

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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We offer you a franchise to own and operate one "All American Steakhouse & Sports Theater" casual dining restaurant featuring great food and service in the fun and energizing atmosphere of a sports theater.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of one restaurant is from \$1,527,532 to \$2,598,065. This includes the initial franchise fee of \$38,000 that must be paid to us. (See Item 7)

The total investment to begin operation as an Area Developer for the minimum of two restaurants required to be developed is from \$85,500 to \$123,000. The initial franchise fee for the first restaurant is \$38,000. The second restaurant is \$25,000 and the initial franchise fee of each and every restaurant after the first two is \$16,000. The maximum number of franchise restaurants permitted under the Area Development Agreement is negotiated and dependent upon the territory requested. (See Item 5 and 7).

This Disclosure Document summarizes certain provisions of your Franchise Agreement and other information in plain English. Read the 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 availability of disclosures in different formats, contact our Chief Executive Officer, George K. Jones, 137 Mitchells Chance Road, Suite 250, Edgewater, Maryland 21037, 443-949-0658.

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 ("**FTC**"). You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at <u>www.ftc.gov</u> for additional information.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

THE ISSUANCE DATE OF THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT IS: January 15, 2016



## **STATE COVER PAGE**

Your state may have a franchise law that requires us 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 administrator listed in Exhibit "F" 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 FIRST BY NON BINDING MEDIATION IN EDGEWATER, MARYLAND, AND IF THE DISPUTE REMAINS UNRESOLVED AFTER MEDIATION, THEN BY ARBITRATION ONLY IN EDGEWATER, MARYLAND. OUT-OF-STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE AND ARBITRATE WITH US IN EDGEWATER, MARYLAND THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.

2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT MARYLAND 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. YOUR SPOUSE MUST SIGN A DOCUMENT THAT MAKES YOUR SPOUSE LIABLE FOR YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, EVEN THOUGH YOUR SPOUSE HAS NO OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS. THIS GUARANTEE WILL PLACE BOTH YOUR AND YOUR SPOUSE'S MARITAL AND PERSONAL ASSETS, INCLUDING YOUR HOUSE, AT RISK IF YOUR FRANCHISE FAILS.

4. THE FRANCHISOR DOES NOT OWN OR HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE A FEDERALLY REGISTERED TRADEMARK THAT YOU WILL USE IN YOUR BUSINESS. IF THE FRANCHISOR'S RIGHT TO USE ITS NAME OR TRADEMARK IN YOUR AREA IS CHALLENGED, YOU MAY HAVE TO INDENTIFY YOUR FRANCHISE, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES WITH NAMES AND MARKS THAT DIFFER FROM THOSE USED BY OTHER FRANCHISEES OR THE FRANCHISOR. THESE CHANGES CAN BE EXPENSIVE, AND MAY REDUCE CUSTOMER RECOGNITION OF THE PRODUCTS YOU OFFER.

5. THE FRANCHISOR IS AT AN EARLY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND HAS A LIMITED OPERATING HISTORY. THIS FRANCHISE COULD BE A HIGHER RISK INVESTMENT THAN A FRANCHISE SYSTEM WITH A LONGER OPERATING HISTORY.

6. 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 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 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 |
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| California   |                |
| Hawaii       |                |
| Florida      |                |
| Illinois     |                |
| Indiana      |                |
| Kentucky     |                |
| Maryland     | 03/11/16       |
| Michigan     |                |
| Minnesota    |                |
| New York     |                |
| Nebraska     |                |
| North Dakota |                |
| Rhode Island |                |
| South Dakota |                |
| Texas        |                |
| Utah         |                |
| Virginia     | 05/05/16       |
| Washington   |                |
| Wisconsin    |                |

In all other states, the effective date of this Franchise Disclosure Document is January 15, 2016.

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