



## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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We grant you the right to operate a Silverlake Ramen Japanese Noodle Bar Restaurant. Your Japanese Noodle Bar Restaurant will feature our secret recipe of tonkotsu ramen broth soup boiled for many hours for richness and taste for our Japanese ramen noodle coupled with the healthiest and freshest ingredients.

We also offer to qualified franchisees the right to develop multiple Japanese Noodle Bars under a Multi-Unit Agreement.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a single Restaurant range from \$452,150 to \$655,150. This includes the Initial Franchise Fee and Development Fee Service \$42,950 that must be paid to us. A corporate owned store which is converted to a franchise, the franchise fee shall be \$500. The total investment necessary to begin operation for three Restaurants under a Multi-Unit Agreement low range from \$517,150 to \$720,150. This includes the Initial Franchise Fee and Development Fee Service \$107,950 that must be paid to us. This estimate represents the purchase of three Restaurants.

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 or grant. 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 Jitaek Lim at jtl@silverlakeramen.com or Jai Rhee at jrhee@silverlakeramen.com, 2927 W Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90026, (213) 944-2730.

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, 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 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 LITIGATION OR ARBITRATION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. OUT-OF-STATE LITIGATION OR ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO LITIGATE OR ARBITRATE IN CALIFORNIA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT CALIFORNIA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTION AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3. 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.
- 4. THE FRANCHISOR'S FINANCIAL CONDITION, AS REFLECTED IN ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (SEE ITEM 21), CALLS INTO QUESTION THE FRANCHISOR'S FINANCIAL ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND SUPPORT TO YOU.
- 5. 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.
- 6. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

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

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



## STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states require that the Franchise 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.

The Franchise 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:

STATES	EFFECTIVE DATE
California	July 19, 2019
Hawaii	
Illinois	
Indiana	
Maryland	
Michigan	
Minnesota	
New York	
North Dakota	
Rhode Island	
South Dakota	
Virginia	
Washington	
Wisconsin	

This Disclosure Document is exempt from the following states having business opportunities laws, with the following effective dates

STATES	EFFECTIVE DATE
Florida	
Kentucky (one-time filing)	
Nebraska (one-time filing)	
North Carolina (annual filing)	November 7, 2018
Texas (one-time filing)	August 5, 2019
Utah	April 30, 2019

In all other states, the effect date of this Disclosure Document is the issuance date of April 23, 2019.

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