

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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Savory Spice Shop businesses operate retail stores that offer a variety of seasonings and spices, original blends, extracts, sauces, spice ware, and gift sets ("<u>SSS Business(es)</u>").

The total investment necessary to begin operation of our standard SSS Business is between \$177,886 and \$384,153, including between \$45,675 and \$147,500 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliates. We also offer SSS Businesses that operate in larger retail spaces with expanded storage. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a larger SSS Business is between \$200,511 and \$424,653, including between \$56,300 and \$158,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliates. Additionally, we offer the right to operate a Savory Spice Stop business which operates in a smaller retail space and offers a limited selection of Savory Spice Shop products under the Savory Spice Stop name. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Savory Spice Stop business is between \$138,011 and \$324,653, including between \$32,800 and \$129,500 that must be paid to the franchisor or its 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.

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 Joe Cohen at 1805 E. 58th Avenue, Unit C, Denver, Colorado 80216 and (303) 297-1833.

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 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. In addition, there may be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

## **ISSUANCE DATE:** April 17, 2015

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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 <u>Exhibit D</u> 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 PERMITS YOU TO MEDIATE, ARBITRATE, AND LITIGATE ONLY IN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH WE HAVE OUR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AT THE TIME THAT THE PROCEEDING BEGINS, AND WHICH, AS OF THE DATE OF THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT, IS DENVER, COLORADO. OUT-OF-STATE MEDIATION, ARBITRATION, AND LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO MEDIATE, ARBITRATE, AND LITIGATE IN THE LOCATION WHERE WE HAVE OUR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AT THE TIME THE PROCEEDING BEGINS THAN IN YOUR HOME 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. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES THAT SPOUSES MUST SIGN A GUARANTY MAKING SUCH SPOUSE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR THE OBLIGATION UNDER THE AGREEMENT, PLACING PERSONAL ASSETS AT RISK.
- 4. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

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 is <u>our</u> agent and 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.

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

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## **STATE EFFECTIVE DATES**

The following states require that the 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.

This 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:

STATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
CALIFORNIA	PENDING
HAWAII	NOT REGISTERED
ILLINOIS	PENDING
INDIANA	NOT REGISTERED
MARYLAND	NOT REGISTERED
MICHIGAN	PENDING
MINNESOTA	PENDING
NEW YORK	PENDING
NORTH DAKOTA	NOT REGISTERED
RHODE ISLAND	NOT REGISTERED
SOUTH DAKOTA	NOT REGISTERED
VIRGINIA	PENDING
WASHINGTON	PENDING
WISCONSIN	NOT REGISTERED

# Effective Dates for States Requiring Registration and Notice Filings:

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