

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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Sharks Franchising LLC offers for sale the franchise for fast food restaurants under the name of SHARKS FISH & CHICKEN® that serve varieties of fish and chicken utilizing SHARKS FISH & CHICKEN® signature spice blend.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Sharks Fish & Chicken franchised restaurant ranges from \$191,250.00 to \$354,832.00. This includes \$35,000 to \$40,000 that must be paid to the franchisor and its affiliate.

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 affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. Note, however, that no government 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 our office at 130 W. Armory Drive, South Holland, Illinois 60473 and 708-210-9000.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not 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, such as a lawyer or 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. 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 that state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in **Exhibit A** for more 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 OR LITIGATION ONLY IN ILLINOIS. OUT OF STATE MEDIATION OR LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE OR LITIGATE WITH US IN ILLINOIS THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT ILLINOIS 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. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE EXCLUSIVE TERRITORY. WE AND OUR AFFILIATES MAY ESTABLISH OTHER FRANCHISED OR COMPANY OWNED LOCATIONS AND OTHER CHANNELS OF DISTRIBUTION, AND MAY SELL OR DISTRIBUTE ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE UNDER THE SAME AND/OR DIFFERENT TRADEMARKS TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN COMPETITION WITH YOUR FRANCHISE.
- 4. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

The effective dates of this Disclosure Document in the states with franchise registration laws in which we have sought registration appear on the following page.



## SHARKS FRANCHISING LLC STATE REGISTRATIONS

This Franchise Disclosure Document is registered, on file, exempt from registration, or otherwise effective in the following states and/or disclosure laws:

California	
Hawaii	
Illinois	April 16, 2014
Indiana	March 7, 2014
Maryland	
Michigan	March 31, 2014
Minnesota	
New York	
North Dakota	
Rhode Island	
South Dakota	
Virginia	
Washington	
Wisconsin	March 10, 2014

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