-ALONE STORE, AND APPROXIMATELY \$150,000 TO \$293,000 FOR AN IN-FACILITY STORE. THIS AMOUNT EXCEEDS THE FRANCHISOR'S MEMBER EQUITY AS OF JUNE 30, 2016, WHICH IS \$150,000.
- 6. THE FRANCHISOR HAS MINIMUM SALES PERFORMANCE STANDARDS THAT YOU MUST MAINTAIN. IF YOU FAIL TO DO SO, YOU COULD LOSE YOUR PROTECTED TERRITORY OR THE FRANCHISOR COULD TERMINATE YOUR AGREEMENT AND YOU COULD LOSE YOUR INVESTMENT.

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7. YOUR SPOUSE OR LEGAL DOMESTIC PARTNER MUST SIGN A DOCUMENT THAT MAKES YOUR SPOUSE OR LEGAL DOMESTIC PARTNER JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, EVEN THOUGH YOUR SPOUSE OR LEGAL DOMESTIC PARTNER HAS NO OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS. THIS GUARANTEE WILL PLACE BOTH YOUR AND YOUR SPOUSE'S MARITAL (OR YOUR AND YOUR LEGAL DOMESTIC PARTNER'S PARTNERSHIP) AND PERSONAL ASSETS, INCLUDING YOUR HOUSE, AT RISK IF YOUR FRANCHISE FAILS.

8. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

Certain state laws may supersede these provisions. See State Addenda in Exhibit E for a summary of some of these laws.

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 this person for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should be sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.

Effective Date: See the next page for state effective dates.

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