

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



**SMOOTHIE HOLDINGS FC, LLC**  
a Texas, limited liability company  
2811 McKinney Avenue, Suite 354  
Dallas, Texas 75204  
214-302-5911  
[www.smoothiefactory.com](http://www.smoothiefactory.com)

You will operate a retail store offering primarily non-alcoholic, fruit-based "smoothie" beverages, frozen yogurt, yogurt-based beverages, fresh-squeezed fruit and vegetable juices, health foods, and nutritional supplements under the trade name SMOOTHIE FACTORY® and/or SMOOTHIE FACTORY JUICE BAR™. This disclosure document describes three types of franchise offerings: the SMOOTHIE FACTORY Store, the SMOOTHIE FACTORY Special Venue Store, and the SMOOTHIE FACTORY-RED MANGO Co-Branded Store.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a SMOOTHIE FACTORY Store ranges from \$221,100 to \$371,300. This includes the \$39,600 that must be paid to the franchisor or an affiliate.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a SMOOTHIE FACTORY Special Venue Store ranges from \$143,600 to \$254,600. This includes the \$27,100 that must be paid to the franchisor or an affiliate.

The total initial investment necessary to begin operation of a SMOOTHIE FACTORY-RED MANGO Co-Branded Store ranges from \$260,100 to \$413,300. This includes the \$44,600 that must be paid to the franchisor or an affiliate.

If you are acquiring development rights under our standard Store development program, then you will sign our Store Development Agreement and, upon signing, you will pay us a development fee equal to the initial franchise fees due for the Stores you commit to develop.

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 payments to, the franchisor or an 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 Jim Notarnicola at 2811 McKinney Avenue, Suite 354, Dallas, Texas 75204 or 214-302-5911.

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, like 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, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) for additional information. Call your state agency listed on [Exhibit G](#) 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 G 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 STORE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT REQUIRE YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY MEDIATION/LITIGATION, ONLY IN DALLAS, TEXAS. OUT OF STATE MEDIATION/LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO LITIGATE WITH US IN TEXAS THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND STORE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT STATE THAT TEXAS LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENTS, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
3. THE FRANCHISOR IS A DEVELOPMENT STAGE COMPANY WITH LIMITED FRANCHISE OPERATING HISTORY.
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 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.

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**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.

This 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:

State	Effective Date
<u>California</u>	
Illinois	<u>March 27, 2015, as amended _____, 2015</u>
Indiana	<u>March 27, 2015, as amended July 16, 2015</u>
Michigan	<u>March 24, 2015, as amended July 16, 2015</u>
Minnesota	<u>May 4, 2015, as amended _____, 2015</u>
New York	<u>April 10, 2015, as amended _____, 2015</u>

In all other states, the effective date of this Franchise Disclosure Document is the issuance date of March 24, 2015, as amended July 16, 2015.

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