

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT UNITS® FRANCHISING GROUP, INC.



UNITS® Franchising Group, Inc. 680 Bear Swamp Road Johns Island, South Carolina 29455 (866) 569-8648 http://www.UNITSStorage.com/

As a franchisee, you will operate a distinctive self-storage rental and moving business featuring the delivery, warehouse storage and transport of mobile, modular self-storage UNITS® operating under the "UNITS®" name and trademarks.

The total estimated initial investment to begin operation of a UNITS® franchise in a Territory of over 800,000 people ranges from \$288,691 to \$460,845. This includes the \$103,890 to \$248,560 which must be paid to us prior to opening.

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 disclosures in differing formats, contact us at our mailing address at 680 Bear Swamp Road Johns Island, South Carolina 29455, or via telephone at (866) 569-8648.

The terms of your Franchise Agreement will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contracts. Read all of your contracts carefully. Show your contracts 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 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.

The Issue Date of this Franchise Disclosure Document ("FDD") is: April 16, 2015.



## 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 A to this Franchise Disclosure Document for information about the franchisor, about other franchisors, 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. AT OUR OPTION, THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY MEDIATION ONLY IN CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. OUT OF STATE MEDIATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE WITH US IN SOUTH CAROLINA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. ANY DISPUTES WITH US NOT SUBJECT TO MEDIATION MUST BE RESOLVED BY LITIGATION IN CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. IT MAY COST YOU MORE TO LITIGATE WITH US IN SOUTH CAROLINA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 3. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT THEY ARE GOVERNED BY SOUTH CAROLINA LAW. THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 4. TO BUY THIS FRANCHISE, A FRANCHISEE WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE AN INITIAL INVESTMENT THAT EXCEEDS FRANCHISOR'S NET WORTH ACCORDING TO FRANCHISOR'S 2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.
- 5. 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 is <u>our</u> 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 for this Franchise Disclosure Document in the Registration States are Listed on the Following Page.]

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