

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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The franchisee will own and operate a Style Encore® retail store from which the franchisee will sell quality used and new women's clothing and accessories.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Style Encore® store is from \$257,050 to \$392,000. This includes \$47,100 to \$52,500 which must be paid to us.

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 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 the Franchise Development Department at 605 Highway 169 N, Suite 400, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55441, (763) 520-8500.

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 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 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 H 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 ARBITRATION ONLY IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH WINMARK CORPORATION IN MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.**

2. **ALL OWNERS OF 10% OR GREATER INTEREST IN THE FRANCHISEE AND THEIR SPOUSES MUST PERSONALLY GUARANTEE ALL OF THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE FRANCHISEE UNDER THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND BE BOUND BY THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON-COMPETITION COVENANTS, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH SPOUSES ARE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS. EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS MUST EXECUTE A PERSONAL GUARANTY BECOMING JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL AMOUNTS OWED BY AND PERFORMANCE OF ALL PROMISES OF THE FRANCHISEE UNDER THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. THIS REQUIREMENT PLACES THE PERSONAL ASSETS OF THE FRANCHISEE, OWNERS AND SPOUSES AT RISK.**

3. **AS A RESULT OF THE REPURCHASE BY US OF 875,000 SHARES OF OUR STOCK THAT OCCURRED IN MAY 2015, PURSUANT TO A SELF-TENDER OFFER, WE HAD A SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE NET WORTH. AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016, OUR NET WORTH WAS (\$7,852,000). YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING A DECISION TO PURCHASE A FRANCHISE.**

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 be sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.**

Effective Dates: See Following Page

STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states require that the 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 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:

<u>State</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
California	_____
Hawaii	_____
Illinois	March 16, 2017
Indiana	March 16, 2017
Maryland	_____
Michigan	March 15, 2017
Minnesota	_____
New York	_____
North Dakota	_____
Rhode Island	_____
South Dakota	March 16, 2017
Virginia	_____
Washington	_____
Wisconsin	_____

In all other states, the effective date (and issuance date) of this disclosure document is March 15, 2017.

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