

FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT Ville-Marie Collection Inc. A Delaware corporation 40 East Main Street, Suite 862 Newark, Delaware 19711 (302) 273-9293 www.xavierartisan.com enquire@villemarie.co



The franchise offered is for a fast casual "Xavier Artisan" business that offers artisan sandwiches, wraps, soups, salads, gourmet ice cream and beverages, and includes a small retail portion for gourmet and "grab 'n go" foods. An Xavier Artisan business operates using the franchisor's proprietary recipes, formulae, techniques, trade dress, trademarks and logos.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of an Xavier Artisan Boutique franchise is \$165,700 to \$322,450. This includes \$30,000 that must be paid to the franchisor and/or its affiliate, as appropriate.

If you enter into a Multi-Unit Development Agreement to develop at least three Boutiques, when you sign the Multi-Unit Development Agreement you will pay a development fee equal to 100% of the initial franchise fee for the first Boutique to be developed, plus 50% of the initial franchise fee for each additional Boutique to be developed under the Multi-Unit Development Agreement. The total investment under a Multi-Unit Development Agreement will vary depending on the number of Boutiques to be developed. Our estimate assumes you will develop three Boutiques in the first year at a cost of \$197,700 to \$354,950. If you wish to develop more than three Boutiques, the Development Fee will increase by \$15,000 for each additional Boutique you commit to develop.

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 the 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 Brian Bendix Jensen at 40 East Main Street, Suite 862, Newark, Delaware 19711 and (302) 273-9293.

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, DC 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.

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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 I 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 AND MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT REQUIRE YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY MEDIATION IN MONTREAL, QUEBEC AND ARBITRATION ONLY IN NEW YORK. OUT-OF-STATE MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE WITH US IN MONTREAL, QUEBEC AND ARBITRATE AND LITIGATE WITH US IN NEW YORK THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT STATE THAT NEW YORK LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENTS, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3. THE FRANCHISOR IS AT AN EARLY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND HAS A LIMITED FRANCHISE OPERATING HISTORY.
- 4. THE FRANCHISOR HAS LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES WHICH MIGHT NOT BE ADEQUATE TO FUND THE FRANCHISOR'S PRE-OPENING OBLIGATIONS TO EACH FRANCHISEE AND PAY OPERATING EXPENSE.
- 5. WE WERE FORMED ON JUNE 4, 2015 AND HAVE A BRIEF OPERATING HISTORY. YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING A DECISION TO PURCHASE THIS FRANCHISE OPPORTUNITY.
- 6. THE FRANCHISEE WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE AN ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT RANGING FROM \$165,700 TO \$322,450. THIS AMOUNT EXCEEDS THE FRANCHISOR'S STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, WHICH IS \$100,000.

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