

FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT


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Ringmaster Society LLC is offering two franchise models for the operation of a maker-space-meets-bar business under the name UPSTAIRS CIRCUS®, where people can gather together to create unique leather working, woodworking, jewelry making, art, and other design DIY projects while enjoying their favorite craft cocktails, mocktails, beer and wine. The difference between our two models is the DIY Bar model is in a central, urban location within a large metropolitan area while the DIY Studio model may be in a smaller metropolitan area's urban center or a suburban area. The DIY Studio model is often a supplemental outlet to a DIY Bar model.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of an UPSTAIRS CIRCUS DIY Bar model franchise ranges from \$387,900 to \$590,750, which includes between \$70,000 and \$80,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliates for a franchisee's first UPSTAIRS CIRCUS Business. The total investment necessary to begin operation of an UPSTAIRS CIRCUS DIY Studio model franchise ranges from \$240,300 to \$325,150, which includes between \$60,000 and \$65,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliates for a franchisee's first UPSTAIRS CIRCUS Business.

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 understand how to use this Franchise 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 Attachment J 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 ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION ONLY IN COLORADO. OUT-OF-STATE ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE OR LITIGATE WITH US IN COLORADO THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.**

2. **THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT COLORADO 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. **THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.**

Note: The agreement provisions referred to in the risk factors may be void under some state franchise laws. See the State Specific Addenda, which is attached to this Disclosure Document as Attachment M.

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

The Effective Dates of this Disclosure Document for the following states are:

California: _____
Illinois: _____
Minnesota: _____

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