



FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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We grant you the right to operate a Secret Stash Pizza Restaurant. Your Restaurant will feature an eclectic and unique mix of specialty baked gourmet pizzas, appetizers, salads, and fun creative merchandise. We also grant to qualified franchisees the right to develop multiple Secret Stash Pizza Restaurants under a Multi-Unit Agreement.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of your Restaurant is from \$714,600 to \$1,586,700. This includes \$60,000 that must be paid to us. The total investment necessary to begin operation under a Multi-Unit Agreement is from \$814,600 to \$1,786,700. This includes \$160,000 to \$260,000 that must be paid to us as a franchise fee.

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 Kyleena Ann Falzone at SSFG P.O. Box 2837, Crested Butte, Colorado 81224, telephone (855) 90STASH, email Kyleena@secretstash.com.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the Disclosure Document alone to understand your contract. Read the entire contract carefully. Show your contract and this Disclosure Document to an advisor, such as 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, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at <u>www.ftc.gov</u> 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.

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 AND MULTI UNIT AGREEMENT REQUIRE YOU RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY LITIGATION/ARBITRATION/MEDIATION ONLY IN COLORADO, OUT-OF-STATE LITIGATION/ARBITRATION/MEDIATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO LITIGATE/ARBITRATE/MEDIATE WITH US IN CALIFORNIA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN EXCLUSIVE TERRITORY. WE CAN COMPETE WITH YOU IN NON-TRADITIONAL (SPECIAL SITE) LOCATIONS AND IN ALTERNATE CHANNELS OF DISTRIBUTION.
- 3. YOUR SPOUSE MUST ALSO SIGN A PERSONAL GUARANTEE 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. WE DO NOT HAVE A FEDERAL REGISTRATION FOR OUR PRINCIPAL TRADEMARK. THEREFORE, OUR TRADEMARK DOES NOT HAVE AS MANY LEGAL BENEFITS AND RIGHTS AS A FEDERALLY REGISTERED TRADEMARK. IF OUR RIGHT TO USE THE TRADEMARK IS CHALLENGED, YOU MAY HAVE TO CHANGE TO AN ALTERNATIVE TRADEMARK, WHICH MAY INCREASE YOUR EXPENSES.
- 5. THE FRANCHISOR HAS BEEN OFFERING FRANCHISES FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. THEREFORE, THERE IS ONLY A BRIEF OPERATING HISTORY TO ASSIST YOU IN JUDGING WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE THIS INVESTMENT.
- 6. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT CONTAINS PROVISIONS THAT LIMIT YOUR RIGHTS AND MAY NOT BE ENFORCEABLE IN ALL STATES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A LIMITATION OF DAMAGES AND A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL.
- 7. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

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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.

Registration States Effective Dates See following page

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