



## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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You will establish and operate a retail ice cream dessert shop offering fresh, unique, gourmet made-to-order ice cream (dairy and non-dairy) and frozen yogurt products and other goods, sweets and toppings, which may consist of donuts (including our signature "Tall Charlie"), cookies, chocolate, marshmallows, fruit and sauces, together with coffee, other hot and cold beverages and other food items and products compatible with our concept (the "Dessert Shop").

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Dessert Shop ranges from \$97,800 to \$209,600. This includes \$30,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or an affiliate of franchisor as an initial franchise fee.

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 disclosure in different formats, contact our Chief Financial Officer, Steven Billig, at 1921 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 and (856) 287-0777.

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 <a href="https://www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a> 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 on <u>Exhibit F</u> 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 THE USE OF NON-BINDING MEDIATION, BINDING ARBITRATION AND LITIGATION ONLY IN DELAWARE. OUT-OF-STATE MEDIATION, ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE, ARBITRATE OR LITIGATE WITH US IN DELAWARE THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT DELAWARE LAW 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. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO PAY LIQUIDATED DAMAGES IF YOUR FRANCHISE AGREEMENT IS TERMINATED FOR CAUSE OR IF YOU ABANDON THE FRANCHISE OR IF YOU TERMINATE THE FRANCHISE WITHOUT CAUSE.
- 4. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES THE INDIVIDUAL OWNERS OF THE FRANCHISEE AND THEIR SPOUSES SIGN A PERSONAL GUARANTY UNDER WHICH THE SPOUSE WILL BE JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE FRANCHISEE WHETHER OR NOT THE SPOUSE IS INVOLVED IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE FRANCHISE. THIS REQUIREMENT PLACES THE PERSONAL AND MARITAL ASSETS OF THE FRANCHISE OWNERS AND THEIR SPOUSES AT RISK.
- 5. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISK FACTORS CONCERNING THIS 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.

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
Wisconsin	July 21, 2017

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