

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

## SLOAN'S FRANCHISE LLC

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The franchise offered is for the establishment and operation of a business that offers its customers top quality ice cream, candy products, baked goods and merchandise.

We offer 2 franchise programs:

A single Sloan's business. The total investment necessary to begin operations of a Sloan's franchise is \$587,952 to \$896,600. This includes \$51,300 to \$54,200, of which \$11,300 to \$14,200 is for an initial supply of Sloan's products that must be paid to the franchisor or an affiliate.

Multiple Sloan's businesses. The total investment necessary to begin operation of multiple Sloan's franchises ranges from \$600,952 to \$1,035,600 (but can be more if you choose to develop more than 10 units). The initial development fee ranges from \$32,000 (to develop 2 franchises) to \$144,000 (to develop 10 franchises) or higher for the development of more than 10 units.

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 Sloan Kamenstein, 1652 Mercer Avenue, West Palm Beach, Florida 33401, (561) 839-3000, franchise@sloansicecream.com.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on this 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 "<u>A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise</u>," 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 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 THE 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 REQUIRES THAT MOST DISPUTES BE SUBMITTED TO ARBITRATION IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US IN FLORIDA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT FLORIDA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND FLORIDA LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS YOUR STATE'S LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3. THE FRANCHISOR HAS LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES WHICH MIGHT NOT BE ADEQUATE TO FUND THE FRANCHISOR'S PRE-OPENING OBLIGATIONS TO EACH FRANCHISEE AND PAY OPERATING EXPENSES.
- 4. AS PER THE AUDITED BALANCE SHEET DATED DECEMBER 31, 2013, THE FRANCHISOR HAD A NET WORTH DEFICIENCY OF \$388,533.
- 5. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

The Effective Date for this Franchise Disclosure Document for your state is listed on the next page.

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