

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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Stacked Pickle businesses operate neighborhood restaurants and sports bars (“Stacked Pickle Business(es)”).

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a single Stacked Pickle franchised business is between \$425,550 and \$939,850. This includes \$40,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliates. Stacked Pickle area developers acquire the right to develop multiple Stacked Pickle Businesses in a designated development area. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Stacked Pickle area developer business for your first franchise is between \$484,550 and \$998,850. This includes \$99,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliates. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Stacked Pickle area developer business for two franchises is between \$870,100 and \$1,898,700. This includes \$99,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliates. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Stacked Pickle area developer business for three franchises is between \$1,255,650 and \$2,798,550. This includes \$99,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliates.

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 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 Gary Brackett at 4287 W. 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268, 317-672-3229 extension 205 or [info@stackedpickle.com](mailto:info@stackedpickle.com).

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 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, DC 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 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 E 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 AREA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT REQUIRE YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY MEDIATION/ARBITRATION/LITIGATION ONLY IN INDIANA. OUT-OF-STATE MEDIATION/ARBITRATION/LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE/ARBITRATE/LITIGATE WITH US IN INDIANA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT THE LAW OF THE STATE WHERE FRANCHISEE'S STACKED PICKLE BUSINESS IS LOCATED 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. YOUR SPOUSE MUST SIGN A DOCUMENT, SUCH AS A GUARANTEE, THAT MAKES YOUR SPOUSE LIABLE FOR YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND AREA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT EVEN IF YOUR SPOUSE DOES NOT OWN ANY PART OF THE FRANCHISE BUSINESS. BOTH YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE'S MARITAL AND PERSONAL ASSETS, INCLUDING YOUR HOUSE, COULD BE LOST IF YOUR FRANCHISE FAILS.
4. THIS NEW FRANCHISOR HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME THAT ITS FRANCHISES ARE A HIGHER RISK INVESTMENT THAN FRANCHISORS WITH A LONGER-TERM OPERATING HISTORY.
5. THE FRANCHISEE WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE AN ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT RANGING FROM \$425,550 TO \$2,798,550. THIS AMOUNT EXCEEDS THE FRANCHISOR'S MEMBERS' EQUITY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018, WHICH IS (\$54,130).
6. 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.
7. 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 is our agent and 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.**

**Effective Dates: See next page for state effective dates**



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