

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

Weathersby Guild, Inc. A Georgia Corporation 403 Cimarron Park Peachtree City, GA 30269 (678) 481-7518 www.WeathersbyGuild.com

Weathersby Guild

As a franchisee, you operate a "Weathersby Guild" franchised business that offers furniture repair and restoration services under the name WEATHERSBY GUILD.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a WEATHERSBY GUILD franchised business ranges from \$71,590 to \$98,130. This includes an initial fee of \$49,000 that must be paid to the franchisor.

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 or grant. 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 Administration Department at 403 Cimarron Park, Peachtree City, GA 30269 (678) 481-7518.

The terms of your contract govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read your entire 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 <u>www.ftc.gov</u> 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 administrator listed in Exhibit A 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 SUBMIT ALL DISPUTES YOU MAY HAVE AGAINST US (EXCEPT FOR ANY CLAIMS FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF PENDING ARBITRATION) TO MEDIATION, BINDING ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION IN GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA. OUT OF STATE MEDIATION, ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION MIGHT FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MIGHT ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE, ARBITRATE OR LITIGATE IN OUR HOME STATE THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.

2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT GEORGIA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MIGHT NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTION AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MIGHT WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.

**3.** 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 us to you. You should make sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.

Effective Date: April 29, 2019 (in non-registration states; see next page for effective dates in the various registration states)



## STATE-SPECIFIC EFFECTIVE DATES

California Florida

Hawaii

Illinois

Indiana

Maryland

Minnesota

Michigan

New York

Rhode Island

Utah

Virginia

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