## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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The franchisee will operate a unique and distinctive commercial and residential property technology automation business which features, among other things, the design and installation of home and commercial technology modifications and integrations under the "Level Up Automation" and "Level Up Your Home" trademarks.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Level Up Automation franchise ranges from \$51,800 to \$68,200. This includes the initial fee of \$35,000 that must be paid to the franchisor. If you choose to purchase more than one territory simultaneously, you must sign a Multi-Territory Addendum and pay to us \$35,000 for your first territory, \$30,000 for your second territory and \$25,000 for your third and each subsequent territory.

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.** 

The terms of your contract will 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 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 <a href="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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## **How to Use This Franchise Disclosure Document**

Here are some questions you may be asking about buying a franchise and tips on how to find more information:

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QUESTION	WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION
How much can I earn?	Item 19 may give you information about outlet sales, costs, profits, or losses. You should also try to obtain this information from others, like current and former franchisees. You can find their names and contact information in Item 20 or Exhibit H.
How much will I need to invest?	Items 5 and 6 list fees you will be paying to the franchisor or at the franchisor's direction. Item 7 lists the initial investment to open. Item 8 describes the suppliers you must use.
Does the franchisor have the financial ability to provide support to my business?	Item 21 or Exhibit C includes financial statements. Review these statements carefully.
Is the franchise system stable, growing, or shrinking?	Item 20 summarizes the recent history of the number of company-owned and franchised outlets.
Will my business be the only Level Up Automation business in my area?	Item 12 and the "territory" provisions in the franchise agreement describe whether the franchisor and other franchisees can compete with you.
Does the franchisor have a troubled legal history?	Items 3 and 4 tell you whether the franchisor or its management have been involved in material litigation or bankruptcy proceedings.
	Item 20 or Exhibit H lists current and former franchisees. You can contact them to ask about their experiences.
What else should I know?	These questions are only a few things you should look for. Review all 23 Items and all Exhibits in this disclosure document to better understand this franchise opportunity. See the table of contents.

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## What You Need To Know About Franchising Generally

<u>Continuing responsibility to pay fees</u>. You may have to pay royalties and other fees even if you are losing money.

<u>Business model can change</u>. The franchise agreement may allow the franchisor to change its manuals and business model without your consent. These changes may require you to make additional investments in your franchise business or may harm your franchise business.

<u>Supplier restrictions</u>. You may have to buy or lease items from the franchisor or a limited group of suppliers the franchisor designates. These items may be more expensive than similar items you could buy on your own.

<u>Operating restrictions</u>. The franchise agreement may prohibit you from operating a similar business during the term of the franchise. There are usually other restrictions. Some examples may include controlling your location, your access to customers, what you sell, how you market, and your hours of operation.

<u>Competition from franchisor</u>. Even if the franchise agreement grants you a territory, the franchisor may have the right to compete with you in your territory.

<u>Renewal</u>. Your franchise agreement may not permit you to renew. Even if it does, you may have to sign a new agreement with different terms and conditions in order to continue to operate your franchise business.

<u>When your franchise ends</u>. The franchise agreement may prohibit you from operating a similar business after your franchise ends even if you still have obligations to your landlord or other creditors.

## Some States Require Registration

Your state may have a franchise law, or other law, that requires franchisors to register before offering or selling franchises in the state. Registration does not mean that the state recommends the franchise or has verified the information in this document. To find out if your state has a registration requirement, or to contact your state, use the agency information in Exhibit A.

Your state also may have laws that require special disclosures or amendments be made to your franchise agreement. If so, you should check the State Specific Addenda. See the Table of Contents for the location of the State Specific Addenda.

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## Special Risks to Consider About This Franchise

Certain states require that the following risk(s) be highlighted:

- 1. <u>Out-of-State Dispute Resolution.</u> The franchise agreement requires you to resolve disputes with the franchisor by mediation, arbitration and/or litigation only in Massachusetts. Out-of-state mediation, arbitration, or litigation may force you to accept a less favorable settlement for disputes. It may also cost more to mediate, arbitrate, or litigate with the franchisor in Massachusetts than in your own state.
- 2. **Short Operating History.** The franchisor is at an early stage of development and has a limited operating history. This franchise is likely to be a riskier investment than a franchise a system with a longer operating history.
- 3. **Spousal Liability.** 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 personal and marital assets, perhaps including your house, at risk if your franchise fails.
- 4. <u>Mandatory Minimum Payments.</u> You must make minimum royalty or advertising fund payments, regardless of your sales level. Your inability to make the payments may result in termination of your franchise and loss of your investment.
- 5. **Financial Condition.** The franchisor's financial condition, as reflected in its financial statements (see Item 21), calls into question the franchisor's ability to provide services and support to you.

Certain states may require other risks to be highlighted. Check the "State Specific Addenda" (if any) to see whether your state requires other risks to be highlighted.

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## DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY CONNECTICUT LAW

The State of Connecticut does not approve, recommend, endorse, or sponsor any busines pportunity. The information contained in this disclosure has not been verified by the state. If you have ny questions about this investment, see an attorney before you sign a contract or agreement.	
Name of Seller:	

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## ITEM 1: THE FRANCHISOR, AND ANY PARENTS, PREDECESSORS AND AFFILIATES

To simplify the language in this disclosure document, the terms "Franchisor", or "we" or "us" means Level Up Franchise, LLC, the Franchisor. The terms "we", "us" and "Franchisor" do not include you, the "Franchisee". We refer to the purchaser(s) of a Level Up Automation franchise, as "you" or "Franchisee", whether an individual, a partnership, corporation, or limited liability company. If you are a corporation, partnership or other entity, our Franchise Agreement also will apply to your owners, officers, and directors. If you are married and your spouse is not a partner in the franchise business, certain provisions of our Franchise Agreement will also apply to that spouse.

We were formed as a limited liability company in the State of Massachusetts on June 19, 2020. Our principal business address is 367 West Main Street, Suite D, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532, and our telephone number is 800-979-2791. We do business under our company name, "Level Up Automation" and its associated design (the "Marks"). Our affiliate, Level Up Automation IP, LLC has registered, or has filed for registration, our primary service marks on the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. We do not own or operate any businesses of the type you will be operating. We have not offered franchises in any other line of business. We only offer franchises which operate under the "Level Up Automation" Marks. We began offering franchises on January 23, 2021.

The principal business addresses of our agents for service of process are shown on Exhibit A.

## **Our Parents, Predecessors and Affiliates**

We have no parents or predecessors.

We have an affiliated company, Level Up Your Home, LLC a Delaware limited liability company with a principal place of business at 33 Boston Post Road, Suite 110, Marlborough, Massachusetts 01752. Level Up Your Home, LLC was formed on January 29, 2016. Through our affiliate, Level Up Your Home, LLC, we have operated a Level Up Automation business similar to the franchised offered by this Disclosure Document since 2016. Level Up Your Home, LLC has not offered franchises in this or in any other lines of business previously.

We have a second affiliated company, Level Up Automation IP LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company with a principal place of business at 367 West Main Street, Suite D, Northborough, Massachusetts, 01532. Level Up Automation IP, LLC, was formed on June 19, 2020. Level Up IP, LLC is the owner of the Marks and has exclusively licensed. Level Up IP, LLC, has not offered franchises in this or in any other lines of business previously.

#### The Franchise Offered:

We grant franchises for the right to operate a commercial and residential property technology automation business under the Level Up Automation and Level Up Your Home Marks and using our distinctive operating procedures and standards in a designated area (the "Franchised Business"). Level Up Automation franchisees will provide automation services to both residential and commercial clients. These services include, but are not limited to, design and installation of home and commercial technology modification and integrations.

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The distinguishing characteristics of the Franchised Business include, but are not limited to, our distinctive and uniform trade dress standards, service standards, client communication standards, and standards for management, training, and marketing, all of which may be changed, improved, or further developed by us at any time (the "System").

## **Market and Competition:**

The market for your Franchised Business consists of residential and commercial property owners, lessees, and managers, seeking commercial and residential property technology automation services. The technology automation services industry is emerging. You will compete with other entities, including national, regional, and local businesses, offering services similar to those offered by your Franchised Business. There are other commercial and residential property technology franchises, as well as independent businesses throughout the United States, that may offer similar products and services. The demand for the products and services offered by your Franchised Business are also affected by changes in consumer tastes, demographics, and economic conditions, and may be affected by seasonal demands during peak periods.

## **Industry Specific Regulations:**

Some states have licensing, certification, or registration requirements applicable to some or all of the services you and your employees will be providing through your Franchised Business. You may be required to pay a fee to the state agency or association responsible for enforcing these requirements. Some states may require a minimum level of education or related work experience to obtain licenses.

You must comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations that apply to the operation of your Franchised Business, including, among others, zoning ordinances, business operations, insurance, discrimination, and employment laws. Your advertising of the Franchised Business is regulated by the Federal Trade Commission. There may be federal, state, and local laws which affect your Franchised Business in addition to those listed here.

## ITEM 2: BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

## **President and CEO: Jennifer Mallett**

Jennifer is the CEO and President of Level Up Your Home, a national Smart Home Automation company specializing in bringing connected products into US major markets for both residential and commercial clients. Prior to founding Level Up Your Home in 2016, for over a decade she led the Home Automation business unit at Bose which included the oversight of 100+ high end custom integration companies installing and selling products in the US and Canada.

## Franchise Success Manager: Michelle Goth

Michelle has been in consumer electronics for over 20 years. In the last 5 years she has worked at leading technology firm PTC as well as launching her own coaching business. Michelle joined Level Up Franchise LLC in September 2022 as the Franchise Success Manager overseeing the onboarding and continued success of franchise units.

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## Lead Technology Integrator: Kevin McClenithan

Kevin has been an integrator with Level Up Automation for three years. Prior to that he worked at a leading custom integration firm in Florida for 8 years. He supports units with design and installation questions or advanced projects.

## ITEM 3: LITIGATION

No litigation is required to be disclosed in this Item.

## ITEM 4: BANKRUPTCY

No bankruptcies are required to be disclosed in this Item.

## ITEM 5: INITIAL FEES

We will charge you an initial franchise fee ("Initial Franchise Fee") when you sign the Franchise Agreement. The Initial Franchise Fee is Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) for a single territory. However, the Initial Franchise Fee is determined on a case-by-case basis based on market size opportunity. This payment is fully earned by us and due in lump sum when you sign the Franchise Agreement. The Initial Franchise Fee is not refundable under any circumstance.

If you purchase two or more territories simultaneously (a "Multi-Territory Addendum"), the Initial Franchise Fee for the first territory is Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00), the Initial Franchise Fee for the second territory is Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) and the Initial Franchise Fee for a third and subsequent territory is Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) each. If you sign a Multi-Territory Addendum, you will be required to pay one hundred percent (100%) of the applicable Initial Franchise Fee for the first territory and fifty percent (50%) of the applicable Initial Franchise Fee for the second and subsequent territories at the time you sign the Franchise Agreement, and the remaining fifty percent (50%) balance at the time you commence operations in such additional territory.

Unless specifically granted as part of a Multi-Territory Addendum, we will not hold any area in reserve for you, and you are not granted a right of first refusal to any territory, including those territories that are adjacent to yours.

From time to time, we may offer special incentive programs as part of our franchise development activities. We reserve the right to offer, modify or withdraw any incentive program without notice to you. We currently offer a ten percent (10%) discount from the Initial Franchise Fee to (i) honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces; and (ii) existing home technology businesses that wish to convert to a Level Up Automation franchised business.

## ITEM 6: OTHER FEES

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Royalty Fee	The greater of 6.5% of monthly Gross Revenue	Monthly via ACH on the 5 <sup>th</sup> day for	Payable to us. See footnote 1.

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Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
	per month or \$500 per month.	the immediately preceding month.	
Brand Fund Contribution	Up to 2% of monthly Gross Revenue. The current Brand Fund Contribution is 1% of monthly Gross Revenue.	Monthly via ACH on the 5 <sup>th</sup> day for the immediately preceding month.	Brand Fund Contributions are paid directly to the Brand Fund. See footnote 2.
Required Minimum Expenditure for Local Marketing and Advertising	The greater of \$150 per month or 3% of monthly Gross Revenue.	As incurred.	Payable to third-party suppliers. All advertising must be approved by us. See footnote 3.
Advertising Cooperative	Your share of actual cost of advertising.	As determined by cooperative.	No cooperatives have been established as of the date of this Disclosure Document. You are required to join an advertising cooperative if one is formed. Cooperatives will be comprised of all franchised Level Up Automation outlets in a designated geographic area, or we may establish a national cooperative comprised of all franchised Level Up Automation outlets. Any affiliate-owned outlets may participate in an advertising cooperative, in our sole discretion.
Technology Fees	Currently, \$250 a month for 1-2 Seat; \$75 per additional seat as needed.	As we determine.	We reserve the right to impose a fee for software license or maintenance, website hosting and maintenance, central call centers, franchisee web portal access or other technology services we may provide.

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Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Software Fee	Currently \$80 a month for POS System and dedicated website; \$75 a month for sales proposal software system.	As incurred.	Payable to us or third-party providers. Currently, we require you to use our approved software, Service Fusion, in the operation of your Level Up Automation Franchised Business. You must pay all fees required for this license subscription directly to us, and the license subscription fee is subject to change by Service Fusion. You will be able to add additional technicians to your account, which may increase the monthly fee you are required to pay to us. We reserve the right to substitute or add different approved technologies, which you must use, or to require you to pay the subscription fees directly to the third-party provider.
Late Charge	\$150	As incurred	If you fail to pay us the Royalty Fee, Brand Fund Contribution, or if you fail to submit your Gross Revenue report when due, we may charge you \$150 for each late submission in addition to interest charges explained below.
Interest Charge	1.5% per month from due date, or maximum allowed by law	As incurred	If you fail to pay us any amount when due, we may charge you interest on the unpaid balance until the payment is received.

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Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Insufficient Funds Fee	\$75 per violation.	As incurred	If your check is returned or an electronic funds transfer from your bank account is denied for insufficient funds, for each occurrence we may charge you an Insufficient Funds Fee.
Successor Agreement Fee	25% of the then- current franchise fee	Upon signing the then-current form franchise agreement.	Payable to us. See Item 17.
Transfer Fee	50% of the then- current initial franchise fee.	Upon application for the transfer	Payable to us. See Item 17
	For transfer to:  (i) an existing franchisee in good standing, the transfer fee is 25% of the then-current initial franchise fee, or (ii) owner(s) of the franchisee entity that does not change management control, the transfer fee is waived.		
Relocation Fee	Our costs and expenses incurred in approving your relocation.	As incurred.	Payable to us.
Testing or Supplier Approval Fee	Our costs and expenses of inspection and testing of a proposed item or vendor.	As incurred.	Payable to us.

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Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Interim Management Fee	Our then-current per diem rate for on-site management, plus expenses. Our current rate is 20% of Gross Revenue, plus travel and other expenses.	As incurred.	We may impose this fee (in addition to all regularly occurring fees such as the Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contributions), payable to us, if we provide interim management of your Franchised Business due to lack of manager, default, death, or disability. See footnote 4.
Initial Training	No charge for initial training of up to four (4) people. You pay all travel and other related expenses incurred by all trainees. The current fee to train additional personnel or subsequently hired personnel is \$150 per person day.	Travel and related expenses are due as incurred.	Initial training takes place in the Northborough, Massachusetts area. See Item 11. See Item 11.
Additional Training	A reasonable fee for all System training programs. You pay all travel and other related expenses incurred by you and your personnel to attend training.	As incurred.	See footnote 5.

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Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Remedial Training Fee	Our then-current trainer per diem rate plus expenses. Our current per diem rate is \$350 per day, plus travel and other expenses.	As incurred.	We may impose this fee, payable to us, if you request additional training in your territory from time-to-time, or if you are operating below our standards and we require you to have additional training. You must also pay all costs of our trainer, which include but are not limited to, airfare, transportation, hotel, and meals.
Examination of Books and Records	Costs of examination plus related expenses.	As incurred.	We have the right under the Franchise Agreement to examine your books, records, and tax returns. If an examination reveals that you have understated any Gross Revenue report by two percent (2%) or more, you must pay to us the cost of the audit and all travel and related expenses, in addition to repaying monies owed and interest on the monies owed.
Confidential Operations Manual Fee	Our costs and expenses related to preparing a hard copy of the Operations Manual	As incurred	Paid to us. We will provide you with electronic access to the Operations Manual. If you request a hard copy of the Operations Manual, you will be required to reimburse us for our costs and expenses incurred relating to preparing a hard copy, including, but not limited to, printing, binding, etc.
Audit and Quality Review Services	Varies	As incurred	Payable to third-party providers. See footnote 6.

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Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Indemnification	Amount of loss or damages plus costs.	As incurred.	See footnote 7.
Reimbursement of Costs and Expenses for Non-compliance	Actual costs and expenses	As incurred.	See footnote 8.
Insurance Reimbursement	Amount paid by us for your insurance obligations, plus a ten percent (10%) administrative fee and other actual expenses	As incurred	You must reimburse us for any insurance costs and other fees we incur due to your failure to meet the insurance obligations required by the Franchise Agreement.
Taxes	Amount of taxes	As incurred.	You must reimburse us for any taxes that we must pay to any taxing authority on account of either the operation of your Franchised Business or payments that you make to us, including, but not limited to any sales taxes or income taxes imposed by any authority.
Reimbursement of Legal Fees and Expenses	Our costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, incurred for your failure to pay amounts when due or failure to comply in any way with the Franchise Agreement.	As incurred.	Payable to us.
Post-Termination or Post- Expiration Expenses	Costs and expenses.	As incurred.	Payable to us.

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All fees and expenses described in this Item 6 are nonrefundable and are uniformly imposed. Except as otherwise indicated in the preceding chart, we impose all fees and expenses listed and you must pay them to us.

¹ "Gross Revenue" includes all revenues and income from any source derived or received by you from, by or on account of the operation of the Franchised Business or made pursuant to the rights granted hereunder, including but not limited to, any and all other revenues received using our methods, operations and/or trade secrets whether received in cash, in services, in kind, from barter and/or exchange, on credit (whether or not payment is actually received) or otherwise. Gross Revenue includes the full amount payable by your customers, without deductions or write-offs; however, Gross Revenue does not include (i) any sales tax or similar taxes collected from customers and turned over to the governmental authority imposing the tax, (ii) properly documented refunds to customers, or (iii) properly documented promotional discounts (i.e., coupons or vouchers). At our request, you must execute documents that allow us to automatically take the Royalty Fee from business bank accounts via electronic funds transfers. Interest and late fees will apply to any late payments or electronic funds transfer requests denied due to insufficient funds.

<sup>2</sup>You must pay directly to our Brand Fund a Brand Fund Contribution of one percent (1%) of monthly Gross Revenue, subject to increases not to exceed two percent (2%) of monthly Gross Revenue, generated by your Franchised Business. Payments are made at the same time and in the same manner as your first Royalty Fee payment each month. You may be required to set up authorization at your bank to allow the Brand Fund to electronically transfer funds from your bank account to the Brand Fund's bank account. Interest and late fees will apply to any late payments or electronic funds transfer requests denied due to insufficient funds. If you do not report your revenues for the month, then we will collect 120% of the last Royalty and Brand Fund Contribution collected and settle the balance the next period in which you report revenue.

<sup>3</sup> Upon our request, you must furnish us with a quarterly report and documentation of local advertising expenditures during the previous calendar quarter. You may not use social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, blogs, or other networking and sharing websites, unless you first receive our written approval to do so, and such use is in strict accordance with our requirements.

<sup>4</sup> In the event of your death or disability, your default of the Franchise Agreement, absence of a qualified manager, or other reasons, in our sole discretion, we may provide interim on-site management of your Franchised Business.

<sup>5</sup> We may offer mandatory and/or optional additional training programs from time to time. If we require it, you must participate in additional training, including attendance at a national business meeting or annual convention, for up to five (5) days per year, at a location we designate. We reserve the right to impose a reasonable fee for all additional training programs, including the national business meeting or annual convention. We reserve the impose a reasonable fee for all additional training programs, including the national business meeting or annual convention. You are responsible for any and all incidental expenses incurred by you and your personnel in connection with additional training or attendance at Franchisor's national business meeting or annual convention, including, without limitation, costs of travel, lodging, meals, and wages. If you fail to attend any mandatory training program, you are required to obtain the training at a location we designate, at your sole cost, which includes tuition at the then-current rate, plus all of your travel costs and our trainer's travel costs.

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<sup>6</sup> We may establish audit and quality assurance programs conducted by third-party providers, such as, by way of example only, mystery shop programs and periodic quality audits, to monitor the operations of your Franchised Business. If we require it, you must subscribe and pay the fees for any such program.

ITEM 7: <u>ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT</u>
YOUR ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is Made
Initial Franchise Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$35,000	Lump sum payment in cash or available funds.	Upon signing the Franchise Agreement	Us
Training Expenses <sup>2</sup>	\$500 - \$3,000	As required transportation, lodging & meals	As incurred	Third-party providers
Equipment <sup>3</sup>	\$4,000 - \$6,300	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers
Licenses and Permits <sup>4</sup>	\$500 - \$1,500	As required by licensing authorities	Before opening	Licensing Authorities
POS/Office Computer Systems <sup>5</sup>	\$1,500 - \$2,500	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers
Professional Fees <sup>6</sup>	\$3,600 - \$5,600	As required by providers	As incurred	Attorney, Accountant, other professional service providers
Grand Opening Advertising <sup>7</sup>	\$2,500	As incurred	Before opening	Advertising providers
Insurance <sup>8</sup>	\$1,200 - \$3,000	As required by insurer	Before opening	Insurance providers
Rent Deposits <sup>9</sup>	\$0 - \$800	As required by landlord	Before opening per your lease	Landlord
Office Supplies and Equipment <sup>10</sup>	\$1,000 - \$3,000	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> You must indemnify and hold us, our parent, and affiliates, and all of our respective officers, directors, agents, and employees harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, costs, expenses, liability, and damages arising directly or indirectly from, as a result of, or in connection with your business operations under the Franchise Agreement, as well as the costs, including attorneys' fees, of defending against them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> If you fail to do so, in our sole discretion, we may correct any deficiency in the Franchised Business and/or your operation of the Franchised Business or take steps to modify, alter or de-identify the Franchised Business upon the termination or expiration of the Franchise Agreement. You will reimburse us for our costs and expenses incurred to correct any deficiency or to modify, alter or de-identify the Franchised Business location.

Additional Funds/Working Capital <sup>11</sup>	\$2,000 - \$5,000	As incurred	After opening	Various
TOTAL:	\$51,800 to \$6	8.200		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The amount stated in the Table is an approximate amount for one outlet operated pursuant to a single Franchise Agreement. Please see Item 5 for information on incentive programs that may offer a discount on the Initial Franchise Fee.

- <sup>2</sup> The cost of the Initial Management Training Program for up to four (4) people is included in the Initial Franchise Fee. The chart estimates the costs for transportation, lodging, and meals for your trainees. These incidental costs are not included in the Initial Franchise Fee. Your costs will depend on the number of people attending training, their point of origin, method of travel, class of accommodation and living expenses. The training program takes place in Northborough, Massachusetts area is an ongoing training program that includes several different phases. This estimate does not include employee wages.
- <sup>3</sup> This estimate includes the equipment required for your Franchised Business, including tools, safety protection, and a vehicle. You must use a vehicle of the make, model, and age we require, for travel to your customers' properties. You may use a vehicle you currently own, if we determine, in our sole discretion, that it meets our specifications, and we give our consent. If you must purchase a vehicle, we list current acceptable standards and specifications in our operations manual. The high end of the above estimate represents three (3) months of car payments, assuming a purchase price of \$24,655 plus taxes, fees, and registration, with a 20% down payment. You must maintain your vehicle in good working order, cleanliness and appearance and promptly repair any visible exterior damage, including but not limited to, dents and scratches.
- <sup>4</sup> You are responsible for applying for, obtaining, and maintaining all required permits and licenses necessary to operate your Franchised Business. This estimate includes the cost of local business licenses that typically remain in effect for 1 year. This estimate further includes the initial cost of licenses, certifications and/or permits that may be required by you or your employees to provide services offered by the Franchise. The costs of permits and licenses will vary by location.
- <sup>5</sup> We require you to purchase computer systems and software meeting our minimum specifications for use at your Franchised Business. This estimate includes the cost of one personal computer and monitors, one all-in-one printer/fax/scanner, and a smartphone. It also includes subscription fees for three months for our required software. You must also have Internet and other telecommunications equipment and services in accordance with our standards to permit electronic transmission of reports and revenue and customer information. We reserve the right to change your requirements for computer hardware and software at any time.
- <sup>6</sup> You may incur professional fees depending on the scope of work performed, which may include legal and accounting fees to review franchise documents and costs of forming a separate legal entity and/or obtaining zoning approval. This list is not exhaustive. This amount will vary greatly depending on your specific needs and location. We strongly recommend that you seek the assistance of professional advisors when evaluating this franchise opportunity, this disclosure document, and the Franchise Agreement. It is also advisable to consult these professionals to review any lease or other contracts that you will enter into as part of starting your franchise.

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- <sup>7</sup> During the fifteen (15) days prior to and first thirty (30) days after the opening of your Franchised Business, we require you to spend at least Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) on local advertising and promotional activities in your Territory. In addition, we require you to spend \$500 for Google Search. Thereafter, you are required to spend at least three percent (3%) of monthly Gross Revenue on local advertising. You may elect to expend additional amounts to conduct a larger, more elaborate grand opening event or more extensive monthly local advertising programs. The estimate in the above Table includes the cost of promotional materials.
- <sup>8</sup> Before you open for business, you must purchase and maintain at your sole cost and expense the insurance coverage that we specify. We estimate that you will have to pay your insurance carrier or agent the full annual premium in advance. Insurance costs and requirements may vary widely in different localities. The estimate is for 1 year of liability insurance coverage. We reserve the right to require additional types of insurance and coverage as provided in the Franchise Agreement.
- <sup>9</sup> This estimate includes a three (3) month deposit of rent for a 250 500 square foot location at a minimum of \$10.00 per square foot if you choose to rent an office space or storage unit. This estimate is based on the experience of our affiliate-owned outlets. Real estate costs vary widely from place to place. Rental Rates may be more or less than this range depending on the location of your Franchised Business.
- <sup>10</sup> We assume that you will work from a home office. You will need dedicated secure storage space, which you may have at your residence (e.g., an appropriate garage) or a storage unit. This estimate represents a three (3) month deposit of rent for a storage unit. The figures in the chart include deposits that may be refundable to you at a later time.
- <sup>11</sup> This is an estimate of the amount of additional operating capital that you may need to operate your Franchised Business during the first three (3) months after commencing operations. We cannot guarantee that you will not incur additional expenses in starting the business that may exceed this estimate. This estimate includes such items as initial payroll, taxes, Royalties (as described in this disclosure document), Brand Fund Contributions, bank charges, miscellaneous supplies and equipment, initial staff recruiting expenses, and other miscellaneous items. These estimates do not include any compensation to you, nor do they include debt service. These items are by no means all-inclusive of the extent of possible expenses.

You should review these figures carefully with a business advisor before making any decision to invest in the franchise. These figures are estimates and we cannot guarantee that you will not have additional expenses starting your Franchised Business. Your additional costs will depend on factors such as how closely you follow our methods and procedures; your management skill, experience, and business acumen; local economic conditions; the local market for our service; competition; and the sales level reached during your initial period.

We do not offer direct or indirect financing to franchisees for any other items included in this section.

All fees and payments are non-refundable, unless otherwise stated or permitted by payee.

#### ITEM 8: RESTRICTIONS ON SOURCES OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

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We have identified various suppliers, distributors and manufacturers of certain equipment, inventory, and services that your Franchised Business must use or provide which meets our standards and requirements. You must purchase all items outlined in the Operations Manual, and any equipment bearing the Marks in accordance with our specifications. You also purchase website design services and search engine optimization (SEO) services from our designated suppliers and contractors. We maintain written lists of approved items of equipment, inventory, and supplies (by brand name and/or by standards and specifications) and a list of designated suppliers and contractors for those items in the Operations Manual. We will update these lists periodically and issue the updated lists to all franchisees.

You must purchase or lease an approved vehicle which meets our standards and specifications. Your vehicle must comply with any minimum requirements listed in our Operations Manual. You must purchase or lease a vehicle we approve from a vendor that meets our standards. You may purchase or lease either a new or used vehicle, so long as your vehicle meets our standards. Your vehicle must be wrapped in our standard graphics according to our specifications. You must regularly maintain and clean the vehicle according to our specifications. Your vehicle must be operated by a duly licensed operator who must comply with all traffic laws. Your vehicle and any driver must, at all times, be properly registered and insured according to our requirements.

We approve suppliers after careful review of the quality of the products and services they provide to us and our franchisees. If you would like us to consider another item or supplier, you must make such request in writing to us and have the supplier give us samples of its product or service and such other information that we may require. If the item and/or supplier meets our specifications, as we determine in our sole discretion, we will approve it as an additional item or supplier. We will notify you whether we approve or disapprove of the proposed item or supplier within 30 days after we receive all required information to evaluate the product or service. All proposed additional items or suppliers are deemed disapproved until approved by us in writing. We reserve the right to revoke approval of any item or supplier that does not continue to meet our then-current standards. Our criteria for approving items and suppliers are not available to you. If you request that we approve a proposed item or supplier, you will be required to pay us any actual costs of product testing.

Neither we nor any of our affiliates are the sole approved or designated supplier for any product, good or service that you are required to purchase for the operation of your Franchised Business. None of our officers own any interest in any approved or designated supplier for any product, good or service that you are required to purchase for the operation of your Franchised Business.

We estimate that your purchase or lease of products, supplies and services from approved suppliers (or those which meet our specifications) will represent approximately 25% to 45% of your costs to establish your Franchised Business and approximately 75% to 85% of your costs for ongoing operation.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2022, neither we nor our affiliates received any revenue from vendors on account of required purchases by franchisees.

We currently do not receive any revenue, rebates, discounts, or other material consideration from any suppliers based on your required purchases of products, supplies or equipment; however, we may do so in the future, and any rebates or discounts we receive may be kept by us in our sole discretion.

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Currently, there are no purchasing or distribution cooperatives. However, we can require that you make your purchases through a cooperative if one is formed.

We have negotiating purchase arrangements with Wirepath Home Systems dba Snap AV, including the price terms, for certain products you are required to sell. We may in the future negotiate other purchase arrangements, including price terms, with designated and approved suppliers on behalf of all franchisees.

We provide no material benefits (such as the grant of additional franchises) based on your use of designated sources; however, failure to use approved items or designated suppliers and contractors may be a default under the Franchise Agreement. Additionally, when there is any default under the Franchise Agreement, we reserve the right, in addition to other remedies available under the Franchise Agreement, to direct suppliers to withhold furnishing products and services to you.

You are required to purchase the insurance that we require. This includes commercial general liability insurance, including contractual liability, public liability, personal injury, advertising injury and products liability coverage in the amount of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in the aggregate; statutory worker's compensation insurance in the limits required by state law, or One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), whichever is greater; and comprehensive automobile liability insurance of at least a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000), or greater if required by state law. Each policy must be written by a responsible carrier or carriers acceptable to us and must name us, and our respective officers, directors, partners, agents, and employees as additional insured parties, and contain a waiver of the insurance company's rights of subrogation against us.

## ITEM 9: FRANCHISEE'S OBLIGATIONS

This table lists your principal obligations under the franchise and other agreements. It will help you find more detailed information about your obligations in these agreements and in other items of this Disclosure Document.

Obligation	Section or Article in Franchise Agreement	Item in Franchise Disclosure Document
Site Selection and Acquisition/Lease	8.1	11, 12
Pre-Opening Purchase/Leases	8.2, 12.3.1	7, 11
Site Development & other Pre-Opening Requirements	8.1, 8.2, 12.1.1	11
Initial and Ongoing Training	Article 7	11
Opening	8.2	11

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Obligation	Section or Article in Franchise Agreement	Item in Franchise Disclosure Document
Fees	5.2.5, Article 6, 7.4, 7.5, 12.3.7, 12.8, 12.9,13.2, 13.3.1,15.6, 16.4, 18.1.4, 18.1.5, 19.1.5 20.8	5, 6, 7
Compliance with Standards and Policies/Operating Manual	Article 9, 11.4, Article 12, 19.1.1	8, 11
Trademarks and Proprietary Information	9.3, Article 14, 19.2, 19.3, 19.4	13, 14
Restrictions on Products/Services Offered	12.8	8
Warranty and Customer Service Requirements	12.6	Not Applicable
Territorial Development and Sales Quotas	13.2	12
Ongoing Product/Service Purchases	Not Applicable	8
Maintenance, Appearance and Remodeling Requirements	Article 9, 12.1.7, 12.1.9	Item 11
Insurance	Article 15	7
Advertising	12.1.8, Article 13	6, 11
Indemnification	12.4, 12.5,15.6, 16.3.6, 21.1	14
Owner's Participation, Management, Staffing	11.1, 11.3, 12.1.3, 12.1.4	11, 15
Records/Reports	12.2	6
Inspections and Audits	12.1.5, 12.2.4, 12.9	6, 11
Transfer	Article 16	17
Renewal	Article 5	17
Post-Termination Obligations	Article 18	17
Non-Competition Covenants	19.5	17

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Obligation	Section or Article in Franchise Agreement	Item in Franchise Disclosure Document
Dispute Resolution	Article 20	17

## ITEM 10: FINANCING

We do not offer direct or indirect financing. We do not guarantee any note, lease, or obligation on your behalf.

## ITEM 11: FRANCHISOR'S ASSISTANCE, ADVERTISING, COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND TRAINING

Except as listed below, Level Up Franchise, LLC is not required to provide you with any assistance.

## 1. **Pre-Opening Obligations**

Before you open your Franchised Business, we will:

- a. approve the territory for your Franchised Business. A protected territory will consist of a minimum population within a geographic radius defined by Zip Codes or other readily ascertainable geographic boundaries (Franchise Agreement, Sections 3.1, 10.1).
- b. provide you access to the Level Up Automation Manual and other manuals and training aids we designate for use in the operation of your Level Up Automation Franchise, as they may be revised from time to time (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.3).
- c. The location you select and we approve will be purchased or leased by you from independent third parties. You will provide us with a copy of your lease before you sign the lease. Although we have the right to object to the terms of your lease, you must negotiate the terms of any sale or lease of the location. We have the right to object to the location and object to the terms of the lease agreement. If we cannot agree on a proposed site, we may elect to terminate the Franchise Agreement and keep the entire initial franchise fee. We generally do not own the premises and lease it to you.
- d. provide a written list of equipment, signage, supplies and products that will be required to open the Franchised Business. We and our affiliates are not obligated to install any of these items (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.5).
- e reserve the right to designate an alternative location for the initial training we will determine, in our sole discretion, whether you satisfactorily complete the initial training (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.1).
- f. provide you with a trainer for on-site training, supervision, and assistance for up to three (3) days during the opening of your Franchised Business (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.3)

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g. provide you with standards and qualifications and training of your employees. We do not otherwise assist you with employee hiring and training (Franchise Agreement, Sections 12.1.6, 12.9)

## 2. Time to Open

We estimate the typical length of time between the signing of the Franchise Agreement and the time you open your Franchised Business is thirty (30) to sixty (60) days. Factors that may affect this time period include your ability to acquire financing or permits; securing storage space; and completion of required training. If you have not opened your Franchised Business within ninety (90) days after you sign the Franchise Agreement, you must obtain our consent to extend the time to open, which we may or may not grant, at our discretion. Failure to open your Franchised Business within the original time as extended, is a default of the Franchise Agreement (Franchise Agreement, Sections 8.1, 8.3)

## 3. Obligations After Opening

During the operation of your franchise, we will:

- a. offer from time to time, in our discretion, mandatory or optional additional training programs. If we require it, you must attend mandatory additional training offered by us and/or attend an annual business meeting or franchisee conference for up to five (5) days each year at a location we designate. Failure to attend mandatory additional training or an annual business meeting or conference is a default of the Franchise Agreement. We reserve the right to impose a reasonable fee for tuition and/or attendance for all additional training programs, including the annual business meeting or conference. You must also pay your transportation, lodging, meals, and other expenses to attend any mandatory training program. If you fail to attend any mandatory training program, you are required to obtain the training at a location we designate, at your sole cost, which includes tuition at the then-current rate, plus all of your travel costs and our trainer's travel costs. (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.4).
- b. upon your request, or as we determine to be appropriate, provide remedial on-site training and assistance. For any on-site remedial training, you must reimburse all costs for the services of our trainer, including but not limited to the trainer's then-current per diem fee and all travel-related expenses, such as transportation, meals, and lodging (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.5).
- c. The location you select, and we approve will be purchased or leased by you from independent third parties. You will provide us with a copy of your lease before you sign the lease. Although we have the right to object to the terms of your lease, you must negotiate the terms of any sale or lease of the location. We have the right to object to the location and object to the terms of the lease agreement. If we cannot agree on a proposed site, we may elect to terminate the Franchise Agreement and keep the entire initial franchise fee. We generally do not own the premises and lease it to you.
- d. upon your request, provide individualized assistance to you within reasonable limits by telephone, video conference, electronic mail or postage service, subject at all times to availability of our personnel and in reasonable limits (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.6).
- e. from time to time, as may become available, provide you with samples or digital artwork of advertising and promotional materials (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.6).

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- f. provide you with any written specifications for required equipment, fixtures, products, and services and provide you with updated lists of any approved suppliers of these items (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.7).
- g. subject to applicable law, set pricing parameters and advise on selling prices for products and services for your Level Up Automation franchised business. We reserve the right to establish key accounts with property owners that operate multi-unit facilities. If we establish such accounts, you are required to service them on the terms negotiated. If you cannot or are unwilling to do so, we reserve the right to service those accounts or designate another franchisee to do so (Franchise Agreement, Section 12.7).
- h. approve or disapprove of all advertising, direct mail, and other promotional material and campaigns you propose in writing to us. We will respond within ten (10) business days, either accepting or rejecting the proposed material and/or campaign; however, if we do not respond within ten (10) business days, the proposed material and/or campaign is deemed "disapproved". (Franchise Agreement, Section 13.6).
- i. conduct inspections of your Franchised Business and vehicle(s), at the frequency and duration that we deem advisable. Such inspections include evaluating your service to ensure they meet our standards (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.4)

## 4. Advertising

**Local Advertising** (Franchise Agreement, Sections 13.2, 13.5 and 13.6)

We require you to spend at least Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) on initial local advertising and promotional activities from at least fifteen (15) days immediately prior to the opening of your Franchised Business through thirty (30) days immediately following the opening of your Franchised Business. Thereafter, you are required to spend at least three percent (3%) of monthly Gross Revenue on local advertising to promote your Franchised Business. Upon our request, you must furnish us with a quarterly report and documentation of local advertising expenditures during the previous calendar quarter. We reserve the right to collect some or all of your grand opening funds and/or your Local Advertising expenditure and implement grand opening campaign activities and/or Local Advertising on your behalf.

You may develop advertising materials for your own use at your own cost, and you may use marketing materials that we may offer to you from time to time. You may not use any advertising or marketing materials, including press releases, unless they have been approved in advance in writing by us, which approval may be withheld in our discretion. We will respond to your request for approval within ten (10) business days; however, if we do not respond within ten (10) business days, the proposed advertising or marketing material is deemed "disapproved".

We do not provide for placement of local advertising on your behalf, and we have no obligation to spend any amount on advertising in your area or territory. You are responsible for local advertising placement. You must list the Franchised Business in local business directories, including, but not limited to, listings on Internet search engines. If feasible, you may do cooperative advertising with other Level Up Automation franchisees in your area, with our prior written approval. You may not maintain any business profile on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, or any other social media and/or networking site without our prior written approval.

**System-wide Brand Fund** (Franchise Agreement, Section 13.3)

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You are required to contribute to the Brand Fund one percent (1%) of monthly Gross Revenue, subject to increases not to exceed two percent (2%) of monthly Gross Revenue, generated by your Franchised Business. Each Level Up Automation outlet operated by our affiliates or us may contribute to the Brand Fund, in our discretion, but has no obligation to do so.

The Brand Fund is administered by us. We may use Brand Fund contributions to pay any and all costs for the development, production and placement of advertising, marketing, promotional and public relations materials, and programs. We may also use Brand Fund contributions to pay any and all costs of marketing seminars and training programs, market research, services of advertising and/or public relations agencies, and website development and maintenance. We may further use Brand Fund contributions to pay our costs (including personnel and other administrative costs) for advertising that is administered by us or prepared by us, as well as for administration and direction of the Brand Fund.

The Brand Fund will not be used to defray any of our other general operating expenses. Brand Fund contributions will not be used to solicit new franchise sales; provided however, we reserve the right to include "Franchises Available" or similar language and contact information in advertising produced with Brand Fund contributions.

The Brand Fund collects and expends the Brand Fund contributions for the benefit of the System as a whole. We reserve the right to use the Brand Fund contributions to place advertising in national, regional, or local media (including broadcast, print, or other media) and to conduct marketing campaigns through any channel, in our discretion, including but not limited to, Internet and direct-mail campaigns. We have no obligation, however, to place advertising or conduct marketing campaigns in any particular area, including the Territory where your Franchised Business is located.

The Brand Fund and its earning shall not otherwise inure to our benefit except that any resulting technology and intellectual property shall be deemed our property.

We have no obligation to make expenditures that are equivalent or proportionate to your Brand Fund contribution or to ensure that you benefit directly or pro rata from the production or placement of advertising from the Brand Fund.

The Brand Fund is not audited. An annual unaudited financial statement of the Brand Fund is available to any franchisee upon written request.

If we spend more or less than the total of all contributions to the Brand Fund in any fiscal year, we may carry forward any surplus or deficit to the next fiscal year.

No Brand Fund contributions were required, made, or expended in our most recently concluded fiscal year. Although the Brand Fund is intended to be of perpetual duration, we may terminate it at any time and for any reason or no reason. We will not terminate the Brand Fund, however, until all monies in the Brand Fund have been spent for advertising or promotional purposes or returned to contributors, without interest, on the basis of their respective contributions.

#### Regional Advertising (Franchise Agreement, Section 13.4)

Currently, our System has no regional advertising fund or cooperative. However, we may decide to establish a regional fund or cooperative in the future and your participation may be mandatory, in our sole discretion. A regional cooperative will be comprised of all franchised Level Up Automation outlets in a designated geographic area. Our affiliate-owned outlets may participate in a regional cooperative, in our sole discretion. Each Level Up Automation outlet will have one vote in the cooperative. We will determine in advance how each cooperative will be organized and governed.

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We have the right to form, dissolve, merge or change the structure of the cooperatives. If a cooperative is established during the term of your Franchise Agreement, you must sign all documents we request and become a member of the cooperative according to the terms of the documents.

If we establish a regional advertising fund or cooperative, you must contribute amounts we require. Your contributions to a regional advertising fund or cooperative will be in addition to your required contributions to the Brand Fund; however, contributions made by you to a regional advertising fund or cooperative will be credited against your required expenditures for local advertising.

## **Advertising Council** (Franchise Agreement, Section 9.5)

We do not have an advertising council composed of franchisees that advises us on advertising policies. The Franchise Agreement gives us the right, in our discretion, to create a franchisee advisory council to communicate ideas, including proposed advertising policies. If created, we will determine in advance how franchisees are selected to the council, which may include factors such as a franchisee's level of success, superior performance, and studio profitability. We reserve the right to change or dissolve the council at any time.

## 5. **Computer Systems** (Franchise Agreement, Section 12.3)

You must purchase the hardware, software, system tools and processes as stated in the Operations Manual. Currently, you are required to have the following hardware and software:

<u>Hardware</u>: multi-function laser printer/scanner/copier; high speed internet access; general purposes laptop or desktop computer.

<u>Software</u>: G Suite Enterprise Platform; Portal.io; Service Fusion all in one field management, vehicle tracking, customer management system, POS, and inventory management software.

We may in the future modify or establish other sales reporting systems as we deem appropriate, for the accurate and expeditious reporting of Gross Revenue and delivery of our products and services. You must fully cooperate in implementing any such modifications at your expense. The current approximate cost of the required hardware and software is \$1,500 to \$2,500. The current software access fees are approximately \$500 per month, subject to increase.

There are no contractual limitations on the frequency and cost of upgrades and/or updates to the above-described systems. We may in the future modify or establish other service performance or revenue reporting systems, as we deem appropriate, for the accurate and expeditious reporting of Gross Revenue and delivery of our products and services. You must fully cooperate in implementing any such modifications at your expense.

We have no obligation to maintain, repair, update or upgrade your computer hardware and software. At your cost, you must provide on-going maintenance and repairs to your computer hardware and software. You must upgrade your computer hardware and software as necessary to operate the most current version of our System requirements. We cannot estimate the cost of maintaining, updating, and upgrading your computer hardware and software because it will depend on the make and model of your computer, repair history, usage, local cost of computer maintenance services in your area and technological advances that we cannot predict.

We reserve the right to have remote and independent access to all information generated by and stored in your computer system, including your revenue information and customer data. There are no contractual limitations on our right to have full access to this information. At our option, we may retrieve, download, analyze and store such information and data at any time. Upon our request, you

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must sign any documents we require to allow us to independently and electronically access and retrieve the information stored in your computer system. We own all client data stored in your computer system.

## 6. Table of Contents of Operations Manual

The Table of Contents of our Operations Manual, current as of the date of this Disclosure Document is attached as Exhibit G. The Operations Manual has a total of 205 pages.

## 7. <u>Training</u> (Franchise Agreement, Article 7)

You (if the franchisee is an individual) or all of your owners (if the franchisee is a business entity) and your general manager must complete our Initial Management Training Program, to our satisfaction, at least two (2) weeks before opening your Franchised Business. We will train you at our location in Northborough, Massachusetts and/or the surrounding area, or another location as we specify.

#### TRAINING PROGRAM

Subject	Hours of Online Training	Hours of Classroom Training	Hours of On The Job Training	Location
Phase One: Introduction to Technology Automation and Level Up Automation	12	0	0	Virtual
Phase Two: Marketing, Lead Generation, Operations, Personnel, Business and Financial Management, Commencing Operations, Installation Processes	0	40	0	Northborough, Massachusetts
Phase Three: Job Sites & Consultations	0	0	16	Northborough, Massachusetts
TOTAL HOURS	12	40	16	

We periodically conduct our Initial Management Training program throughout the year, as needed, approximately every 8 to 12 weeks. Training is currently provided under the supervision of Jennifer Mallett, Michelle Goth, Jim Mallett, and Kevin McClenithan. Jennifer Mallett is our President and Chief Executive Officer and is also the Chief Executive Officer of our affiliate Level Up Your Home, LLC. Jennifer oversees all aspects of the Level Up Automation brand operations, including service methods and techniques, sales, marketing, brand development, technology, and process management, and will provide training regarding the overall business strategy. Michelle Goth, Jim Mallett, and Kevin McClenithan are all employees of our affiliate, Level Up Your Home, LLC. Michelle Goth will provide training regarding the day-to-day operations of the Franchised Business; Jim will provide training regarding customer service; and Kevin will provide training regarding home service and installation.

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Our training materials consist of the Operations Manual supplemented with online materials, active observation, participation, and verbal instruction.

The cost of our instructors and training materials for up to four (4) individuals is included in the Initial Franchise Fee. You must pay for all travel and personal expenses, including but not limited to, all costs for your transportation, meals, and lodging for yourself and your personnel.

Our current fee to provide initial training to any additional trainee, who attends the same training session as you, is \$150 per person, per day.

If you do not complete our Initial Management Training Program to our satisfaction, we reserve the right to terminate the Franchise Agreement.

We will provide you with on-site training, supervision, and assistance for up to three (3) days during the opening of your Franchised Business.

We may conduct mandatory or optional additional training programs, including an annual conference or national business meeting. If we require it, you must attend mandatory training programs and an annual conference or national business meeting for up to five (5) days each year at a location we designate. Failure to attend mandatory training, including an annual conference or business meeting, is a default under the Franchise Agreement. We reserve the right to impose a reasonable fee for tuition and/or attendance for all additional training programs, including the annual business meeting or conference. You must also pay your transportation, lodging, meals, and other expenses to attend any mandatory training program. If you fail to attend any mandatory training program, you are required to obtain the training at a location we designate, at your sole cost, which includes tuition at the then-current rate, plus all of your travel costs and our trainer's travel costs.

## ITEM 12: TERRITORY

Under the Franchise Agreement, you have the right to establish and operate one (1) Level Up Automation outlet within a limited protected territory that will be defined after the location of your Franchised Business is identified and approved by us (the "Territory"). You may operate out of a home-based office. Your Territory is located in all or a portion of a listed town, city, or county, and is identified by a group of contiguous zip codes. The Territory will be based on a minimum population of approximately 200,000 individuals within a specific geographic radius defined by zip code or map. The Territory is determined on an individual basis taking into account demographics, minimum numbers of households, geographic terrain and market potential and other factors that we deem pertinent. Territory will be defined and attached to your Franchise Agreement as Attachment 3. If you do not yet have a location at the signing of the Franchise Agreement, you will receive a non-exclusive site search area list as Attachment 3.

You will not receive an exclusive territory. You may face competition from other franchisees, from outlets that we own, or from other channels of distribution or competitive brands that we control.

During the term of your Franchise Agreement, and provided that you are not in default of your Franchise Agreement, we will not open a Level Up Automation franchise or grant the right to anyone else to open a Level Up Automation franchise within the Territory. However, notwithstanding this limited protection right we grant to you, we reserve all rights to sell, either directly or through others, our products, and services under the Marks in the Territory (i) through alternative distribution channels, as discussed below, (ii) to pre-existing clients, and/or (iii) at the request of a referral source.

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There is no minimum sales requirement, market penetration or other contingency that will affect your limited protected right to operate in the Territory during the term of your Franchise Agreement, unless you are in default of your obligations to us.

The Franchise Agreement entitles you to operate only at and from one (1) office location within your Territory. However, you may purchase additional contiguous Territories through a Multi-Territory Addendum. You will be required to sign a Franchise Agreement for each Territory that you purchase pursuant to a Multi-Territory Addendum, and thus each Territory will have the same territorial protections and restrictions detailed in this Item 12. If you sign a Multi-Territory Addendum, you will only be required to operate from one (1) office location from all territories under the Multi-Territory Addendum. You may not change the location of your Franchised Business office, except in accordance with the requirements of Section 8.4 of the Franchise Agreement. You may only relocate the Franchised Business office with our consent. If you operated the Franchised Business form a home office and you choose to sell your home and move to a new area, we reserve the right to require you to lease premises within your Territory for the Franchised Business. You are required to remove all identifying signs and property from the original office location.

The Franchise Agreement grants you no options, rights of first refusal or similar rights to acquire additional franchises within the Territory or contiguous territories. Unless you have signed a Multi-Territory Addendum, we may, but have no obligation to, consider granting to you the right to establish additional Level Up Automation locations under other franchise agreements if you are in compliance with the Franchise Agreement and propose to open another Level Up Automation Franchise in an area and at a location we approve.

We reserve all rights not expressly granted in the Franchise Agreement. For example, we or our affiliates may own, operate, or authorize others to own or operate another Level Up Automation franchise outside of the Territory and may operate other kinds of businesses within the Territory. Although we do not currently do so and have no plans to do so, we and our affiliates may own, acquire, conduct, or authorize others to conduct, any form of business at any location selling any type of product or service not offered under the Marks, including a product or service similar to those you will sell at your Franchised Business. We reserve the right to merge with, acquire, or be acquired by, an existing competitive or non-competitive franchise network, chain, or other business; however, we will not convert any acquired business in your Territory to a franchising using our primary trademarks during the Term of your Franchise Agreement.

We also reserve the right to solicit, sell to, negotiated rates with, and service property owners, lessees and managers that control multi-unit facilities ("Key Accounts"). We may offer you the first right to serve Key Accounts in your Territory, provided that you accept the negotiated terms. We may impose an administrative fee for your service of Key Accounts.

We reserve the rights to offer (i) other services and products not offered under the Marks, (ii) other home automation services under the Marks or other trademarks, and (iii) products or services through other channels of distribution in the Territory including, but not limited to, products offered through retail stores, the Internet or direct marketing ("Alternate Channels of Distribution"). You will receive no compensation for our sales through Alternative Distribution Channels in the Territory.

You may not use Alternative Distribution Channels to make sales inside or outside your Territory; however, we will include a listing on our website of your Level Up Automation Franchised Business contact information. You may only solicit sales from customers in your Territory. Your local advertising must target customers in your Territory, although the reach of your local advertising may extend beyond your Territory. You may service a customer located outside of your Territory, provided

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that the customer is located in an area where there is not another Level Up Automation outlet in operation. Your establishment of goodwill or customer relationships outside of your Territory will not limit our right to open or franchise a Level Up Automation business that encompasses such Territory, in which case, you would be excluded from that territory.

The Franchise Agreement does not grant you any right to participate in franchises, licensing programs or other business proposals for the sale and distribution of Level Up Automation products or services through Alternate Distribution Channels.

## ITEM 13: TRADEMARKS

Level Up Automation IP, LLC ("Licensor") is the owner of the Marks and has granted us the exclusive right to use the Marks and license to others the right to use the Marks in the operation of a Level Up Automation franchise in accordance with the System. The Franchise Agreement will license to you the right to operate your Franchised Business under the Level Up Automation service marks, as described below ("Principal Marks"):

Mark	Serial Number	Filing Date	Register
LEVEL UP AUTOMATION	90296476	November 3, 2020	Principal
LEVEL UP YOUR HOME	90296415	November 3, 2020	Principal

We do not have a federal trademark for our principal trademark. Therefore, our trademark does not have as many legal benefits and rights as a federally registered trademark. If our right to use the trademark is challenged, you may have to change to an alternative trademark, which may increase your expenses.

You must notify us immediately when you learn about an infringement of or challenge to your use of the Principal Marks or other Marks. Licensor and we will take any action we think appropriate and, if you have given us timely notice and are in full compliance with the Franchise Agreement, we will indemnify you for all expenses and damages arising from any claim challenging your authorized use of the Principal Marks or other Marks. Licensor and we have the right to control any administrative proceedings or litigation involving the Principal Marks or other Mark licensed by us to you. You must cooperate fully with Licensor and us in defending and/or settling the litigation.

We reserve the right to substitute different Marks if we can no longer use the current Marks, or if we determine that substitution of different Marks will be beneficial to the System. In such event, we may require you, at your expense, to modify or stop using any Mark, including the Principal Marks, or to use one or more additional or substitute Marks.

You must not directly or indirectly contest Licensor's right, or our right, to the Principal Marks or other Marks.

There are no currently effective material determinations of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Trademark Trial and Appeals Board, the Trademark Administration of any state, or any

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court relating to the Marks. There is no pending infringement, opposition, or cancellation. There is no pending material federal or state court litigation involving the Principal Marks or other Marks.

There are no currently effective agreements that significantly limit Licensor's or our rights to use or license the use of the Principal Marks or other Marks in a manner material to the franchise.

As of the date of this Disclosure Document, we know of no superior prior rights or infringing uses that could materially affect your use of the Principal Mark.

## ITEM 14: PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

We hold no patents and have no pending patent applications that are material to the franchise. We have registered no copyright with the United States Copyright Office. However, we claim copyrights on certain forms, advertisements, promotional materials, and other written materials. We also claim copyrights and other proprietary rights in our Operations Manual and the contents of our website.

There are no current material determinations of, or proceedings pending in, the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the U.S. Copyright Office, or any court regarding any of our copyrights discussed above.

There are no agreements currently in effect that limit your right to use any of our copyrights. As of the date of this Disclosure Document, we are unaware of any infringing uses of or superior previous rights to any of our copyrights that could materially affect your use of them.

You must notify us immediately when you learn about an infringement of or challenge to your use of our copyrights. We will take any action we think appropriate and, if you have given us timely notice and are in full compliance with the Franchise Agreement, we will indemnify you for all expenses and damages arising from any claim challenging your authorized use of our copyrights. We have the right to control any administrative proceedings or litigation involving our copyrights. You must cooperate fully with us in defending and/or settling the litigation.

During the term of the Franchise Agreement, you may have access to and become acquainted with our trade secrets, including, but not limited to, methods, processes, customer lists, vendor partnerships and/or relationships, sales and technical information, costs, product prices and names, software tools and applications, website and/or email design, products, services, equipment, technologies and procedures relating to the operation of your Franchised Business; systems of operation, services, programs, products, procedures, policies, standards, techniques, requirements and specifications which are part of the System; the Operations Manual; methods of advertising and promotion; instructional materials; marketing plans, business methods, research, development or know-how, any other information which we may or may not specifically designate as "confidential" or "proprietary", and the components of our System whether or not such information is protected or protectable by patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights (collectively called the "Confidential Information"). You agree that you will take all reasonable measures to maintain the confidentiality of all Confidential Information in your possession or control and that all such Confidential Information and trade secrets shall remain our exclusive property. You may never during the Initial Term, any Renewal Term, or after the Franchise Agreement expires or is terminated reveal any of our confidential information to another person or use it for any other person or business. You may not copy any of our Confidential Information or give it to a third party except as we authorize in writing to you prior to any dissemination. Any and all of your personnel who have access to our Confidential Information must sign our Confidentiality/Non-Competition Agreement (Franchise Agreement, Attachment 7).

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You must promptly tell us when you learn about unauthorized use of any Confidential Information. We are not obligated to take any action but will respond to this information as we think appropriate. We will indemnify you for losses brought by a third party concerning your use, in strict compliance with the Franchise Agreement, of the Confidential Information.

## ITEM 15: OBLIGATIONS OF THE FRANCHISEE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTUAL OPERATION OF THE FRANCHISE BUSINESS

The Franchise Agreement requires that you personally supervise your Level Up Automation outlet. You may appoint a General Manager to oversee the day-to-day operations of your Level Up Automation outlet, but you must remain active in overseeing the Franchised Business. Your general manager can either be you or someone appointed by you who is acceptable to us. Your general manager must successfully complete our Initial Management Training Program and all other training courses we require. Your general manager must devote full time to the job and cannot have an interest or business relationship with any competitors. If the franchisee is a business entity, your general manager is not required to have an equity interest in the franchisee entity.

Your general manager and all other personnel who will have access to our proprietary and Confidential Information and training must sign our Non-Disclosure/Non-Competition Agreement, which is attached to our Franchise Agreement as Attachment 10. If your Franchised Business is owned by an entity, all owners of the entity must personally sign the Franchise Agreement as a Principal. If you are a married individual, your spouse must sign our Guaranty, which is attached to our Franchise Agreement as Attachment 9.

#### ITEM 16: RESTRICTION ON WHAT FRANCHISEE MAY SELL

You may only offer and sell the products and services that are part of the System, and the services and products which we incorporate into the System in the future. You may only offer products and services that we have previously approved and for which you are qualified to provide.

You may not use our Marks for any other business, and you may not conduct any other business at or through your Franchised Business operations or office. You cannot engage in any other business that competes with your Franchised Business, with us or our affiliates, or with Level Up Automation outlets owned by other franchisees, whether such business is inside or outside of the Territory.

We may add to, delete from, or modify the products and services that you can and must offer. You must abide by any additions, deletions, and modifications. There are no other limits on our rights to make these changes.

You may only sell products and services in the manner we prescribe. You may only solicit sales from customers in your Territory. Your local advertising must target customers in your Territory, although the reach of your local advertising may extend beyond your Territory. See Item 12 for restrictions on sales within and outside the Territory.

## ITEM 17: RENEWAL, TERMINATION, TRANSFER AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

#### THE FRANCHISE RELATIONSHIP

This table lists certain important provisions of the franchise and related agreements. You should read these provisions in the agreements attached to this disclosure document.

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	Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
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a.	Length of the franchise term	Art. 4	Term is ten (10) years
b.	Renewal or extension of the Term	Art. 5	If you are in good standing as defined below, you can execute up to two (2) successor franchise agreements for additional terms of five (5) years each, unless we have determined, in our sole discretion, to withdraw from the geographical area where your Franchise is located.
C.	Requirements for franchisee to renew or extend	Sections 5.1 and 5.2	Be in full compliance, have no more than three (3) events of default during current term, provide written notice to us at least ten months before the end of the term, execute a new franchise agreement, pay us the Successor Agreement Fee of 25% of the then-current initial franchise fee, repair, upgrade or replace the equipment and other Franchised Business assets to meet then-current specifications, execute a general release, comply with then-current qualifications and training requirements, including completion of additional training.  You may be asked to sign a new Franchise Agreement with materially different terms and conditions than your original Franchise Agreement.
d.	Termination by franchisee	None	You may seek termination upon any grounds available by state law.
e.	Termination by franchisor without cause	Section 16.7	The Franchise Agreement will terminate upon your death or permanent disability, and the Franchise must be transferred within six months to a replacement franchisee that we approve.
f.	Termination by franchisor with cause	Article 17	We may terminate only if you default. The Franchise Agreement describes defaults throughout. Please read it carefully.

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		Section in Franchise Agreement	
	Provision		Summary
g.	"Cause" defined – curable defaults	Section 17.3	You have 5 days to cure non-payments and any other defaults (except for non-curable defaults listed in the Franchise Agreement and described in h. immediately below).

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h.	"Cause" defined - non-curable	Sections 17.1 and	The Franchise Agreement will terminate
	defaults	17.2	automatically, without notice for the
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	following defaults: insolvency; bankruptcy;
			written admission of inability to pay debts;
			receivership; levy; composition with
			creditors; unsatisfied final judgment for
			more than 30 days; or foreclosure
			proceeding that is not dismissed within 30
			days.
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			We may terminate the Franchise
			Agreement upon notice to you if you: do
			not obtain required licenses and permits
			and/or open the Franchised Business
			within required time frames; falsify any
			report to us; fail to operate for a period of
			five (5) consecutive days or more; fail to
			comply with applicable laws; understate
			Gross Revenue two (2) or more times; fail
			to comply with insurance and
			indemnification requirements; attempt a
			transfer in violation of the Franchise
			Agreement; fail, or your legal
			representative fails to transfer as required
			upon your death or permanent disability;
			misrepresent or omit a material fact in
			applying for the Franchise; are convicted
			or plead no contest to a felony or crime
			that could damage the goodwill or
			reputation of the Marks or the System;
			receive an adverse judgment in any
			proceeding involving allegations of fraud,
			racketeering or improper trade practices or
			similar claim that could damage the
			goodwill or reputation of the Marks or the
			System; conceal revenues or maintain
			false books; create a threat or danger to
			public health or safety; refuse an
			inspection or audit by us; use the Marks,
			copyrighted material or Confidential
			Information in an unauthorized manner;
			make an unauthorized disclosure of
			Confidential Information; fail to comply
			with non-competition covenants; default in
			the performance of your obligations three
			(3) or more times during the term or
			receive two (2) or more default notices in
			any 12-month period; default under any
			other agreement with us or our affiliate;
			have insufficient funds to honor a check or
			EFT two (2) or more times within any
			twelve (12)-month period; or terminate the
			Franchise Agreement without cause.
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	Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
i.	Franchisee's obligations on termination/ non-renewal	Article 18	Upon termination, you must: cease operations; cease to identify yourself as a Level Up Automation franchisee; cease to use the Marks; cancel any assumed name registration that contains any Mark; pay us and our affiliates all sums owing; pay us any damages, costs or expenses we incur in obtaining any remedy for any violation of the Franchise Agreement by you, including, but not limited to attorneys' fees; deliver to us all Confidential Information, the Operations Manual and all records and files related to your Franchised Business; comply with the non-disclosure and non-competition covenants; pay liquidated damages; sell to us, at our option, all fixtures, equipment, inventory and supplies of your Franchised Business; and assign, at our option, your telephone numbers, directory and internet listings, and social media and software accounts.
j.	Assignment of contract by franchisor	Section 16.1.1	No restrictions on our right to assign.
k.	"Transfer" by franchisee defined	Section 16.3	Any assignment, sale, transfer, gift, devise, or encumbrance of any interest in the Franchise Agreement, the Franchised Business, any assets of the Franchised Business, or in the Franchisee (if the Franchisee is a business entity).
I.	Franchisor approval of transfer by franchisee	Section 16.3	No transfer is allowed without our consent, which we will not unreasonably withhold.

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	Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
m.	Conditions for franchisor approval of a transfer	Section 16.3 and 16.4	Conditions include: our decision not to exercise our right of first refusal; transferee meets our then-current standards for qualifying franchisees; transferee signs our then-current form of Franchise Agreement, which may have materially different terms from your Franchise Agreement; transferee successfully completes our Initial Management Training Program; you have paid us and third-party creditors all amounts owed; you and the transferee sign a General Release in the form of Attachment 5 to the Franchise Agreement; you shall subordinate any claims you have against the transferee to us; you will indemnify us for a period of 3 years following the transfer; our approval of the material terms and conditions of the transfer; and payment of a transfer fee equal to 50% of the then-current initial franchise fee; except for transfers to (i) an existing Level Up Automation franchisee, the transfer fee is equal to 25% of the then-current initial franchise fee, or (ii) an entity controlled or owned by the franchisee for convenience purposes, no charge.
n.	Franchisor's right of first refusal to acquire franchisee's business	Section 16.6	You must promptly notify us of any written offer to purchase your Franchise. We have 30 days to exercise our first right to buy it on the same terms and conditions, provided that (a) we may substitute cash for any other consideration (b) we may pay the entire purchase price at closing, (c) our credit is deemed as good as the proposed purchaser, (d) we have at least 60 days to close and (e) you shall give us all customary seller's representations and warranties.
0.	Franchisor's option to purchase franchisee's business	Section 18.2	Upon termination of the Franchise Agreement, we have the option to purchase your fixtures, equipment, signs, advertising materials, supplies and inventory at your cost or fair market value, whichever is less.

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	Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
p.	Death or disability of franchisee	Sections 16.3, 16.4 and 16.7	The Franchise Agreement will terminate upon your death or permanent disability, and the Franchise must be transferred within six months to a replacement franchisee that we approve.
q.	Non-competition covenants during the term of the franchise	Section 19.5.1	You may not: divert, or attempt to divert, customers or referral sources of any Level Up Automation outlet (including yours) to any competitor, participate in any capacity, including, but not limited to as an owner, investor, officer, director, employee or agent, in any competing business; do any act that could damage the goodwill of the Marks or System, or disrupt or jeopardize our business or that of our franchisees.
r.	Non-competition covenants after the franchise is terminated or expires	Section 19.5.2	For 24 months after the termination of the Franchise Agreement, you may not: divert, or attempt to divert, customers or referral sources of any Level Up Automation business (including yours) to any competitor, participate in any capacity, including, but not limited to as an owner, investor, officer, director, employee or agent, in any competing business within 50 miles of your former Level Up Automation Territory or any other Level Up Automation territory; do any act that could damage the goodwill of the Marks or System, or disrupt or jeopardize our business or that of our franchisees.
S.	Modification of the agreement	Sections 9.4, 14.6, 19.1.4 and 21.4	No oral modifications generally, but we may change the Operations Manual and System standards at any time. You may be required to implement these changes at your own costs. We have the right to modify our Marks at any time upon written notice to you.
t.	Integration/merger clause	Section 21.4	Only the terms of the Franchise Agreement and other related written agreements are binding (subject to applicable state law.) Any representations or promises outside of the disclosure document and Franchise Agreement may not be enforceable.

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		Section in Franchise Agreement	
	Provision		Summary
u.	Dispute resolution by arbitration or mediation	Sections 20.1 and 20.2	At our option, claims that are not resolved internally may be submitted binding arbitration at our headquarters in Northborough, Massachusetts, excluding claims related to injunctive relief, anti-trust, the trademarks, possession of the Franchised Business premises and post-termination obligations, subject to applicable state law/
V.	Choice of forum	Section 20.3	Litigation takes place in Massachusetts, subject to applicable state law.
w.	Choice of law	Section 20.3	Massachusetts law applies, subject to applicable state law.

See the state addenda to this Franchise Disclosure Document and the Franchise Agreement for special state disclosures.

#### ITEM 18: PUBLIC FIGURES

We do not currently use any public figures to promote our franchise.

## ITEM 19: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPRESENTATIONS

The FTC's Franchise Rule permits a franchisor to provide information about the actual or potential financial performance of its franchised and/or franchisor-owned outlets, if there is a reasonable basis for the information, and if the information is included in the disclosure document. Financial performance information that differs from that included in Item 19 may be given only if: (1) a franchisor provides the actual records of an existing outlet you are considering buying; or (2) a franchisor supplements the information provided in this Item 19, for example, by providing information about possible performance at a particular location or under particular circumstances.

We do not make any representations about a franchisee's future financial performance or the past financial performance of company-owned or franchised outlets. We also do not authorize our employees or representatives to make any such representations either orally or in writing. If you are purchasing an existing outlet, however, we may provide you with the actual records of that outlet. If you receive any other financial performance information or projections of your future income, you should report it to the franchisor's management by contacting Jennifer Mallett, Level Up Franchise, LLC, 367 West Main Street, Suite D, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532, 800-979-2791 the Federal Trade Commission, and the appropriate state regulatory agencies.

#### ITEM 20: OUTLETS AND FRANCHISEE INFORMATION

Table No. 1

System-wide Outlet Summary

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For Years 2020 to 2022

Column 1 Outlet Type	Column 2 Year	Column 3 Outlets at the Start of the Year	Column 4 Outlets at the End of the Year	Column 5 Net Change
Franchised	2020	0	0	0
	2021	0	2	+2
	2022	2	5	+3
Company –	2020	1	1	0
Owned*	2021	1	1	0
	2022	1	1	0
Total	2020	1	1	0
Outlets	2021	1	3	+2
	2022	3	6	+3

<sup>\*</sup>Company-owned outlets are operated by affiliated entities.

Table No. 2

Transfers of Outlets From Franchisees to New Owners (Other than the Franchisor)

For Years 2020 to 2022

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
State	Year	Number of Transfers
None	2020	0
	2021	0
	2022	0
Total	2020	0
	2021	0
	2022	0

Table No. 3

Status of Franchised Outlets
For Years 2020 to 2022

Column 1	Column 2	Column	Column	Column 5	Column	Column 7	Column 8	Column
State	Year	3	4	Terminations	6	Reacquired	Ceased	9
		Outlets	Outlets		Non-	by	Operations	Outlets
		at Start	Opened		renewals	Franchisor	-	at End
		of Year					Other	of the
							Reasons	Year
	2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Connecticut	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

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	2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	2021	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2022	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Louisiana	2021	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2022	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ohio	2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
	2022	2	3	0	0	0	0	5

Table No. 4

# Status of Company Owned\* Outlets For Years 2020 to 2022

Column 1	Column	Column	Column	Column 5	Column	Column 7	Column
State	2	3	4	Outlets	6	Outlets Sold	8
	Year	Outlets	Outlets	Reacquired	Outlets	to	Outlets
		at Start	Opened	from	Closed	Franchisees	at End
		of Year		Franchisees			of the
							Year
Massachusetts	2020	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2021	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2022	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	2020	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2021	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2022	1	0	0	0	0	1

Table No. 5

Projected Openings as of September 30, 2022

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
State	Franchise	Projected New	Projected New
	Agreements	Franchised Outlets	Company Owned
	Signed But Outlet	in the Next Fiscal	Outlets in the Next
	Not Opened	Year	Fiscal Year
Arizona	0	1	0
California	0	2	0
Colorado	0	1	0
Florida	0	1	0
Georgia	0	1	0

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Maine	0	1	0
New Jersey	0	1	0
New York	0	1	0
Ohio	0	1	0
Texas	0	1	0
Washington	0	1	0
Total	0	12	0

<sup>\*</sup> Company-owned stores are operated by affiliated entities.

### ITEM 21: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Level Up Franchise, LLC, was formed on June 19, 2020. Our audited financial statements for the years September 30, 2022, September 30, 2021, and the period from June 19, 2020 (inception) through September 30, 2020, are included in Exhibit C.

Our fiscal year end is September 30.

#### ITEM 22: CONTRACTS

Copies of all proposed agreements regarding the franchise offering are included in Exhibit B. These include our Franchise Agreement and all attachments to it (Franchisee Acknowledgment Statement; Marks; Territory Description; General Release; Conditional Assignment of Lease; Statement of Ownership Interests in Franchisee; Internet Advertising, Social Media, Software, and Telephone Account Agreement; Guaranty; Confidentiality and Non-Compete Agreement; and Multi-Territory Addendum).

### ITEM 23: RECEIPT

A receipt in duplicate is attached to this Disclosure Document as Exhibit G. You should sign both copies of the receipt. Keep one copy for your own records and return the other signed copy to Jennifer Mallett, Level Up Franchise, LLC, 367 West Main Street, Suite D, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532.

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### **EXHIBIT A**

## **AGENCIES/AGENTS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS**

This list includes the names, addresses and telephone numbers of state agencies having responsibility for franchising disclosure/registration laws, and serving as our agents for service of process (to the extent that we are registered in their states). This list also includes the names, addresses and telephone numbers of other agencies, companies or entities serving as our agents for service of process.

State	State Agency	Agent for Service of Process
CALIFORNIA	Commissioner of the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation Department of Financial Protection and Innovation 320 West 4th Street, Suite 750 Los Angeles, CA 90013 (213) 576-7505 Toll-free (866-275-2677)	Commissioner of the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation
CONNECTICUT	State of Connecticut Department of Banking Securities & Business Investments Division 260 Constitution Plaza Hartford, CT 06103-1800 (860) 240-8230	Banking Commissioner
HAWAII	Business Registration Division Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs 335 Merchant Street, Room 203 Honolulu, HI 96813 (808) 586-2722	Commissioner of Securities of the State of Hawaii
ILLINOIS	Office of Attorney General Franchise Division 500 South Second Street Springfield, IL 62706 (217) 782-4465	Illinois Attorney General
INDIANA	Indiana Secretary of State Securities Division 302 West Washington St., Room E-111 Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 232-6681	Indiana Secretary of State 201 State House Indianapolis, IN 46204
MARYLAND	Office of the Attorney General Division of Securities 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202-2020 (410) 576-6360	Maryland Securities Commissioner 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202-2020 (410) 576-6360
MICHIGAN	Michigan Department of Attorney General Consumer Protection Division Antitrust and Franchise Unit 670 Law Building Lansing, MI 48913 (517) 373-7117	Michigan Department of Commerce, Corporations and Securities Bureau

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State	State Agency	Agent for Service of Process
MINNESOTA	Minnesota Department of Commerce 85 7 <sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 280 St. Paul, MN 55101-2198 (651) 539-1500	Minnesota Commissioner of Commerce
NEW YORK	Office of the New York State Attorney General Investor Protection Bureau 28 Liberty Street, 21st Floor New York, NY 10005 (212) 416-8211 Phone (212) 416-6042 Fax	Attention: New York Secretary of State New York Department of State One Commerce Plaza 99 Washington Avenue, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Albany, NY 11231-0001 (518) 473-2492
NORTH DAKOTA	North Dakota Securities Department 600 East Boulevard, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Bismarck, ND 58505-0510 (701) 328-4712	North Dakota Securities Commissioner
OREGON	Department of Consumer and Business Services Division of Finance and Corporate Labor and Industries Building Salem, Oregon 97310 (503) 378-4387	Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services
RHODE ISLAND	Department of Business Regulation Division of Securities 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 69-1 Cranston, RI 02920 (401) 462-9585	Director of Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation
SOUTH DAKOTA	Division of Insurance Securities Regulation 124 South Euclid, Suite 104 Pierre, SD 57501 (605) 773-3563	Director of Insurance-Securities Regulation
VIRGINIA	State Corporation Commission Division of Securities and Retail Franchising 1300 East Main Street, 9th Floor Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 371-9051	Clerk of State Corporation Commission 1300 East Main Street, 1st Floor Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 371-9733
WASHINGTON	Department of Financial Institutions Securities Division P.O. Box 9033 Olympia, WA 98507-9033 (360) 902-8760	Director of Washington Financial Institutions Securities Division 150 Israel Road, SW Tumwater, WA 98501
WISCONSIN	Wisconsin Securities Commissioner Securities and Franchise Registration 345 W. Washington Avenue Madison, WI 53703 (608) 266-8559	Commissioner of Securities of Wisconsin

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## **EXHIBIT B**

# **FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

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# LEVEL UP FRANCHISE, LLC FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

THIS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT (th	his "Agreement") is being entered into this
, (the "Effective Date"	") by and between Level Up Franchise, LLC, a
Massachusetts limited liability company with	n its principal place of business at 367 West Main
Street, Suite D, Northborough, Massachusetts	01532 (herein "Franchisor") and
, a(n)	, with its principal place of business located at
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, an individual re	esiding at
("Principal(s)")	and Principal(s) shall be collectively referred
to in this Agreement as the "Franchisee".	

#### **RECITATIONS**

Through the expenditure of considerable time, effort and money, Franchisor and its affiliates have developed and established a unique and distinctive commercial and residential property technology automation business which features, among other things, the design and installation of home and commercial technology modifications and integrations, using Franchisor's designs, and using Franchisor's confidential operations manual ("Manual") of business practices and policies, and Franchisor's distinctive trade dress, operations methods, sales techniques, inventory, procedures for management control and training, assistance, advertising, and promotional programs, all of which may be changed, improved, or further developed by Franchisor at any time (taken together herein the "System").

The System is identified by certain trade names, service marks, trademarks, logos, emblems and indicia of origin, including but not limited to the service marks Level Up Automation and Level Up Automation, as set forth in Attachment 2, and such other trade names, service marks, and trademarks as are now designated and may hereafter be designated or substituted by Franchisor for use in connection with the System (the "Marks").

Franchisor continues to develop, use, and control the use of such Marks in order to identify for the public the source of services and products marketed under the Marks and the System and to represent the System's high standards of quality, appearance, and service.

Franchisee understands and acknowledges the importance of Franchisor's high and uniform standards of quality, service, and appearance, and the necessity of operating the business franchised hereunder in conformity with Franchisor's standards and specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties, in consideration of the promises, undertakings and commitments of each party to the other set forth herein, and intending to be legally bound hereby, mutually agree as follows:

1. **RECITATIONS**. The Recitations set out above form part of this Agreement.

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2. **GRANT OF FRANCHISE.** Franchisor hereby grants to Franchisee and Franchisee accepts, upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, the license to operate a Level Up Automation franchise (the "Franchise or the "Franchised Business"), using only the Marks licensed hereunder, in strict conformity with the System, which may be changed, improved and further developed by Franchisor from time to time. This grant applies only to a single location within a territory that is designated in Attachment 3 attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "Territory").

#### 3. SOLICITATION AND SALES RESTRICTIONS

- 3.1 <u>Territory</u>. This Agreement grants Franchisee the right to operate the Franchise Business from at a single location within the Territory. Franchisor agrees that Franchisor will not operate, and will not authorize any other franchisees to operate, a Level Up Automation outlet in the Territory using the same Marks as licensed to Franchisee in this Agreement so long as Franchisee is not in default under this Agreement or this Agreement has not been terminated. Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, Franchisor reserves the right to open, operate or franchise Level Up Automation franchises bordering and adjacent to the Territory. Franchisee will be selling its products and services from an office located within the Territory and will provide services to customers within the Territory. Except as set forth in this Agreement, Franchisee is prohibited from serving and soliciting customers outside of the Territory and from alternative methods of distribution as more fully specified herein.
- 3.2 Outside-Territory Sales. Franchisee must target Franchisee's marketing efforts within the Territory and solicit sales from customers and referral sources located within the Territory. Franchisee, however, may solicit and service a client or solicit a referral source located outside of the Territory, provided that (i) the client or referral source is not located in a territory serviced by Franchisor or another Level Up Automation franchisee, and (ii) Franchisee immediately terminates all solicitation and service in the outside-Territory area, upon completion of any then-current jobs, when such area is designated the service area of Franchisor or the territory of another Franchisee. Franchisee hereby acknowledges that other System franchisees have substantially similar rights to services clients outside of their territories, which includes servicing clients that may be within Franchisee's Territory, and Franchisee hereby agrees that the exercise of such right by other System franchisees is deemed not to impair or injure Franchisee's rights pursuant to Section 2 hereof.
- 3.3 Reservation of Rights. Franchisee understands and agrees that all rights to any businesses, other than as specified in this Agreement, are fully reserved to Franchisor within or outside of the Territory. By way of example only, Franchisor reserves the rights to offer (i) other services and products not offered under the Marks, (ii) other technology automation and integration concepts or products under the Marks or other trademarks, and (iii) products or services through other channels of distribution in the Territory including, but not limited to, products offered through retail stores, the Internet or direct marketing ("Alternate Channels of Distribution"). Franchisor further specifically reserves the right to solicit, sell to, negotiated rates with, and service property owners, lessees and managers that conduct business across multiple areas or have multiple locations either regionally or nationally

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("Key Accounts"). Franchisor may offer Franchisee the right to service Key Accounts in the Territory, provided that Franchisee accept negotiated terms; otherwise, Franchisor may service the Key Accounts either directly or permit another franchisee to provide such service. Franchisee will receive no compensation for Franchisor's sales through Alternate Distribution Channels or declined Key Accounts made within the Territory. Franchisee agrees that such implementation of Franchisor's rights pursuant to this Section 3.4 is deemed not to impair or injure Franchisee's rights pursuant to Section 2 hereof.

- **4. TERM.** Unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement and the Franchise granted hereunder shall commence upon the Effective Date set forth above, and terminate on the date that is ten (10) years following the Opening Date, as defined in Section 8 hereof (the "Term").
- 5. SUCCESOR OPTIONS. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Franchisee shall have the right, following the expiration of the Term hereof, to enter into a new franchise agreement and other agreements then customarily employed by Franchisor and in the form then generally being offered to prospective franchisees in the state in which the Territory is located (the "Successor Franchise Agreement") for up to two (2) additional terms equal to five (5) years each. The term of each such Successor Franchise Agreement shall commence upon the date of expiration of the immediately preceding term. Franchisee shall be charged a successor fee equal to twenty five percent (25%) of the then-current franchise fee ("Successor Fee").
  - 5.1 <u>Form and Manner of Successor Agreement.</u> If Franchisee desires to exercise Franchisee's option to enter into a Successor Franchise Agreement, it shall be done in the following manner:
    - 5.1.1 Not less than six (6) months prior to the expiration of the Term of this Agreement, Franchisee shall request from Franchisor in writing, a copy of Franchisor's then current Disclosure Document (including Franchisor's then current franchise agreement).
    - 5.1.2 Franchisee must execute and return to Franchisor all required documents, including any and all ancillary documents, within thirty (30) days after receipt by Franchisee of a copy of Franchisor's then current Disclosure Document.
    - 5.1.3 The Successor Franchise Agreement shall supersede this Agreement in all respects, and Franchisee understands and acknowledges that the terms of such new agreement may differ from the terms of this Agreement, including, without limitation, higher or lower royalty and other fees.
    - 5.1.4 If Franchisee fails to perform any of the acts, or deliver any of the notices required pursuant to this Paragraph 5 in a timely fashion, such failure shall be deemed an election by Franchisee not to exercise Franchisee's option to enter into the Renewal Franchise Agreement, and such failure shall cause Franchisee's right

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- and option to automatically lapse and expire, without further notice by Franchisor.
- 5.1.5 Franchisee acknowledges that the initial Term of this Agreement provides Franchisee more than a sufficient opportunity to recoup Franchisee's investment in the Franchise, as well as a reasonable return on such investment.
- 5.2 <u>Conditions of Successor Agreement.</u> Franchisee's right to enter into a Successor Franchise Agreement is conditioned upon the following:
  - 5.2.1 Franchisee shall be in full compliance with this Agreement and shall have materially performed Franchisee's obligations under this Agreement, Franchisor's operations manual ("Manual") and under all other agreements that may be in effect between Franchisee and Franchisor, including but not limited to all monetary obligations.
  - 5.2.2 Franchisee shall not have committed three (3) or more events constituting default during the then current Term of this Agreement, whether or not such defaults were cured.
  - 5.2.3 Franchisee will have completed any required additional training to Franchisor's reasonable satisfaction.
  - 5.2.4 Franchisee performs such repairs, upgrades and replacements as Franchisor may require to cause the Franchised Business equipment, fixtures, vehicles and other assets to conform to the then-current specifications for franchised businesses on the renewal date.
  - 5.2.5 Franchisee shall execute a general release of all claims Franchisee may have against Level Up Franchise, LLC, its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates, its officers, directors, shareholders, agents, and employees, whether in their corporate and/or individual capacities, in the form attached hereto as Attachment 4. This release will include all claims arising under any federal, state, or local law, rule, or ordinance.
  - 5.2.6 Franchisee shall pay the required Successor Fee and sign the Successor Franchise Agreement.
- 5.3 Notice Required by Law. If applicable law requires Franchisor to give notice to Franchisee prior to the expiration of the Term, this Agreement shall remain in effect on a month-to-month basis until Franchisor has given the notice required by such applicable law. If Franchisor is not offering new Level Up Automation franchises, is in the process of revising, amending or renewing Franchisor's form of franchise agreement or disclosure document, or Franchisor is not lawfully able to offer Franchisee the then current form of Successor Franchise Agreement at the time Franchisee advises Franchisor pursuant to Paragraph 5.2 hereof that Franchisee desires to renew, Franchisor

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may, in Franchisor's sole discretion, (i) offer to renew this Agreement upon the same terms set forth herein for the appropriate successor term or (ii) offer to extend the Term hereof on a month-to-month basis following the expiration of the Term for as long as Franchisor deems necessary or appropriate so that Franchisor may lawfully offer the then current form of Successor Franchise Agreement. Any timeframes specified in this Paragraph 5 shall be inclusive of any state mandated notice periods.

5.4 Additional Reservation of Rights. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Franchisor reserves the right not to enter into a Successor Franchise Agreement for Franchise as a result of a decision to withdraw from the Territory in which Franchisee's Franchised Business is located.

#### 6 FEES

- 6.1 <u>Initial Franchise and Royalty Fee</u>. As part of the consideration for the right to operate the Franchise granted herein, Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor the following fees:
  - 6.1.1 <u>Initial Franchise Fee</u>. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that the grant of this Franchise and the rights and obligations of the parties under this Agreement constitute the sole and only consideration for the initial franchise fee of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35.000.00) (the "Initial Fee"). **The Initial Fee is fully earned at the time this Franchise Agreement is signed and is not refundable under any circumstances.** Franchise shall pay the full amount of the Initial Fee to Franchisor upon Franchisee's execution of this Agreement.
  - 6.1.2 <u>Royalty Fee.</u> Franchisee agrees to pay Franchisor, throughout the Term, a royalty fee (the "Royalty Fee") equal to the greater of (i) six and one half percent (6.5%) of the Gross Revenue, as hereinafter defined, realized from the Franchised Business and from any other revenues received using Franchisor's methods, operations and/or trade secrets, or (ii) Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) per month (the "Royalty Fee").

The term "Gross Revenues" means the aggregate of all revenues and income from any source derived, invoiced or received, by Franchisee from, through, by or on account of the operation of the Franchised Business whether invoiced only or received in cash, in services, in kind, from barter and/or exchange, on credit (whether or not payment is actually received) or otherwise. Gross Revenues also include all proceeds from any business interruption insurance. Excluded from Gross Revenues are: (1) sales taxes and other taxes separately stated that Franchisee collects from clients and pays to taxing authorities; (2) refunds and credits made in good faith to arms' length clients, provided such credits or refunds are made in accordance with Franchisor's standards and specifications; and (3) the discount value of any voucher or other allowance that Franchisor authorizes at the time Franchisee redeems the client's voucher or allowance.

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- 6.1.3 Gross Revenue Reports. Franchisee shall, on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day of each month for the previous month, furnish Franchisor with a report showing Franchisee's Gross Revenue at or from the Franchised Business and/or made pursuant to the rights granted hereunder during such period (the "Gross Revenue Report"). The Gross Revenue Report shall be in such form and shall contain such information as Franchisor may from time to time prescribe. At Franchisor's discretion, Franchisee shall submit, or grant Franchisor access to, the Gross Revenue Report by an electronic transfer of data via the computer information systems ("Computer System") that Franchisor may require Franchisee to use in the operation of the Franchised Business.
- 6.1.4 Method of Payment. Franchisee shall, together with the submission of the Gross Revenue Report, pay Franchisor the Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution, as defined and more particularly described in Article 13, then due. At Franchisor's request, Franchisee must execute documents, including but not limited to, the Authorization attached as Attachment 5, that allow Franchisor to automatically take the Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution due as well as other sums due Franchisor, from business bank accounts via electronic funds transfers or Automated Clearing House ("ACH") payments. Franchisee's failure to allow electronic funds transfers on an ongoing basis is a material breach of this Agreement. If Franchisee fails to timely report Gross Revenue, then, in addition to a late fee and interest pursuant to Sections 6.2 and 6.3 hereof, Franchisor shall collect one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the last Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution payable. Franchisor shall reconcile amounts when Gross Revenues are reported.
- 6.2 <u>Late Fee.</u> If the Royalty Fee, Brand Fund Contribution, or any Gross Revenue Reports are not received by Franchisor as required by this Agreement, Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor, in addition to the overdue amount, a late fee of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00). This late fee is reasonably related to Franchisor's costs resulting from the delay in payment and/or receipt of any report, is not a penalty, and is in addition to any other remedy available to Franchisor under this Agreement for Franchisee's failure to pay the Royalty Fee, the Brand Fund Contribution, and/or submit Gross Revenue Reports in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 6.3 <u>Interest</u>. Any and all amounts that shall become due and owing from Franchisee to Franchisor under the terms hereof shall bear interest from the date due until paid at the rate of 1.5% per month or at the highest rate permitted by law, whichever is lower.
- 6.4 Non-Sufficient Funds Fee. In the event any of Franchisee's checks are returned, or an electronic funds transfer from Franchisee's bank account is denied, for insufficient funds, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor, in addition to the amount due, a non-sufficient funds fee of Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00) per occurrence. This non-sufficient funds fee is reasonably related to Franchisor's costs resulting from the delayed and declined payment, is not a penalty, and is in addition to any other remedy available to Franchisor under this Agreement.
- 6.5 <u>Technology Fee</u>. Franchisor reserves the right to impose a technology fee, in an amount

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that Franchisor reasonably determines, for new or improved technology adopted or developed by Franchisor for access to and maintenance of required software and processes, including but not limited to, a scheduling system, payment processor, sales and financial reporting, franchise portal, benchmarking platform or other operations systems. In Franchisor's sole discretion, Franchisor may (i) increase the amount of the technology fees or (ii) replace the software and technology with different technology, developed by Franchisor or a third-party, and Franchisee shall pay the then-current fees for the replacement technology and for continuous access thereto.

6.6 <u>Taxes.</u> If any sales, excise, use or privilege tax is imposed or levied by any government or governmental agency on Franchisor for any Royalty Fee, Brand Fund Contribution or other fees due and payable to Franchisor under this Agreement, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor a sum equal to the amount of such tax.

#### 7 TRAINING

- 7.1 Initial Management Training Program. Franchisee (specifically including all of Franchisee's principals) and Franchisee's General Manager (as hereafter defined) shall attend and complete to Franchisor's sole and absolute satisfaction, Franchisor's initial management training program ("Initial Management Training Program") prior to the opening of the Franchised Business. The Initial Management Training Program consists of a course, providing both classroom and hands-on training, conducted at Franchisor's headquarters and/or an affiliate-owned outlet or franchised outlet. Franchisor reserves the right to designate an alternate location for any course component of the Initial Management Training Program. Franchisee must at all times during the term of this Agreement have principals who have successfully completed the Initial Management Training Program to Franchisor's sole and complete satisfaction. No charge shall be made for up to four (4) individuals to take the Initial Management Training program prior to opening the Franchised Business ("Initial Trainees"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee shall be required to pay all of the expenses of the Initial Trainees, including, without limitation, costs of travel, lodging, meals and wages.
- 7.2 <u>Satisfactory Completion</u>. Franchisor shall determine, in Franchisor's sole discretion, whether the Initial Trainees have satisfactorily completed the Initial Management Training Program. If the Initial Management Training Program is not satisfactorily completed by the Initial Trainees, or if Franchisor, in Franchisor's reasonable business judgment based upon the performance of the Initial Trainees, determines that the Initial Management Training Program cannot be satisfactorily completed by Franchisee or Franchisee's General Manager, Franchisor may terminate this Agreement.
- 7.3 Opening Assistance. During the opening of the Franchised Business, Franchisor shall provide Franchisee with opening assistance by a trained representative of Franchisor. The trainer will provide on-site opening training, supervision, and assistance to Franchisee for up to three (3) days, in Franchisor's discretion, at no charge to Franchisee.

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- 7.4 <u>Additional Training</u>. Franchisor may offer mandatory and/or optional additional training programs from time to time. If required by Franchisor, Franchisee, or Franchisee's Principals and General Manager, shall participate in on-going training and/or a national business meeting or annual convention, for up to five (5) days per year. Franchisor reserves the right to impose a reasonable fee for all additional training programs. Franchisee shall be responsible for any and all incidental expenses incurred by Franchisee or Franchisee's personnel in connection with additional training or attendance at Franchisor's national business meeting or annual convention, including, without limitation, costs of travel, lodging, meals and wages. Franchisee's failure to attend and/or complete mandatory additional training or failure to attend Franchisor's national business meeting or annual convention is a default of this Agreement. Franchisee's principal(s) shall be required to obtain any missed mandatory additional training at a location Franchisor designates. Franchisee shall pay all costs and expenses for such additional missed training, including but not limited to, tuition at the then-current rate and any and all transportation, meals and lodging of Franchisee, Franchisee's principal and Franchisor's training personnel. Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor any incurred expenses by Franchisor's training personnel within ten (10) days of Franchisor's billing thereof to Franchisee.
- 7.5 On-Site Remedial Training. Upon Franchisee's reasonable request or as Franchisor shall deem appropriate, Franchisor shall, during the term hereof, subject to the availability of personnel, provide Franchisee with additional trained representatives who shall provide on-site remedial training and assistance to Franchisee's personnel. For any additional on-site training and assistance, Franchisee shall pay the per diem fee then being charged to franchisees under the System for the services of such trained representatives, plus their costs of travel, lodging, and meals.
- 7.6 Counseling and Assistance. In addition to visits by Franchisor's field representatives, as Franchisor deems appropriate, Franchisor shall, within reasonable limits and subject to the availability of Franchisor's personnel, upon Franchisee's request and at no charge, unless such assistance is provided at the Franchised Business location pursuant to Section 7.5, furnish consultation and assistance to Franchisee, either in person or by telephone, video conference, electronic mail or postal service, as determined by Franchisor, in Franchisor's sole discretion, with respect to the operation of the Franchised Business, including consultation and advice regarding employee training, marketing, operation issues, bookkeeping and System improvements.

## 8 FRANCHISED BUSINESS SITE REQUIREMENTS

### 8.1 <u>Site Requirements</u>

8.1.1 Franchisee assumes all cost, liability, expense and responsibility for obtaining and developing an office location for the Franchised Business within the Territory. Franchisee is hereby permitted to operate out of a home-based office, provided that such office is located in the Territory. If Franchisee intends or desires to operate out of a commercial office location, Franchisor shall review the lease for such

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- office space for Franchisor required terms only. Franchisor does not guarantee the success of any location.
- 8.1.2 Franchisee shall select a site location within Franchisee's territory that provides secure vehicle and equipment storage, which may be a home-based office. Franchisee's vehicle(s) must meet the minimum specifications outlined in the Operations Manual.
- 8.1.3 Upon consent by Franchisor to the location for the Franchised Business office, Franchisor shall set forth the location and Territory on Attachment 3 of this Agreement and shall provide a copy thereof to Franchisee. Attachment 3, as completed by Franchisor, shall be incorporated herein and made a part hereof. Franchisee shall notify Franchisor within fifteen (15) days of any error or rejection of Attachment 3; otherwise, Attachment 3 provided to Franchisee shall be deemed final.
- 8.2 <u>Preparation of Vehicle and Office</u>. Franchisee shall be responsible for equipping and outfitting their Level Up Automation vehicle(s) and office as required by the Operations Manual.
- 8.3 Time to Open. Franchisee acknowledges that time is of the essence in this Agreement. Upon Franchisee's compliance with the conditions stated below, Franchisee shall open the Franchised Business, which shall be defined herein as the "Opening Date". Prior to the Opening Date, Franchisee shall (i) satisfactorily complete Franchisor's Initial Management Training Program, as further set forth in Article 7, (ii) hire and train staff, if required, (iii) acquire and brand a vehicle in accordance with Franchisor's specifications, and (iv) obtain all required licenses to operate the Franchised Business. If Franchisee fails to comply with any of such obligations, Franchisor shall have the right to prohibit Franchisee from opening for business. Franchisee's failure to open the Franchised Business and commence business (i) in accordance with the foregoing and (ii) within ninety (90) days following the date of this Agreement, unless otherwise extended by Franchisor, shall be deemed a material event of default under this Agreement.
- 8.4 No Relocation. Franchisee's rights to operate the Franchised Business shall be limited to the Territory set forth in Attachment 3, and no other. Franchisee shall not relocate the office of the Franchised Business at any time without Franchisor's written approval, which approval shall be granted only in the sole and complete discretion of Franchisor, and if permitted, shall be at Franchisee's sole expense. In the event such permission is granted, (i) Franchisee shall remove any signs or other property from the original Franchised Business office which identified the original Franchise Business office as part of the System and (ii) Franchisor shall issue a revised Attachment 3, in accordance with Section 8.1.5, to reflect the address of the new Franchised Business office location.

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# 9. MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FRANCHISED LOCATION AND SYSTEM

- 9.1 <u>Maintenance of Franchised Business Location</u>. Franchisee shall equip and maintain the Franchised Business office location, the Computer System, and all hardware, software and related accessories to the standards of quality, repair and condition required by Franchisor, which standards are specified in the Manual and other written directives, standards and specifications. Franchisee, at Franchisee's expense, shall make such alterations, repairs, refurbishing and replacements as may be required to comply with Franchisor's standards, including, without limitation, periodic repairs or replacement of worn or impaired fixtures, equipment, vehicles and computer hardware, software and accessories, as Franchisor may direct.
- 9.2 <u>Equipment and Technology Updates</u>. Franchisee shall make any and all upgrades to equipment, including but not limited to, the Computer System, telecommunications hardware and software, payment processing systems, and any technology used in conjunction therewith, as Franchisor requires in its sole and absolute discretion.

#### 9.3 Trade Dress Modifications.

- 9.3.1 Franchisee is aware that to maintain and improve the image and reputation of the System, Franchisor, in its sole and absolute discretion, may change and modify identifying elements of the System, including but not limited to, the adoption and use of new or modified color schemes, tag lines, logos or marks (collectively, "Trade Dress Modifications").
- 9.3.2 Franchisee shall, at Franchisee's sole expense, modify identifying elements of the Franchised Business, as required by Franchisor, but not more frequently than once during each then-current term, to conform to Trade Dress Modifications. Notwithstanding the foregoing restriction on the frequency of Trade Dress Modifications, Franchisee, upon notice by Franchisor and in accordance with Section 14.6 hereof, shall immediately discontinue the use of any Mark that is no longer desirable or available to Franchisor and substitute a different Mark or Marks as Franchisor directs.
- 9.3.3 Franchisee will accept, use and display any such Trade Dress Modifications as if they were a part of this Franchise Agreement at the time of execution hereof.
- 9.4 <u>No Liability/Waiver of Claims</u>. Franchisor shall not be liable to Franchisee for any expenses, losses or damages sustained by Franchisee as a result of any of the modifications, including Trade Dress Modifications, required by this Article 9. Franchisee hereby covenants not to commence or join in any litigation or other proceeding against Franchisor or any third party, complaining of any such or seeking expenses, losses or damages caused thereby. Further, Franchisee expressly waives any claims, demands or damages arising from or related to the modifications contemplated

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- by this Article 9, including, without limitation, any claim of breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and/or breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.
- 9.5 <u>Franchisee Advisory Council</u>. Franchisor reserves the right to create (and if created, the right to change or dissolve) a franchisee advisory council as a formal means for System franchisees to communicate ideas. In the event a franchisee advisory council is created, Franchisor may invite Franchisee to participate in council-related activities and meetings, which invitation may be based on a franchisee's level of success, superior performance and profitability.

### 10 FRANCHISOR'S OBLIGATIONS

Franchisor and/or its designated representative will provide the services described below:

- 10.1 <u>Territory and Site Determination</u>. Designate the boundaries of Franchisee's Territory, by description and/or mapped boundaries, and set forth same in Attachment 3 attached hereto and incorporated herein. Franchisor shall also approve the site of the Franchised Business office location in accordance with Section 8.1.
- 10.2 <u>Vehicle Preparation</u>. Provide to Franchisee criteria and specifications for a Level Up Automation vehicle modification. Such criteria and specifications include, but are not necessarily limited to, signage, color and equipment modifications to Franchisee's vehicle. Franchisee shall independently, and at Franchisee's expense, have the vehicle modified to follow such criteria and specifications in accordance with Article 8.
- 10.3 Manual. Provide Franchisee access to the Confidential Operations Manual and such other manuals and written materials as Franchisor may hereafter develop for use by franchisees, as the same may be revised by Franchisor from time to time. Such documents may be provided electronically or via the Internet, at Franchisor's sole and absolute discretion.
- 10.4 <u>Inspection</u>. Inspection of the Franchised Business and evaluations of the products sold and services rendered therein whenever reasonably determined by Franchisor.
- 10.5 <u>Pre-Opening Requirements</u>. Provide a written list of equipment (including vehicle specifications), fixtures, signage, supplies and products that will be required and/or recommended to open the Franchised Business for business.
- 10.6 <u>Advertising Materials</u>. Provide samples or digital artwork of certain advertising and promotional materials and information developed by Franchisor from time to time for use by Franchisee in marketing and conducting local advertising for the Franchised Business.

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- 10.7 <u>List of Suppliers</u>. Make available from time to time, and amend as deemed appropriate by Franchisor, a list of approved and/or recommended suppliers of products and services for System franchisees.
- 10.8 <u>Training</u>. The training programs specified in Article 7 herein.
- 10.9 <u>On-Going Assistance</u>. Post-opening assistance at the Franchised Business office location in accordance with the provisions of Article 7.
- 10.10 Brand Fund. Administer a Brand Fund in accordance with Section 13.3.

## 11 FRANCHISEE'S REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

- 11.1 <u>Best Efforts</u>. Franchisee, including each of Franchisee's Principals, covenants and agrees that he or she shall make all commercially reasonable efforts to operate the Franchised Business so as to achieve optimum sales.
- 11.2 <u>Corporate Representations</u>. If Franchisee is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other legal entity, Franchisee and each Principal represent, warrant and covenant that:
  - 11.2.1 Franchisee is duly organized and validly existing under the state law of its formation;
  - 11.2.2 Franchisee is duly qualified and is authorized to do business in the jurisdiction of the Franchised Business location and the Territory;
  - 11.2.3 Franchisee's organizational documents shall at all times provide that the activities of Franchisee are confined exclusively to the operation of the Franchise granted herein, unless otherwise consented to in writing by Franchisor, which consent may be withheld by Franchisor in Franchisor's sole discretion;
  - 11.2.4 The execution of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby are within Franchisee's power and have been duly authorized by Franchisee;
  - 11.2.5 Any financial statements and tax returns provided to Franchisor shall be certified as true, complete and correct and shall have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to the respective periods involved and, except as expressly described in the applicable notes, applied on a consistent basis. No material liabilities, adverse claims, commitments or obligations of any nature exist as of the date of the statements or returns, whether accrued, unliquidated, absolute, contingent or otherwise, that are not reflected as liabilities; and

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11.2.6 If any Franchisee Principal is a married individual and the Principal's spouse has not executed this Agreement, such Principal shall cause his or her spouse to personally execute and bind himself or herself to the terms of a Guaranty, in the form attached as Attachment 8 hereof.

### 11.3 Appointment of General Manager.

- 11.3.1. Franchisee shall be actively involved in the management of the Franchised Business. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee may designate and retain at all times a general manager ("General Manager") to direct the daily operation and management of the Franchised Business. The General Manager may be Franchisee, if Franchisee is an individual, or a Principal. In the event Franchisee elects to designate a General Manager, Franchisee shall designate its General Manager prior to attending the Initial Management Training Program.
- 11.3.2. The General Manager shall, during the entire period he or she serves as General Manager, meet the following qualifications:
  - 11.3.2.1. Meet Franchisor's standards and criteria for such individual, as set forth in the Manual or otherwise in writing by Franchisor, and shall be an individual otherwise acceptable to Franchisor in its sole discretion.
  - 11.3.2.2. Shall devote his or her full time and best efforts to the supervision and management of the Franchised Business, and may not engage in any other business activity without the Franchisor's consent, which may be withheld in Franchisor's sole discretion.
  - 11.3.2.3. Shall satisfy the training requirements set forth in Article 7.
- 11.3.3. If the General Manager is not able to continue to serve in such capacity, or no longer qualifies to act as such in accordance with this Agreement, Franchisee shall promptly notify Franchisor and designate a replacement manager within thirty (30) days after the General Manager ceases to serve, such replacement being subject to the same qualifications required by this Agreement (including, but not limited to, completing all training and obtaining all certifications required by Franchisor). Until such replacement is designated, Franchisee shall provide for interim management of the Franchised Business, who shall act in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Any failure to comply with the requirements of this Section shall be deemed a material event of default under this Agreement. Franchisor, in Franchisor's sole discretion, may provide interim management support and charge Franchisee the then-current interim management support fee until a replacement General Manager is properly trained or certified in accordance with Franchisor's requirements. Franchisee shall pay the interim management support fee, plus any and all costs of travel, lodging, meals and other expenses reasonably incurred by Franchisor, upon written demand by Franchisor, or Franchisor may withdraw such

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amounts from Franchisee's designated bank account in accordance with Section 6.1.4.

- 11.4 <u>Legal Compliance</u>. Franchisee shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations and shall timely obtain any and all permits, certificates or licenses necessary for the full and proper conduct of the Franchised Business. Such laws, rules and regulations shall include, without limitation, licenses to do business, fictitious name registrations, sales and other tax permits, fire and police department clearances, Americans With Disability Act compliance, any permits, certificates or licenses required by any industry regulatory agency or association and any other requirement, rule, law or regulation of any federal, state or local jurisdiction.
- 11.5 <u>Claims and Potential Claims</u>. Franchisee shall notify Franchisor in writing within twenty four (24) hours of any incident or injury that could lead to, or the actual commencement of any action, suit or proceeding and of the issuance of any order, writ, injunction, award or decree of any court, agency or other governmental instrumentality, which in any way relating to or affecting the operation or financial condition of the Franchised Business. Any and all media inquiries concerning the Franchised Business or Franchised Business location, including, but not limited to, the business operation and incidents and occurrences related to a client or employee, shall be referred to Franchisor. Neither Franchisee, Franchisee's employees nor anyone on Franchisee's behalf may comment to any broadcast medium, except as directed by Franchisor.
- 11.6 <u>Assignment of Numbers and Listings</u>. Franchisee shall execute such forms and documents included in Attachment 7 to appoint Franchisor its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority, for the sole purpose of assigning to Franchisor, Franchisee's telephone numbers and listings; and provide Franchisor with passwords and administrator rights for all email, software and social media or other such accounts used or created by Franchisee in order to operate the Franchised Business. Upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement, Franchisor may exercise its authority, pursuant to such documents, to obtain any and all of Franchisee's rights to the telephone numbers of the Franchised Business and all related telephone directory listings and other business listings, and all Internet listings, domain names, Internet advertising, websites, listings with search engines, electronic mail addresses, social media, or any other similar listing or usages related to the Franchised Business.
- 11.7 <u>Access to Tax Filings</u>. Upon execution of this Agreement, and at any time thereafter upon Franchisor's request, Franchisee shall execute such forms and documents as Franchisor deems necessary, to appoint Franchisor its true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, for the sole purpose of obtaining any and all returns and reports filed by Franchisee with any state or federal taxing authority.
- 11.8 <u>Continuing Obligation</u>. Franchisee and each Principal acknowledge and agree that the representations, warranties and covenants set forth in this Article 11 are continuing obligations of Franchisee and each Principal, as applicable, and that any failure to comply with such representations, warranties and covenants shall constitute a material event of

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default under this Agreement. Franchisee and each Principal shall cooperate with Franchisor in any efforts made by Franchisor to verify compliance with such representations, warranties and covenants.

#### 12 FRANCHISEE'S OPERATIONS

- 12.1 Operation of Franchised Business. In order to maintain the highest degree of quality and service on a uniform System-wide basis, Franchisee shall operate the Franchised Business in conformity with the methods, standards and specifications prescribed by Franchisor. Franchisee agrees to comply with the Manual, as it is modified from time to time, and all directives, rules and procedures specified by Franchisor, and will, among other things:
  - 12.1.1 Procure the necessary licenses or permits to allow the operation of the Franchised Business and otherwise comply with all applicable governmental laws, ordinances, rules and regulations;
  - 12.1.2 Conduct sales and service of customers using Franchisor's format, methods, forms, reports and software and otherwise in accordance with Franchisor's standards and specifications;
  - 12.1.3 Employ sufficient employees as prescribed by Franchisor to operate the Franchised Business at its maximum capacity and efficiency as required by Franchisor;
  - 12.1.4 Employ only qualified individuals, in accordance with Section 12.5 below, who are trained and licensed as required by Franchisor and who will at all times conduct themselves in a competent and courteous manner in accordance with this Agreement and the image and reputation of the System. Franchisee shall require Franchisee's General Manager and all employees to wear clothing conforming to Franchisor's specifications as to style, color, and design as Franchisor may from time to time reasonably designate so as to maintain the goodwill and reputation of Franchisor, the System and the Marks. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that poorly trained employees, sloppy or unclean appearances and incompetent or discourteous service are extremely damaging to the goodwill of the System and the Marks and are a material default of this Agreement;
  - 12.1.5 Permit Franchisor or its agents, to inspect the Franchised Business and any services, products or equipment, through service call attendance or otherwise, to determine whether they meet Franchisor's then-current standards, specifications and requirements. In addition to any other remedies Franchisor may have, Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor for Franchisor's inspection costs of any item that does not conform to the System standards and specifications;
  - 12.1.6 Maintain in good working order, cleanliness and appearance, all vehicles for use in the Franchised Business that meet Franchisor's specifications and standards of condition, age and branding, as set forth in the Manual.

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- 12.1.7 Prominently display signage in and upon the Franchised Business office location and vehicle(s) for use in the Franchised Business that incorporate the Marks and/or other advertising and/or signs of such nature, form, color, number, location and size, and containing such material, as Franchisor may from time to time reasonably direct or approve in writing. Franchisee shall not display any signage upon the Franchised Business office location or elsewhere of any kind to which Franchisor reasonably objects, including signs and advertising media that are outdated. Upon giving Franchisee notice of its objection to same or upon termination hereof, Franchisor may at any time enter upon the Franchised Business office location or elsewhere and remove any objectionable or non-approved signs or advertising media and keep or destroy same without paying therefor or without being deemed guilty of trespass or any other tort;
- 12.1.8 Conduct all advertising programs in a manner consistent with Franchisor's standards and specifications, in a manner satisfactory to Franchisor and that will not detract from the reputation of the System or the Marks.
- 12.1.9 Keep the Franchised Business office location in good condition and repair and in a proper and businesslike manner, using Franchisee's best efforts to maintain a clean and respectable atmosphere therein in accordance with System standards, the Manual and all other directives and requirements of Franchisor. Franchisee shall make such repair, remodel or restoration to the Franchised Business office location as from time to time may be reasonably required to meet System standards and Franchisor's requirements as they may be modified from time to time.

#### 12.2 Bookkeeping and Reports.

- 12.2.1 Franchisee agrees to keep and maintain complete and accurate books and records of its transactions and business operations utilizing the accounting procedures specified by Franchisor. Franchisee agrees to purchase the computer systems specified in Section 12.3 to maintain the records and accounts of the Franchisee to the standards of the Franchisor.
- 12.2.2 Within thirty (30) days after the close of each calendar quarter and within ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year, Franchisee shall prepare a full and complete written statement of the income and expense and a profit and loss statement for the operation of the Franchised Business during said period, together with a balance sheet for the Franchised Business, all of which shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practice. Franchisee's annual statements and balance sheets shall be prepared by an independent certified public accountant and certified to be correct.
- 12.2.3 The financial statements required hereunder shall be in such form and contain such information as Franchisor may from time to time reasonably designate.

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12.2.4 Franchisor shall have the right at all reasonable times to examine, at its expense, Franchisee's books, records, and tax returns. If Franchisor's examination finds that any Gross Revenue Report was understated by two percent (2%) or more, Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor for the cost of such examination, including Franchisor's travel costs, and pay the Franchisor the amounts due together with interest thereon at the rate provided herein. Such understatement may be considered a material default hereunder. Two (2) such understatements during the term of this Agreement may, at the option of Franchisor, be considered an incurable default and thereby subject to termination as provided herein.

#### 12.3 Computer Systems.

- 12.3.1. Franchisee, at Franchisee's sole expense, shall install and maintain the Computer System and other computer hardware and software Franchisor requires for the operation of the Franchised Business and shall follow the procedures related thereto that Franchisor specifies in the Manual or otherwise in writing.
- 12.3.2. Franchisor may require Franchisee, at Franchisee's sole expense, to install and maintain systems and web-based payment processing and bookkeeping accounts that permit Franchisor to independently and electronically access and retrieve any information stored in Franchisee's Computer System and accounts, including, without limitation, information concerning Gross Revenue. Upon Franchisor's request, Franchisee shall execute such documents as Franchisor deems necessary to permit Franchisor to independently and electronically access and retrieve all information stored on Franchisee's Computer System, other systems and web-based payment processing and bookkeeping accounts.
- 12.3.3 Any and all customer data collected or provided by Franchisee, retrieved from Franchisee's Computer System, or otherwise collected from Franchisee by Franchisor or provided to Franchisor, is and will be owned exclusively by Franchisor and will be considered to be Franchisor's proprietary and Confidential Information. Franchisor has the right to use such data in any manner without compensation to Franchisee. Franchisor licenses to Franchisee the use of such data solely for the purpose of operating the Franchised Business; provided that, this license shall automatically and irrevocably terminate, without any additional action or notice required by Franchisor, upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.
- 12.3.4. Franchisor may require Franchisee, at Franchisee's sole expense, to enter into software license agreements in the form that Franchisor requires for software Franchisor develops or acquires for use in the System.
- 12.3.5. Franchisee shall have and maintain adequate hardware and software in order to access the Internet at the speed required by Franchisor from time to time. Franchisee shall utilize the electronic mail account provided by Franchisor. Franchisee shall promptly read and respond to all electronic mail related to the Franchised Business no less often than on a daily basis and shall accept and

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- acknowledge receipt of all electronic mail sent by Franchisor. Franchisee shall not establish any website or other listing on the Internet except as provided and specifically permitted herein.
- 12.3.6. Franchisor has established a website that provides information about the System and the services and products offered by the Level Up Automation System (the "Website"). Franchisor has sole discretion and control over the Website. Franchisor shall include a listing on its Website of Franchisee's contact information. Franchisee has no ownership or other proprietary rights to Franchisor's Website and Franchisee will lose all rights to such listing of Franchisee's contact information upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason.
- 12.3.7. In addition to the requirements of Section 6.4, Franchisee shall pay all fees, whether to Franchisor or to third party vendor(s), and expenses for technology required by this Agreement, including but not limited to, the costs of computer hardware and software, regularly recurring fees for software and Internet access, license fees, help desk fees, and licensing or user-based fees for a franchise portal or a benchmarking platform.
- 12.3.8 Franchisee is solely responsible for maintaining the security and integrity of the computer and payment processing systems used in the Franchised Business and the customer and other data stored therein. Franchisee, at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, shall implement all computer hardware, software and Internet security procedures, including required updates or upgrades thereto, that are reasonably necessary to protect Franchisee's computer and payment processing systems and the data stored therein from viruses, malware, privacy breaches or other unauthorized access.
- 12.4 <u>Safety and Security</u>. Franchisee is solely responsible for the safe and secure operation of the Franchised Business and the services provided thereby for Franchisee, Franchisee's personnel, clients, agents and the general public. All matters of safety and security are within Franchisee's discretion and control, and Franchisee's indemnification obligations set forth in Section 15.6 hereof shall apply to any claims made against Franchisor regarding safety or security.
- 12.5 <u>Customer Safety</u>. Franchisee shall conduct a background review of every prospective employee's criminal history and any other histories (such as motor vehicle and/or credit histories) that are required by state and local laws, regulations and ordinances and/or and that Franchisee determines to be necessary and appropriate, prior to hiring. Franchisee shall not hire any prospective employee for any position involving entrance to a residence if such prospective employee's background review indicates, in Franchisee's sole discretion, a propensity for violence, dishonesty, negligent, reckless or careless behavior, or a conviction for any crime reasonably related to the prospective employee's employment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all matters of employment and the safety of Franchisee's customers are within Franchisee's discretion and control. Franchisor shall not be liable to

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Franchisee, any employee or prospective employee of Franchisee, or any third party for any act or omission of Franchisee or any employee or agent of Franchisee, and Franchisee's indemnification obligations set forth in Section 15.6 hereof shall apply to any claims, demands or actions against Franchisor arising from any act or omission of Franchisee or any employee or agent of Franchisee (including, without limitation, refusal to hire or discrimination claims or claims asserted by third parties for torts allegedly committed by any employee or agent of Franchisee).

- 12.6 Client Dispute Resolution. Franchisee acknowledges that customer satisfaction is essential to Franchisee's success as well as the reputation and success of the System and other Level Up Automation franchisees. Accordingly, Franchisee agrees to: (i) use its best efforts to ensure the satisfaction of each of Franchisee's customers; (ii) use good faith in all dealings with customers, potential customers, referral sources, suppliers and creditors; (iii) respond to customer complaints in a courteous, prompt, and professional manner; (iv) use its best efforts to promptly and fairly resolve customer disputes; and (v) within seven (7) days of receiving a request from Franchisor, provide Franchisor a written summary of the dispute. If Franchisee fails to resolve a dispute with a customer, for any reason whatsoever, Franchisor, in its sole discretion and for the sole purpose of protecting the goodwill and reputation of the System and the Marks, may (but shall not be obligated to) investigate the matter and take such action as Franchisor may deem necessary or appropriate to resolve the dispute fairly and promptly, including, but not limited to, the issuance of a refund on Franchisee's behalf. Within ten (10) days after receiving notice thereof, Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor for any amounts refunded to a customer on Franchisee's behalf. Nothing contained in this Section or any other provision of this Agreement shall be construed to impose liability upon Franchisor to any third party for any action by or obligation of Franchisee.
- 12.7 <u>Prices</u>. Subject to applicable law, Franchisor may recommend or set maximum prices for services and products offer by Franchisee. Franchisee shall have the right to sell its services and products at any price within Franchisor's parameters. Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor has made no guarantee or warranty that offering services or products at any particular price will enhance Franchisee's sales or profits.
- 12.8 <u>Unapproved Item/Suppliers</u>. If Franchisee desires to purchase, lease or use any unapproved equipment, product, or service or to purchase, lease or use any equipment, product or service from an unapproved supplier, Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor a written request for such approval prior to using such product, service or supplier. Franchisee shall not purchase or lease any item or use any supplier until and unless such item or supplier has been approved in writing by Franchisor. Franchisor shall have the right to require that its representatives be permitted to inspect the supplier's facilities and to test or otherwise evaluate samples from the supplier. Franchisor reserves the right to charge Franchisee an evaluation fee of equal to the actual cost and expense for evaluation, inspection and testing. Franchisor shall notify Franchisee whether Franchisor approves or disapproves of the proposed item or supplier within thirty (30) days after Franchisor receives all required information to evaluate the product, service or supplier. Franchisor reserves the right, at its option, to re-inspect from time to time the facilities and products

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- of any such approved supplier and to revoke its approval upon the supplier's failure to continue to meet any of Franchisor's then-current criteria. Nothing in the foregoing shall be construed to require Franchisor to approve any particular item or supplier.
- 12.9 External Quality Assurance Services. Franchisor reserves the right to establish quality assurance programs conducted by third-party providers, including, but not limited to, customer surveys and periodic quality assurance audits ("Quality Review Services"). Upon Franchisor's request and at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, Franchisee shall subscribe, to any such third-party provider for Quality Review Services to monitor the operations of the Franchised Business as directed by Franchisor.
- 12.10 <u>Variations in Standards</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement and this Section 12 in particular, Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that because complete and detailed uniformity under many varying conditions may not be possible or practical, Franchisor specifically reserves the right and privilege, at its sole discretion and as it may deem in the best interests of all concerned in any specific instance, to vary performance standards for some franchisees based upon the peculiarities and characteristics of the particular circumstance, business potential, existing business practices or any other condition which Franchisor deems to be of importance to the successful operation of such particular franchise business. Franchisor has full rights to vary standard specifications and practices for any other franchisee at any time without giving Franchisee comparable rights. Franchisee shall not be entitled to require Franchisor to disclose or grant to Franchisee a like or similar variation.

#### 13. ADVERTISING, PROMOTIONS AND RELATED FEES

13.1 Advertising Programs. Franchisor may from time to time develop and administer advertising and sales promotion programs designed to promote and enhance the collective success of all Franchised Businesses operating under the System. Franchisee shall participate in all such advertising and sales promotion programs in accordance with the terms and conditions established by Franchisor from time to time for each program. In all aspects of these programs, including, without limitation, the type, quantity, timing, placement and choice of media, market areas and advertising agencies, the standards and specifications established by Franchisor, as modified from time to time, shall be final and binding upon Franchisee.

#### 13.2 Local Advertising.

13.2.1 In addition to the ongoing advertising contributions set forth herein, and following the expenditures set forth in Section 13.2.3 below, Franchisee shall spend monthly, throughout the Term of this Agreement a minimum equal to the greater of: (i) three percent (3%) of Gross Revenue per month or (ii) One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per month subject to reasonable increases upon notice by Franchisor, on advertising for the Franchised Business in the Territory ("Local Advertising"). Franchisor may require Franchisee to allocate to a regional advertising cooperative,

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- as described in Section 13.4, some or all of Franchisee's required Local Advertising expenditures. Such allocation will be in partial or full satisfaction of Franchisee's obligations pursuant to this Section 13.2.1. Franchisor reserves the right to collect some or all of Franchisee's Local Advertising expenditure and implement Local Advertising on Franchisee's behalf.
- 13.2.2 Within ten (10) business days of Franchisor's request, Franchisee shall provide a quarterly expenditure report accurately reflecting Franchisee's Local Advertising expenditures for the preceding quarterly period. The following costs and expenditures incurred by Franchisee shall *not* be included in Franchisee's expenditures on Local Advertising for purposes of this Section, unless approved in advance by Franchisor in writing: (i) incentive programs for employees or agents of Franchisee; (ii) research expenditures; (iii) salaries and expenses of any of Franchisee's personnel to attend advertising meetings, workshops or other marketing activities; (iv) charitable, political or other contributions or donations.
- 13.2.3 In addition to the requirements of Section 13.2.1, beginning no later than fifteen (15) days prior to and during the opening of the Franchised Business, Franchisee shall conduct a grand opening marketing campaign in the Territory in which Franchisee must spend at least Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) on marketing, promotion and awareness-generating activities. Franchisor shall advise Franchisee on a grand opening advertising campaign, and Franchisee acknowledges that additional funds may be required for approved grand opening marketing activities. Franchisor reserves the right to collect some or all of Franchisee's grand opening funds and implement grand opening campaign activities on Franchisee's behalf.

#### 13.3 Brand Fund.

- 13.3.1 Franchisor has established a national fund on behalf of the System for national advertising, marketing and brand development (the "Brand Fund"). Franchisee is required to contribute an amount equal to one (1%) percent of the Gross Revenue generated by Franchisee's Franchised Business to the Brand Fund ("Brand Fund Contribution"). Franchisor reserves the right, in Franchisor's sole discretion and at any time and from time to time, to increase the amount of the Brand Fund Contribution up to two percent (2%) of the Gross Revenue generated by Franchisee's Franchised Business. Payments will be made in the same manner as the Royalty Fees, and at the same time as the first Royalty Fee payment of each calendar month. If Franchisee fails to timely report Gross Revenue, then, in addition to a late fee and interest pursuant to Sections 6.2 and 6.3 hereof, Franchisor shall collect one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the last Brand Fund Contribution payable. Franchisor shall reconcile amounts when Gross Revenue are reported.
- 13.3.2 Franchisor shall direct the Brand Fund and shall have sole discretion to approve or disapprove the creative concepts, materials and media used in such programs and the placement and allocation thereof. Franchisee agrees and acknowledges that the

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- Brand Fund is intended to maximize general public recognition and acceptance of the Marks and enhance the collective success of all Franchised Businesses operating under the System.
- 13.3.3 Franchisor may, but has no obligation to, contribute to the Brand Fund on the same basis as Franchisee with respect to Level Up Automation outlets operated by Franchisor or Franchisor's affiliates.
- 13.3.4 Franchisor may use the Brand Fund to satisfy any and all costs of developing, preparing, producing, directing, administering, conducting, maintaining and disseminating advertising, marketing, promotional and public relations materials, programs, campaigns, sales and marketing seminars and training programs of every kind and nature, through media now existing or hereafter developed (including, without limitation, the cost of television, radio, magazine, social media, newspaper and electronic advertising campaigns; direct mail and outdoor billboard advertising; public relations activities; conducting marketing research, employing advertising agencies to assist therein; developing, enhancing and maintaining the Website; and personnel and other departmental costs for advertising that Franchisor internally administers or prepares).
- 13.3.5 The Brand Fund will not be used to defray any of Franchisor's general operating expenses, except for reasonable administrative costs and overhead that Franchisor may incur in activities related to the administration and direction of the Brand Fund and such costs and expenses pursuant Section 13.3.4. The Brand Fund and its earnings shall not otherwise inure to Franchisor's benefit, except that any resulting technology and intellectual property shall be deemed the property of Franchisor.
- 13.3.6 Franchisor will prepare an unaudited annual statement of the Brand Fund's operations and will make it available to Franchisee upon request. In administering the Brand Fund, Franchisor undertakes no obligation to make expenditures for Franchisee that are equivalent or proportionate to Franchisee's contribution or to ensure that any particular franchisee benefits directly or pro rata from the production or placement of advertising.
- 13.3.7 Although the Brand Fund is intended to be of perpetual duration, Franchisor may terminate it at any time and for any reason or no reason. Franchisor will not terminate the Brand Fund, however, until all monies in the Brand Fund have been spent for advertising or promotional purposes or returned to contributors, without interest, on the basis of their respective contributions.
- 13.4 <u>Regional and Local Advertising</u>. Franchisor reserves the right to establish, in Franchisor's sole discretion, a regional advertising cooperative and a local advertising cooperative. If a cooperative is established during the term of this Agreement, Franchisee agrees to sign all documents Franchisor requests to become a member of the cooperative according to the terms of the documents. If Franchisor establishes a regional or local cooperative, then, Franchisee agrees to contribute up to one-half of Franchisee's Grand

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- Advertising requirement to the cooperative; provided, however, if a vote of the cooperative members increases the required cooperative contribution, Franchisee shall contribute such increased amount.
- 13.5 <u>Directory Listings</u>. At Franchisee's sole cost and expense, Franchisee must list the Franchised Business in local business directories, including, but not limited to, listings on Internet search engines. If feasible, and with Franchisor's prior written approval, Franchisee may do cooperative listings with other System franchisees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee may not maintain any business profile on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube or any other social media and/or networking site without Franchisor's prior written approval and in strict accordance with Franchisor's requirements.
- 13.6 Approval of Advertising. All advertising and promotion by Franchisee, in any medium, shall be conducted in a professional manner and shall conform to the standards and requirements of Franchisor as set forth in the Manual or otherwise. Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor for its approval samples of all advertising, press releases, promotional plans and materials and public relations programs that Franchisee desires to use, including, without limitation, any materials in digital, electronic or computerized form, or in any form of media now or hereafter developed that have not been either provided or previously approved by Franchisor. Franchisor shall approve or disapprove such plans and materials within ten (10) business days of Franchisor's receipt thereof. If Franchisor fails to respond to Franchisee's submission within ten (10) business days, such plans and materials shall be deemed "disapproved". Franchisee shall not use such unapproved plans or materials until they have been approved by Franchisor in writing, and shall promptly discontinue use of any advertising or promotional plans or materials, whether or not previously approved, upon notice from Franchisor. Any advertising, marketing or sales concepts, programs or materials proposed or developed by Franchisee for the Level Up Automation brand and approved by Franchisor may be used by other System franchisees without any compensation to Franchisee.

## 14. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

#### 14.1 Ownership.

14.1.1. Franchisee expressly understands and acknowledges that Level Up Automation IP, LLC or its successor ("Licensor") is the record owner of the Marks. Franchisor holds the exclusive right to license the Marks to franchisees of the System for use pursuant to the System. Franchisee further expressly understands and acknowledges that Franchisor and/or Licensor claims copyrights on certain material used in the System, including but not limited to its website, documents, advertisements, promotional materials and the Manual, whether or not Franchisor has filed for copyrights thereto with the U.S. Copyright Office. The Marks and copyrights, along with Franchisor's trade secrets, service marks, trade dress and proprietary systems are hereafter collectively referred to as the "Intellectual Property".

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- 14.1.2. As between Franchisor and Franchisee, Licensor and Franchisor are the owner of all right, title and interest in and to the Intellectual Property and the goodwill associated with and symbolized by them.
- 14.2 <u>No Interference</u>. Neither Franchisee nor any Principal shall take any action that would prejudice or interfere with the validity of Franchisor's or Licensor's rights with respect to the Intellectual Property. Nothing in this Agreement shall give the Franchisee any right, title, or interest in or to any of the Intellectual Property or any of Franchisor's or Licensor's service marks, trademarks, trade names, trade dress, logos, copyrights or proprietary materials, except the right to use the Intellectual Property and the System in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement for the operation of a Franchised Business and only at or from the Franchised Business location or in approved advertising related to the Franchised Business.
- 14.3 <u>Goodwill</u>. Franchisee understands and agrees that any and all goodwill arising from Franchisee's use of the Intellectual Property and the System shall inure solely and exclusively to the benefit of Franchisor and Licensor, and upon expiration or termination of this Agreement and the license herein granted, no monetary amount shall be assigned as attributable to any goodwill associated with Franchisee's use of the Intellectual Property.
- 14.4 <u>Validity</u>. Franchisee shall not contest the validity of, or Franchisor's or Licensor's interest in, the Intellectual Property or assist others to contest the validity of, or Franchisor's or Licensor's interest in, the Intellectual Property.
- 14.5 <u>Infringement</u>. Franchisee acknowledges that any unauthorized use of the Intellectual Property shall constitute an infringement of Franchisor's or Licensor's rights in the Intellectual Property and a material event of default hereunder. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor or Licensor with all assignments, affidavits, documents, information and assistance Franchisor or Licensor reasonably requests to fully vest in Franchisor or Licensor all such rights, title and interest in and to the Intellectual Property, including all such items as are reasonably requested by Franchisor or Licensor to register, maintain and enforce such rights in the Intellectual Property.
- 14.6 <u>Substitution</u>. Franchisor reserves the right to substitute different Marks for use in identifying the System and the Franchised Business, if it in its sole discretion, determines that substitution of different Marks will be beneficial to the System. Franchisor will not be liable to Franchisee for any expenses, losses or damages sustained by Franchisee as a result of any additions, modifications, substitutions or discontinuation of the Marks. Franchisee covenants not to commence or join in any litigation or other proceeding against Franchisor for any of these expenses, losses or damages.
- 14.7 <u>Franchisee's Use of the Intellectual Property</u>. With respect to Franchisee's use of the Intellectual Property pursuant to this Agreement, Franchisee further agrees that:

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- 14.7.1 Unless otherwise authorized or required by Franchisor, Franchisee shall advertise the Franchised Business only under the Marks "Level Up Automation" and "Level Up Your Home" and associated designs. Franchisee shall not use the Marks, or any portions, variations or derivatives thereof as part of its corporate or other legal name. If required by the laws in the Territory, Franchisee shall register a fictitious name. As such, all fictitious names used by Franchisee shall bear the designation "a franchisee of Level Up Franchise, LLC".
- 14.7.2. Franchisee shall identify itself as the owner of the Franchised Business and as an independent Level Up Automation franchisee in conjunction with any use of the Intellectual Property, including, but not limited to, uses on invoices, order forms, receipts and contracts, as well as the display of a notice in such content and form and at such conspicuous location upon the office and vehicle(s) used in the Franchised Business, as Franchisor may designate in writing.
- 14.7.3. Franchisee shall not use the Intellectual Property to incur any obligation or indebtedness on behalf of Franchisor.
- 14.7.4. Any item offered by Franchisee that contains the Marks, must be approved by Franchisor in writing prior to being distributed or sold by Franchisee and such approval may be granted or denied in Franchisor's sole and absolute discretion.
- 14.8 Claims. Franchisee shall notify Franchisor immediately via both email and telephone, of any apparent infringement of or challenge to Franchisee's use of any Intellectual Property and of any claim by any person of any rights in any Intellectual Property. Franchisee shall not communicate with any person other than Franchisor or any designated affiliate thereof, their counsel and Franchisee's counsel in connection with any such infringement, challenge or claim. Franchisor shall have complete discretion to take such action as it deems appropriate in connection with the foregoing, and the right to control exclusively, or to delegate control to any of its affiliates of, any settlement, litigation or other proceeding arising out of any such alleged infringement, challenge or claim or otherwise relating to any Intellectual Property. Franchisee agrees to execute any and all instruments and documents, render such assistance, and do such acts or things as may, in the opinion of Franchisor, reasonably be necessary or advisable to protect and maintain the interests of Franchisor or any other person or entity in any litigation or other proceeding or to otherwise protect and maintain the interests of Franchisor or any other interested party in the Intellectual Property. Franchisor will indemnify and defend Franchisee against and reimburse Franchisee for actual damages (including settlement amounts) for which Franchisee is held liable in any proceeding arising out of Franchisee's use of any of the Intellectual Property that infringes on the rights of any other party, provided that the conduct of Franchisee with respect to such proceeding and use of the Intellectual Property is in full compliance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 14.9 Franchisor may use and grant franchises and licenses to others to use the Intellectual Property and the System and to establish, develop and franchise other systems, different from the System licensed to Franchisee herein, without offering or providing Franchisee

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- any rights in, to or under such other systems and Franchisor may modify or change, in whole or in part, any aspect of the Intellectual Property or the System, so long as Franchisee's rights thereto are in no way materially harmed thereby.
- 14.10 Franchisee shall not register or attempt to register the Intellectual Property in Franchisee's name or that of any other person, firm, entity or corporation.

### 15. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 15.1 <u>Procurement</u>. Franchisee shall procure, prior to the commencement of any operations under this Agreement, and thereafter maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement at Franchisee's sole cost and expense and to Franchisor's sole satisfaction, insurance policies protecting Franchisee and Franchisor, and naming Franchisor, its officers, directors, partners, owners, employees and affiliates as additional insureds as their interests may appear, in the following minimum limits (except as additional coverage and higher policy limits may reasonably be specified from time to time in the Manual or otherwise in writing):
  - 15.1.1. <u>Liability</u>. Comprehensive general liability insurance, including contractual liability, public liability, personal injury, advertising injury and products liability coverage in the amount of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in the aggregate;
  - 15.1.2. <u>Employment</u>. Worker's compensation coverage in the limits required by state law or One Million Dollars, as well as such other insurance as may be required by statute or rule of the state in which the Franchised Business is located and operated;
  - 15.1.3. <u>Automobile Insurance</u>. Prior to operation of any vehicle on behalf of the Franchised Business, Franchisee must obtain comprehensive automobile liability insurance in the amount of at least a combined single limit for bodily and property damage of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), or greater if required by state law.
- 15.2 <u>Evidence of Insurance</u>. Franchisee shall deliver to, and maintain at all times with Franchisor, current Certificates of Insurance evidencing the existence and continuation of the required coverages. In addition, if requested by Franchisor, Franchisee shall deliver to Franchisor a copy of the insurance policy or policies required hereunder.
- 15.3 <u>Failure to Procure</u>. If, for any reason, Franchisee should fail to procure or maintain the insurance required by this Agreement as revised from time to time for all franchisees by the Manual or otherwise in writing, Franchisor shall have the right and authority (without, however, any obligation) to immediately procure such insurance and to charge Franchisee for the cost thereof together with an administrative fee of ten percent (10%) for Franchisor's expenses in so acting, including all attorneys' fees. Franchisee shall pay Franchisor immediately upon notice by Franchisor to Franchisee that Franchisor has undertaken such action and the cost thereof.

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- 15.4 <u>Increase in Coverage</u>. The levels and types of insurance stated herein are minimum requirements. Franchisor reserves the right to raise the required minimum requirements for any type of insurance or add additional types of insurance requirements as Franchisor deems reasonably prudent to require. Within thirty (30) days of any such required new limits or types of coverage, Franchisee must submit proof to Franchisor of Franchisee's coverage pursuant to Franchisor's requirements.
- 15.5 <u>Additional Insured</u>. All required insurance policies shall name Franchisor, Franchisor's parent company and their affiliates and their members, officers, agents and employees as additional insureds as their interests may appear. All public liability policies shall contain a provision that the additional insureds, although named as insureds, shall nevertheless be entitled to recover under such policies on any loss caused by Franchisee or Franchisee's servants, agents or employees.
- 15.6 Indemnification. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, FRANCHISEE AGREES TO EXONERATE AND INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS LEVEL UP FRANCHISE, LLC, LEVEL UP AUTOMATION, LLC, LEVEL UP AUTOMATION IP, LLC AND ANY OF THEIR PARENT COMPANY, SUBSIDIARIES, DIVISIONS, AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND DESIGNEES AS WELL AS THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, SHAREHOLDERS, AGENTS, SUCCESSORS, DESIGNEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE "LEVEL UP INDEMNITEES"), FROM ALL CLAIMS BASED UPON, ARISING OUT OF, OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THE OPERATION, CONDITION, OR ANY PART OF FRANCHISEE'S LEVEL UP AUTOMATION FRANCHISE, THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS, THE SERVICES OR PRODUCTS. THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS OFFICE LOCATION. OR ANY ASPECT OF THE REAL ESTATE CONNECTED TO FRANCHISEE'S FRANCHISED BUSINESS, WHETHER CAUSED BY FRANCHISEE, FRANCHISEE'S AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, OR ARISING FROM FRANCHISEE'S ADVERTISING OR BUSINESS PRACTICES. FRANCHISEE AGREES TO PAY FOR ALL THE LEVEL UP INDEMNITEES' LOSSES, EXPENSES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ATTORNEYS' FEES) OR CONCURRENT OR CONTRIBUTING LIABILITY INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ACTION, SUIT, PROCEEDING, INOUIRY (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE SAME IS REDUCED TO JUDGMENT OR DETERMINATION), OR ANY SETTLEMENT THEREOF FOR THE INDEMNIFICATION GRANTED BY FRANCHISEE HEREUNDER. THE LEVEL UP INDEMNITEES SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELECT AND APPOINT TO REPRESENT ANY OF INDEPENDENT COUNSEL THELEVEL INDEMNITEES IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING COVERED BY THIS INDEMNITY. FRANCHISEE AGREES THAT TO HOLD THE LEVEL UP INDEMNITEES HARMLESS, FRANCHSIEE WILL REIMBURSE THE LEVEL UP INDEMNITEES AS THE COSTS AND EXPENSES ARE INCURRED BY THE LEVEL UP INDEMNITEES.

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#### 16. TRANSFERS

#### 16.1 <u>Transfers by Franchisor</u>.

- 16.1.1 Franchisor shall have the right to assign this Agreement, and all of Franchisor's rights and privileges hereunder, to any person, firm, corporation or other entity, without Franchisee's permission or prior knowledge, provided that, with respect to any assignment resulting in the subsequent performance by the assignee of Franchisor's obligations, the assignee shall expressly assume and agree to perform Franchisor's obligations hereunder. Specifically, and without limitation to the foregoing, Franchisee expressly affirms and agrees that Franchisor may: (i) sell Franchisor's assets and Franchisor's rights to the Marks and the System outright to a third party; (ii) engage in a public or private placement of some or all of Franchisor's securities; (iii) merge, acquire other corporations, or be acquired by another corporation, including competitors; (iv) undertake a refinancing, recapitalization, leveraged buy-out or other economic or financial restructuring; and (v) with regard to any or all of the above sales, assignments and dispositions, Franchisee expressly and specifically waives any claims, demands or damages arising from or relating to the loss of association with or identification of Franchisor. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall require Franchisor to remain in the business franchised herein or to offer the same products and services, whether or not bearing the Marks, in the event that Franchisor exercises its prerogative hereunder to assign Franchisor's rights in this Agreement.
- 16.1.2 Franchisee agrees that Franchisor has the right, now or in the future, to purchase, merge, acquire or affiliate with an existing competitive or non-competitive franchise network, chain or any other business regardless of the location of that chain's or business' facilities, and to operate, franchise or license those businesses and/or facilities operating under the Marks or any other marks following Franchisor's purchase, merger, acquisition or affiliation, regardless of the location of the facilities (which Franchisee acknowledges may be within the Territory, proximate thereto, or proximate to any of Franchisee's locations).
- 16.1.3 If Franchisor assigns its rights in this Agreement, nothing herein shall be deemed to require Franchisor to remain in the technology automation and integration business or to offer or sell any products or services to Franchisee.
- 16.2 <u>Restrictions on Transfers by Franchisee</u>. Franchisee's rights and duties under this Agreement are personal to Franchisee as it is organized and with the Principals of the business as they exist on the date of execution of this Agreement, and Franchisor has made this Agreement with Franchisee in reliance on Franchisor's perceptions of the individual and collective character, skill, aptitude, attitude, business ability, and financial

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- capacity of Franchisee. Thus, no transfer, as hereafter defined, may be made without Franchisor's prior written approval. Franchisor may void any transfer made without such approval.
- 16.3 <u>Transfers by Franchisee</u>. Franchisee shall not directly or indirectly sell, assign, transfer, give, devise, convey or encumber this Agreement or any right or interest herein or hereunder (a "Transfer"), the Franchise, the Franchised Business or any assets thereof (except in the ordinary course of business) or suffer or permit any such assignment, transfer, or encumbrance to occur by operation of law unless it first obtains the written consent of Franchisor. A transfer of any stock in the Franchisee if it is a corporation or a transfer of any ownership rights in Franchisee if it is a partnership, a limited liability company or limited partnership shall be considered a Transfer restricted hereunder. If Franchisee has complied fully with this Agreement and subject to Franchisor's Right of First Refusal set forth in Section 16.6, Franchisor will not unreasonably withhold its consent of a Transfer that meets the following requirements:
  - 16.3.1 The proposed transferee and all its principals must have the demeanor, and be individuals of good character and otherwise meet Franchisor's then-applicable standards for franchisees.
  - 16.3.2 The transferee must have sufficient business experience, aptitude and financial resources to operate the Franchised Business and to comply with this Agreement;
  - 16.3.3 The transferee has agreed to complete Franchisor's Initial Management Training Program to Franchisor's satisfaction;
  - 16.3.4 Franchisee has paid all amounts owed to Franchisor and third-party creditors;
  - 16.3.5 The transferee has executed Franchisor's then-standard form of Franchise Agreement, which may have terms and conditions different from this Agreement, except that the transferee shall not be required to pay the Initial Franchise Fee;
  - 16.3.6 Franchisee and the transferee and each of Franchisee's and the transferee's Principals shall have executed a general release under seal, in a form satisfactory to Franchisor, of any and all claims against Franchisor and Franchisor's officers, directors, shareholders, members and employees in their corporate and individual capacities, including, without limitation, claims arising under federal, state and local laws, rules and ordinances. Franchisee will agree to subordinate any claims Franchisee may have against the transferee to Franchisor, and indemnify Franchisor against all claims brought against Franchisor by the transferee for a period of three (3) years following the transfer;
  - 16.3.7 Franchisor has granted written approval of the material terms and conditions of the Transfer, including, without limitation, that the price and terms of payment will not adversely affect the Franchised Business's operation. However, Franchisor's approval of a Transfer is not in any way a representation or warranty of the

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transferee's success or the soundness of transferee's decision to purchase the Franchise on such terms and conditions. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor all proposed transfer documents for Franchisor's review at least thirty (30) days prior to a closing of the proposed Transfer; and

- 16.3.8 If Franchisee or any Principal finances any part of the sale price of the Transfer, Franchisee or its Principal have agreed that all obligations of the transferee under any notes, agreements or security interests to Franchisee or its Principal will be subordinate to the transferee's obligations to Franchisor.
- 16.4 <u>Transfer Fee.</u> As a condition to any Transfer, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor a transfer fee equal to fifty percent (50%) of the then-current initial franchise fee,; provided however, (i) for transfers to an existing franchisee in good standing with Franchisor, the transfer fee is equal to twenty five percent (25%) of the then-current initial franchise fee, and (ii) for transfers of ownership interest among existing shareholders or members, or to add a new shareholder or member, of the Franchisee entity and such transfer does not change management control of the Franchisee entity, the transfer fee is waived.
- 16.5 Entity Formation Documents. The By-Laws of a corporation or Operating Agreement of a limited liability company of a Franchisee that is an entity must state that (i) the issuance and assignment of any interest in Franchisee are restricted by this Article 16; (ii) Franchisee may conduct no business except the operation of a Franchised Business pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; (iii) transfers of interests in Franchisee are subject to the terms of this Agreement governing transfers; and (iv) stock or member certificates will contain a legend so indicating.

#### 16.6 Franchisor 's Right of First Refusal.

- 16.6.1 If Franchisee wishes to transfer all or part of its interest in the Franchised Business or this Agreement or if a Principal wishes to transfer any ownership interest in Franchisee, pursuant to any bona fide offer to purchase such interest, then Franchisee or such Principal shall promptly notify Franchisor in writing of each such offer, and shall provide such information and documentation relating to the offer as Franchisor may require.
- 16.6.2 Franchisor has the right, exercisable by written notice to Franchisee within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notification and copies of all documentation required by Franchisor describing such offer, to buy the interest in this Agreement and the Franchised Business or the Principal's interest in Franchisee for the price and on the terms and conditions contained in the offer, subject to Section 16.6.3.
- 16.6.3 Franchisee further agrees, in the event Franchisor exercises its right of first refusal, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the offer, that (i) Franchisor may substitute cash for any other form of consideration contained in the offer; (ii) at Franchisor 's option, Franchisor may pay the entire purchase price at closing; (iii) Franchisor 's credit will be deemed equal to the credit of any proposed transferee;

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- (vi) Franchisor will have at least sixty (60) days to close the purchase; and (v) Franchisor will be entitled to receive from the Franchisee all customary representations and warranties given by a seller of the assets of a business or equity interest in an entity, as applicable.
- 16.6.4 If Franchisor does not exercise its right to buy within thirty (30) days, Franchisee may thereafter transfer the interest to the transferee on terms no more favorable than those disclosed to Franchisor, provided that such transfer is subject to Franchisor's prior written approval pursuant to Section 16.3 hereof. However, if (i) the sale to the transferee is not completed within one hundred twenty (120) days after the offer is given to Franchisor or (ii) there is any material change in the terms of the offer, the offer will again be subject to Franchisor's right of first refusal.
- 16.7 Death or Permanent Disability. The grant of rights under this Agreement is personal to Franchisee, and on the death or permanent disability of Franchisee or any Principals, the executor, administrator, conservator or other personal representative of Franchisee or Principal, as the case may be, shall be required to transfer Franchisee's or Principal's interest in this Agreement within six (6) months from the date of death or permanent disability, to a third party approved by Franchisor. Failure to transfer in accordance with the foregoing will constitute a material default and the Franchise granted by this Agreement will terminate. A transfer under this Section 16.7, including without limitation, transfer by devise or inheritance, is subject to the conditions for Transfers in this Article 16 and unless transferred by gift, devise or inheritance, subject to the terms of Section 16.6 above. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "permanent disability" means a mental or physical disability, impairment or condition that is reasonably expected to prevent or actually does prevent such person from providing continuous and material supervision of the operation of Franchisee's Franchised Business during the six (6)-month period from its onset.

Immediately after the death or permanent disability of such person, or while the Franchise is owned by an executor, administrator, guardian, personal representative or trustee of that person, the Franchised Business shall be supervised by an interim successor manager satisfactory to Franchisor, or Franchisor, in its sole discretion, may provide interim management for a fee equal to the then-current interim management support fee, plus any and all costs of travel, lodging, meals and other expenses reasonably incurred by Franchisor, pending transfer of the Franchise to the deceased or disabled individual's lawful heirs or successors.

- 16.8 <u>Effect of Consent to Transfer</u>. Franchisor's consent to a Transfer will not waive any claims Franchisor may have against the Franchisee or any Franchisee's Principals nor waive its right to demand that the transferee comply strictly with this Agreement.
- 16.9 <u>Security Interests to Lender</u>. If Franchisee is in full compliance with this Agreement, Franchisee may pledge or give a security interest in Franchisee's interest in the Assets and the Franchised Business to a lender of the funds needed by Franchisee for Franchisee's initial investment, provided that the security interest is subordinate to

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Franchisee's obligations to Franchisor, that a foreclosure on such a pledge or security interest and/or any Transfer resulting from such a foreclosure shall be subject to all provisions of this Agreement, and that Franchisee obtains from the lender a written acknowledgement to Franchisor of these restrictions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event Franchisee obtains a loan (an "SBA Loan") from a lender (the "Lender") in which funding is provided with the assistance of the United States Small Business Administration ("SBA"), Franchisee shall be permitted to grant Lender and/or SBA a senior lien on any Uniform Commercial Code collateral Franchisee uses to secure the SBA Loan, and Franchisor agrees to subordinate its interest in any lien on Franchisee's Uniform Commercial Code collateral to that of the Lender and/or SBA as the case may be.

#### 17. **DEFAULTS**

- 17.1 Default and Automatic Termination. Franchisee shall be deemed to be in material default under this Agreement, and all rights granted herein shall automatically terminate without notice to Franchisee, if Franchisee or Principal shall become insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or if Franchisee or Principal files a voluntary petition under any section or chapter of federal bankruptcy law or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any state thereof, or admits in writing an inability to pay debts when due; or if Franchisee or Principal is adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent in proceedings filed against Franchisee or Principal under any section or chapter of federal bankruptcy laws or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any state; or if a bill in equity or other proceeding for the appointment of a receiver of Franchisee or Principal or other custodian for Franchisee's business or assets is filed and consented to by Franchisee or Principal; or if a receiver or other custodian (permanent or temporary) of Franchisee's or Principal's assets or property, or any part thereof, is appointed by any court of competent jurisdiction; or if proceedings for a composition with creditors under any state or federal law should be instituted by or against Franchisee or Principal; or if a final judgment remains unsatisfied or of record for thirty (30) days or longer (unless supersedeas bond is filed); or if Franchisee is dissolved; or if execution is levied against Franchisee's or Principal's business or property; or if suit to foreclose any lien or mortgage against the Franchised Business premises or equipment is instituted against Franchisee and not dismissed within thirty (30) days.
- 17.2 <u>Defaults With No Opportunity to Cure</u>. Franchisee shall be deemed to be in material default and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement and all rights granted hereunder, without affording Franchisee any opportunity to cure the default, effective immediately upon notice to Franchisee, if Franchisee, or any Principal, as the case may be:
  - 17.2.1 fails to obtain all required licenses and permits before opening, or open the Franchised Business within the time and in the manner specified in Article 8.
  - 17.2.2 falsifies any report required to be furnished Franchisor hereunder;
  - 17.2.3 ceases to operate the Franchised Business for a period of five (5) days or more;

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- 17.2.4 fails to comply with any federal, state or local law, rule or regulation, applicable to the operation of the Franchised Business, including, but not limited to, the failure to pay taxes;
- 17.2.5 understates Gross Revenue on two (2) occasions or more, whether or not cured on any or all of those occasions;
- 17.2.6 fails to comply with the covenants in Article 15;
- 17.2.7 permits a Transfer in violation of the provisions of Article 16 of this Agreement;
- 17.2.8 fails, or Franchisee's legal representative fails, to transfer the interests in this Franchise Agreement and the Franchised Business upon death or permanent disability of Franchisee or any Principal of Franchisee as required by Section 16.7.
- 17.2.9 has misrepresented or omitted material facts in applying for the Franchise;
- 17.2.10 is convicted of, or pleads no contest to, a felony or to a crime that could damage the goodwill associated with the Marks or does anything to harm the reputation of the System or the goodwill associated with the Marks;
- 17.2.11 receives an adverse judgment or a consent decree in any case or proceeding involving allegations of fraud, racketeering, unfair or improper trade practices or similar claim which is likely to have an adverse effect on the System, or the Marks, the goodwill associated therewith or Franchisor's interest therein, in Franchisor's sole opinion;
- 17.2.12 conceals revenues, knowingly maintains false books or records, or knowingly submits any false reports;
- 17.2.13 creates a threat or danger to public health or safety from operation of the Franchised Business;
- 17.2.14 refuses to permit Franchisor to inspect or audit Franchisee's books or records;
- 17.2.15 makes any unauthorized use of the Marks or copyrighted material or any unauthorized use or disclosure of Confidential Information (as defined in Section 19.2);
- 17.2.16 fails to comply with the non-competition covenants in Section 19.5;
- 17.2.17 defaults in the performance of Franchisee's obligations under this Agreement three (3) or more times during the term of this Agreement or has been given at least two (2) notices of default in any consecutive twelve (12)—month period, whether or not the defaults have been corrected;

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- 17.2.18 has insufficient funds to honor a check or electronic funds transfer two (2) or more times within any consecutive twelve (12)-month period;
- 17.2.19 defaults, or an affiliate of Franchisee defaults, under any other agreement, including any other franchise agreement, with Franchisor or any of its affiliates, or suppliers and does not cure such default within the time period provided in such other agreement; or
- 17.2.20 terminates this Agreement without cause.
- 17.3 <u>Curable Defaults</u>. Franchisee shall be deemed to be in material default and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement and all rights granted hereunder, if Franchisee fails to cure the default within the time period set forth in this Section 17.3, effective immediately upon notice to Franchisee, if Franchisee, or any Principal, as the case may be:
  - 17.3.1 fails to pay when due any amounts due to Franchisor under this Agreement or any related agreement and does not correct the failure within five (5) days after written notice; provided, however, Franchisor has no obligation to give written notice of a late payment more than two (2) times in any twelve (12)—month period, and the third such late payment in any twelve (12)—month period shall be a non-curable default under Sections 17.2.17 and/or 17.2.18;
  - 17.3.2 fails to perform any non-monetary obligation imposed by this Agreement (excepting those defaults of obligations set forth in Sections 17.1 and 17.2 for which there is no opportunity to cure) and such default shall continue for five (5) days after Franchisor has given written notice of such default, or if the default cannot be reasonably corrected within said five (5)-day period, then if it is not corrected within such additional time as may be reasonably required assuming Franchisee proceeds diligently to cure; provided, however, Franchisor has no obligation to give written notice of a non-monetary default more than two (2) times in any twelve (12)—month period, and the third such default, whether monetary or non-monetary, in any twelve (12) month period shall be a non-curable default under Section 17.2.17.
- 17.4 <u>Franchisor's Cure of Franchisee's Defaults</u>. In the event of a default by Franchisee, in addition to Franchisor's right to terminate the Franchise Agreement, and <u>not in lieu thereof</u>, Franchisor may, but has no obligation to:
  - 17.4.1 effect a cure on Franchisee's behalf and at Franchisee's expense, and Franchisee shall immediately pay Franchisor the costs incurred by Franchisor upon demand; or
  - 17.4.2 exercise complete authority with respect to the operation of the Franchise Business until such time as Franchisor determines that the default of Franchisee has been

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cured and that Franchisee is complying with the requirements of this Agreement. Franchisee specifically agrees that a designated representative of Franchisor may take over, control and operate the Franchised Business. In addition to all other fees payable under this Agreement, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor a fee for interim management equal to the then-current interim management support fee, plus any and all costs of travel, lodging, meals and other expenses reasonably incurred by Franchisor, until the default has been cured and Franchisee is complying with the terms of this Agreement.

17.5 <u>Notice to Suppliers</u>. In the event of a default by Franchisee, in addition to Franchisor's right to terminate the Franchise Agreement, and <u>not in lieu thereof</u>, Franchisor reserves the right with five (5) days' prior written notice to Franchisee, to direct suppliers to stop furnishing any and all products and services, including, but not limited to products and services sold under Franchisor's discounted pricing schedules, until such time as Franchisee's default is cured. In no event shall Franchisee have recourse against Franchisor for loss of revenue, customer goodwill, profits or other business arising from Franchisor's actions and the actions of suppliers.

#### 18. POST-TERMINATION

- 18.1 <u>Franchisee's Obligations</u>. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, all rights and licenses granted hereunder to Franchisee shall immediately terminate and Franchisee and each Principal shall:
  - 18.1.1 immediately cease to operate the Franchised Business, and shall not thereafter, directly or indirectly identify himself, herself or itself as a current Level Up Automation owner, franchisee or licensee;
  - 18.1.2 immediately and permanently cease to use the Marks, any imitation of any Mark, Franchisor's copyrighted material or other intellectual property, confidential or proprietary material or indicia of the Franchised Business, or use any trade name, trade or service mark or other commercial symbol that suggests an association with Franchisor, Licensor, or the System. In particular, Franchisee shall cease to use, without limitation, all signs, billboards, advertising materials, displays, stationery, forms and any other articles, which display the Marks;
  - 18.1.3 take such action as may be necessary to cancel any assumed name or equivalent registration that contains the Mark or any other service mark or trademark of Franchisor, and Franchisee shall furnish Franchisor with evidence of compliance with this obligation which is satisfactory to Franchisor, within five (5) days after termination or expiration of this Agreement;
  - 18.1.4 promptly pay all sums owing to Franchisor and its affiliates. Such sums shall include all damages, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor as a result of any default by Franchisee. The payment obligation herein shall give rise to and remain, until paid in full, a lien in favor of Franchisor against any and all of the personal property, furnishings, equipment,

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- fixtures, and inventory or other business assets owned by Franchisee at the time of default;
- 18.1.5 pay to Franchisor all damages, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor in connection with obtaining any remedy available to Franchisor for any violation of this Agreement and, subsequent to the termination or expiration of this Agreement, in obtaining injunctive or other relief for the enforcement of any provisions of this Agreement that survive its termination;
- 18.1.6 immediately deliver at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, to Franchisor the Manual and all records, files, instructions, correspondence, invoices, agreements, all confidential, proprietary and copyrighted material and all other materials related to operation of the Franchised Business, including but not limited to customer lists and records, (all of which are acknowledged to be Franchisor's property), delete all electronic copies and retain no copy or record of any of the foregoing, except Franchisee's copy of this Agreement and of any correspondence between the parties and any other documents that Franchisee reasonably needs for compliance with any provision of law; and
- 18.1.7 comply with the non-disclosure and non-competition covenants contained in Article 19.

### 18.2. Right to Purchase.

- 18.2.1 Franchisor shall have the option, to be exercised within thirty (30) days after termination or expiration of this Agreement, to purchase from Franchisee any or all of the equipment (including any computer systems and vehicles), signs, fixtures, advertising materials, supplies, and inventory of Franchisee related to the operation of the Franchised Business, at Franchisee's cost or fair market value, whichever is less. Franchisor shall purchase Franchisee's assets free and clear of any liens, charges, encumbrances or security interests and Franchisor shall assume no liabilities whatsoever, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties. If the parties cannot agree on the fair market value within thirty (30) days of Franchisor's exercise of its option, fair market value shall be determined by two (2) appraisers, with each party selecting one (1) appraiser, and the average of their determinations shall be binding. In the event of such appraisal, each party shall bear its own legal and other costs and shall split the appraisal fees equally. If Franchisor elects to exercise its option to purchase herein provided, it shall have the right to set off (i) all fees for any such independent appraiser due from Franchisee, (ii) all amounts due from Franchisee to Franchisor or any of its affiliates and (iii) any costs incurred in connection with any escrow arrangement (including reasonable legal fees), against any payment therefor and shall pay the remaining amount in cash. Closing of the purchase shall take place no later than thirty (30) days after determination of the fair market value.
- 18.2.2 With respect to the option described in Section 18.2.1, Franchisee shall deliver to Franchisor in a form satisfactory to Franchisor, such warranties, releases of lien, bills of sale, assignments and such other documents and instruments that Franchisor deems necessary in order to perfect Franchisor's title and possession in and to the

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assets being purchased or assigned and to meet the requirements of all tax and government authorities. If, at the time of closing, Franchisee has not obtained all of these certificates and other documents, Franchisor may, in its sole discretion, place the purchase price in escrow pending issuance of any required certificates or documents.

- 18.2.3 Franchisor shall be entitled to assign any and all of its option in Section 18.2.1 to any other party, without the consent of Franchisee.
- 18.3 Assignment of Communications. Franchisee, at the option of Franchisor, shall assign to Franchisor all rights to the telephone numbers of the Franchised Business and any related public directory listing or other business listings and execute all forms and documents required by Franchisor and any telephone company at any time, to transfer such service and numbers to Franchisor. Further, Franchisee shall assign to Franchisor any and all social media and internet listings, domain names, internet advertising, websites, listings with search engines, electronic mail addresses or any other similar listing or usage related to the Franchised Business. Notwithstanding any forms and documents that may have been executed by Franchisee under Section 11.6, Franchisee shall provide Franchisor with all passwords and administrative rights, and hereby appoints Franchisor its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, for the sole purpose of taking such action as is necessary to complete such assignment. This power of attorney shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Franchisee shall thereafter use different telephone numbers, electronic mail addresses, social media accounts or other listings or usages at or in connection with any subsequent business conducted by Franchisee.
- 18.4 <u>Survival</u>. The rights and obligations of the parties contained in this Article 18 shall survive the expiration or sooner termination of this Agreement.

#### 19. NON-DISCLOSURE AND NON-COMPETITION COVENANTS

## 19.1 Operations Manual.

19.1.1 Franchisor has provided to Franchisee, on loan, a current copy of the Manual. The Manual may be in hard copy or made available to Franchisee in digital, electronic or computerized form or in some other form now existing or hereafter developed that would allow Franchisee to view the contents thereof. If the Manual (or any changes thereto) are provided in a form other than physical copy, Franchisee shall pay any and all costs to retrieve, review, use or access the Manual. To protect the reputation and goodwill of Franchisor and to maintain high standards of operation under Franchisor's Marks, Franchisee shall operate all aspects of the Franchised Business in accordance with the Manual, as they may from time to time be modified by Franchisor, other written directives that Franchisor may issue to Franchisee from time to time, whether or not such directives are included in the Manual, and any

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- other manual and materials created or approved for use in the operation of the Franchised Business.
- 19.1.2 Franchisee and all Principals shall at all times treat the Manual, written directives, and other materials and any other confidential communications or materials, and the information contained therein, as confidential and shall maintain such information as trade secret and confidential in accordance with this Article and this Agreement. Franchisee and Franchisee's Principals shall not divulge and make such materials available to anyone other than those of Franchisee's employees who require the information contained therein to operate the Franchised Business. Franchisee shall, prior to disclosure, fully train and inform its employees on all the restrictions, terms and conditions under which it is permitted to use Franchisor's intellectual, proprietary and confidential information; and shall ensure its employees' compliance with such restrictions, terms and conditions. Franchisee, Franchisee's Principals, and any person working with Franchisee shall agree not, at any time to use, copy, duplicate, record or otherwise reproduce these materials, in whole or in part, or otherwise make the same available to any person other than those authorized above, without Franchisor's prior written consent.
- 19.1.3 The Manual, written directives, and other materials and any other confidential communications provided or approved by Franchisor shall at all times remain the sole property of Franchisor. Franchisee shall maintain the Manual and all Franchisor's confidential and proprietary materials at all times in a safe and secure location, shall take all reasonable measures to prevent unauthorized access thereto, whether any attempted unauthorized access takes the form of physical access or access via computer or telecommunications networks or otherwise, and shall report the theft or loss of the Manual, or any portion thereof, immediately to Franchisor. At a minimum, Franchisee shall, in the case of computer and telecommunications networks, use the latest available firewall, encryption and similar technology to prevent unauthorized access. Franchisee shall delete all electronic copies, and return and cease using any physical copy of the Manual and other confidential and proprietary materials to Franchisor immediately upon request or upon transfer, termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 19.1.4 Franchisor may from time to time revise the contents of the Manual and other materials created or approved for use in the operation of the Franchised Business. Franchisee expressly agrees to comply with each new or changed policy, standard or directive. In the event of any dispute as to the contents of the Manual, the terms of the master copy of the Manual maintained by Franchisor shall control.
- 19.1.5 If Franchisee loses, misplaces or otherwise requests a physical copy of the Manual, Franchisor, in its discretion, may provide such physical copy and Franchisee shall pay Franchisor the then-current replacement fee.
- 19.2 <u>Confidential Information</u>. Franchisee along with its Principals acknowledge and accept that during the term of this Agreement, Franchisee and any Principal will have access to

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Franchisor's trade secrets, including, but not limited to, methods, processes, customer lists, vendor partnerships and/or relationships, sales and technical information, costs, pricing, software tools and applications, website and/or email design, products, services, equipment, technologies and procedures relating to the operation of the Franchised Business; the Manual; methods of advertising and promotion; instructional materials; any other information which Franchisor may or may not specifically designate as "confidential" or "proprietary"; and the components of the System, whether or not such information is protected or protectable by patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights (collectively referred to herein as the "Confidential Information"). Neither Franchisee nor any Principal shall, during the term of this Agreement and thereafter, communicate or divulge to, or use for the benefit of, any other person or entity, and, following the expiration or termination of this Agreement, shall not use for their own benefit, any Confidential Information that may be communicated to Franchisee or any Principal or of which Franchisee or any Principal may be apprised in connection with the operation of the Franchised Business under the terms of this Agreement. Franchisee and any Principal shall not divulge and make any Confidential Information available to anyone other than those of Franchisee's employees who require the Confidential Information to operate the Franchised Business and who have themselves entered into confidentiality and non-compete agreements containing the same provisions as contained in this Agreement, in accordance with Section 19.10 hereof. Franchisee and any Principal shall not at any time copy, duplicate, record or otherwise reproduce any Confidential Information, in whole or in part, or otherwise make the same available to any person other than those authorized above, without Franchisor's prior written consent. The covenant in this Section 19.2 shall survive the expiration, termination or transfer of this Agreement or any interest herein and shall be perpetually binding upon Franchisee and each Principal.

- 19.3 <u>Protection of Information</u>. Franchisee shall take all steps necessary, at Franchisee's own expense, to protect the Confidential Information and shall immediately notify Franchisor if Franchisee finds that any Confidential Information has been divulged in violation of this Agreement.
- 19.4 New Concepts. If Franchisee or any Principal develops any new concept, process, product, service, or improvement in the operation or promotion of the Franchised Business ("Improvements"), Franchisee is required to promptly notify Franchisor and provide Franchisor with all related information, processes, products or other improvements, and sign any and all forms, documents and/or papers necessary for Franchisor to obtain full proprietary rights to such Improvements, without compensation and without any claim of ownership or proprietary rights to such Improvements. Franchisee and any Principal acknowledge that any such Improvements will become the property of Franchisor, and Franchisor may use or disclose such information to other franchisees as it determines to be appropriate.
- 19.5 <u>Noncompetition Covenants</u>. Franchisee and each Principal specifically acknowledge that, pursuant to this Agreement, Franchisee and each Principal will receive valuable training, trade secrets and Confidential Information of the System that are beyond the

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present knowledge, training and experience of Franchisee, each Principal and Franchisee's General Manager and employees. Franchisee and each Principal acknowledge that such specialized training, trade secrets and Confidential Information provide a competitive advantage and will be valuable to them in the development and operation of the Franchised Business, and that gaining access to such specialized training, trade secrets and Confidential Information is, therefore, a primary reason why Franchisee and each Principal are entering into this Agreement. In consideration for such specialized training, trade secrets, Confidential Information and rights, Franchisee and each Principal covenant that, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor:

- 19.5.1 During the term of this Agreement, Franchisee and each Principal shall not, either directly or indirectly, for themselves or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with, any person or entity (i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business, customer or referral source of the Franchised Business or of other franchisees in the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise; (ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or serve in any other capacity in any home technology automation or integration business similar to the System; or (iii) do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Marks and the System or (v) in any manner interfere with, disturb, disrupt, decrease or otherwise jeopardize the business of the Franchisor or any Level Up Automation franchisees or Franchisoraffiliated outlets.
- 19.5.2 Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement or upon a Transfer and continuing for twenty-four (24) months thereafter, Franchisee and Principals shall not, either directly or indirectly, for themselves or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with any person or entity (i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business, customer or referral source of the Franchised Business, Franchisor or of other franchisees in the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise; or (ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or serve in any other capacity in any home technology automation or integration business within fifty (50) miles of the Territory or within fifty (50) miles of any Level Up Automation office location; or (iii) do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Marks and the System or (v) in any manner interfere with, disturb, disrupt, decrease or otherwise jeopardize the business of the Franchisor or any Level Up Automation franchisees.
- 19.6 <u>Reasonableness of Restrictions</u>. Franchisee and each Principal acknowledges and agrees that the covenants not to compete set forth in this Agreement are fair and reasonable and will not impose any undue hardship on Franchisee or Principals, if any, since Franchisee or Principals, as the case may be, have other considerable skills, experience and education which afford Franchisee or Principals, as the case may be, the opportunity to derive income from other endeavors.

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- 19.7 Reduction of Time or Scope. If the period of time or the geographic scope specified above, should be adjudged unreasonable in any proceeding, then the period of time will be reduced by such number of months or the geographic scope will be reduced by the elimination of such portion thereof, or both, so that such restrictions may be enforced for such time and scope as are adjudged to be reasonable. In addition, Franchisor shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to reduce the scope of any covenant set forth in this Paragraph 19 or any portion thereof, without Franchisee's consent, effective immediately upon receipt by Franchisee of written notice thereof, and Franchisee agrees to forthwith comply with any covenant as so modified.
- 19.8 <u>Injunction</u>. Franchisee and each Principal acknowledges that a violation of the covenants not to compete contained in this Agreement would result in immediate and irreparable injury to Franchisor for which no adequate remedy at law will be available. Accordingly, Franchisee and each Principal hereby consents to the entry of an injunction prohibiting any conduct by Franchisee or any Principal in violation of the terms of the covenants not to compete set forth in this Agreement.
- 19.9 <u>No Defense</u>. Franchisee and each Principal expressly agree that the existence of any claims they may have against Franchisor, whether or not arising from this Agreement, shall not constitute a defense to the enforcement by Franchisor of the covenants in this Section.
- 19.10 <u>Covenants of Employees, Agents and Third Persons</u>. Franchisee shall require and obtain execution of covenants similar to those set forth in this Section (including covenants applicable upon the termination of a person's employment with Franchisee) from the General Manager, if applicable, and all employees, contractors or third persons who will have access to Franchisor's confidential and proprietary information. Such covenants shall be substantially in the form set forth in Attachment 9 as revised and updated from time to time and contained in the Manual.

#### 20. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

20.1. <u>Internal Dispute Resolution</u>. Franchisee shall first bring any claim, controversy or dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Attachments hereto or the relationship created by this Agreement to Franchisor's president and/or chief executive officer for resolution. After providing notice as set forth in Section 21.7 below, Franchisee must exhaust this internal dispute resolution procedure before Franchisee may bring Franchisee's dispute before a third party. This agreement to first attempt resolution of disputes internally shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

#### 20.2. Arbitration.

20.2.1. Except disputes not subject to alternative dispute resolution as set forth in Section 20.3, any dispute between Franchisor and Franchisee and/or any Principal arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Attachments hereto or any breach thereof, including any claim that this Agreement or any of its parts, is invalid, illegal

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- or otherwise voidable or void, which has not been resolved in accordance with Sections 20.1, will be resolved by submission to the American Arbitration Association or its successor organization to be settled by a single arbitrator in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules then in effect for such Association or successor organization.
- 20.2.2. All issues relating to arbitrability or the enforcement of the agreement to arbitrate contained in this Article 20 will be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §1 et seq.) and the federal common law of arbitration. All hearings and other proceedings will take place at the offices of the American Arbitration Association, or, if Franchisor so elects, in the county where the principal place of business of Franchisee is then located.
- 20.2.3. This arbitration provision is self-executing and will remain in full force and effect after expiration or termination of this Agreement. Any arbitration will be conducted on an individual, and not a class-wide or multiple plaintiffs basis. If either party fails to appear at any properly noticed arbitration proceeding, an award may be entered against the party by default or otherwise, notwithstanding the failure to appear. Judgment upon an arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction and will be binding, final and not subject to appeal. No punitive or exemplary damages will be awarded against Franchisor, Franchisee, or entities related to either of them, in an arbitration proceeding or otherwise, and are hereby waived.
- 20.2.4. The provisions of this Section 20.2 are independent of any other covenant or provision of this Agreement; provided, however, that if a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any of the provisions are unlawful in any way, the court will modify or interpret the provisions to the minimum extent necessary to have them comply with the law.
- 20.2.5. In proceeding with arbitration and in making determinations hereunder, no arbitrator shall extend, modify or suspend any terms of this Agreement or the reasonable standards of business performance and operation established by Franchisor in good faith. No notice, request or demand for arbitration shall stay, postpone or rescind the effectiveness of any termination of this Agreement.
- 20.2.6. Except as expressly required by law, Franchisor, Franchisee and any Principal shall keep all aspects of any arbitration proceeding in confidence, and shall not disclose any information about the proceeding to any third party other than legal counsel who shall be required to maintain the confidentiality of such information.
- 20.3. Exceptions. Notwithstanding the requirements of Sections 20.2, the following claims shall not be subject to mediation or arbitration:

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- 20.3.1. Franchisor's claims for injunctive or other extraordinary relief;
- 20.3.2. disputes and controversies arising from the Sherman Act, the Clayton Act or any other federal or state antitrust law;
- 20.3.3. disputes and controversies based upon or arising under the Lanham Act, as now or hereafter amended, relating to the ownership or validity of the Marks;
- 20.3.4. disputes and controversies relating to actions to obtain possession of the premises of the Franchised Business; and
- 20.3.5. enforcement of Franchisee's post-termination obligations, including but not limited to, Franchisee's non-competition covenants.

FRANCHISEE IRREVOCABLY WAIVES TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM, WHETHER AT LAW OR IN EQUITY, SUBMITTED TO COURT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION 20.3 OR OTHERWISE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY STATE OR FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY RIGHTS OR PROVISIONS.

- 20.4. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement is made in, and shall be substantially performed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Any claims, controversies, disputes or actions arising out of this Agreement shall be governed, enforced and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Franchisee and its Principals, except where specifically prohibited by law, hereby irrevocably submit themselves to the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts in Massachusetts. Franchisee and its Principals, hereby waive all questions of personal jurisdiction for the purpose of carrying out this provision.
- 20.5. Mutual Benefit. Franchisee, each Principal, if any, and Franchisor acknowledge that the parties' agreement regarding applicable state law and forum set forth in Section 20.4 provide each of the parties with the mutual benefit of uniform interpretation of this Agreement and any dispute arising hereunder. Each of Franchisee, Principals, and Franchisor further acknowledge the receipt and sufficiency of mutual consideration for such benefit and that each party's agreement regarding applicable state law and choice of forum have been negotiated in good faith and are part of the benefit of the bargain reflected by this Agreement.
- 20.6. Waiver of Jury Trial and Certain Damages. Franchisee and each Principal hereby waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any right to or claim for (i) a trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim brought by or against Franchisor, and (ii) any punitive, exemplary, incidental, indirect, special, consequential or other damages (including, without limitation, loss of profits) against Franchisor, its affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, partners, agents, representatives, independent contractors, servants and employees, in their corporate and individual capacities, arising

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- out of any cause whatsoever. Each of Franchisee and Principals agree that in the event of a dispute, Franchisee and each Principal shall be limited to the recovery of any actual damages sustained.
- 20.7. <u>Injunctive Relief.</u> Nothing herein contained (including, without limitation, Sections 20.1 and 20.2 above) shall bar Franchisor from the right to obtain immediate injunctive relief from any court of competent jurisdiction against threatened conduct by Franchisee that may cause Franchisor loss or damage, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining specific performance, restraining orders, and preliminary injunctions.
- 20.8. <u>Limitations of Claims</u>. Any and all claims arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the relationship among the parties will be barred unless a proceeding for relief is commenced within one (1) year from the date on which the party asserting such claim knew or should have known of the facts giving rise to such claims.
- 20.9. <u>Attorneys' Fees.</u> In the event of any action in law or equity by and between Franchisor and Franchisee concerning the operation, enforcement, construction or interpretation of this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs incurred.
- 20.10.<u>Survival</u>. The provisions of this Article 20 shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the expiration or termination of this Agreement or a transfer by Franchisee or any Principal of their respective interests in this Agreement.

#### 21. GENERAL

- 21.1 <u>Independent Licensee</u>. Franchisee is and shall be an independent licensee under this Agreement, and no partnership shall exist between Franchisee and Franchisor. This Agreement does not constitute Franchisee as an agent, legal representative, or employee of Franchisor for any purpose whatsoever, and Franchisee is not granted any right or authority to assume or create any obligation for or on behalf of, or in the name of, or in any way to bind Franchisor. Franchisee agrees not to incur or contract any debt or obligation on behalf of Franchisor or commit any act, make any representation or advertise in any manner which may adversely affect any right of Franchisor or be detrimental to Franchisor or other franchisees of Franchisor. Pursuant to the above, Franchisee agrees to indemnify Franchisor and hold Franchisor harmless from any and all liability, loss, attorney's fees, or damage Franchisor may suffer as a result of claims, demands, taxes, costs or judgments against Franchisor arising out of any allegation of an agent, partner or employment relationship.
- 21.2 <u>Successors</u>. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of Franchisor and shall be personally binding on and inure to the benefit of Franchisee (including the individuals executing this Agreement on behalf of the Franchisee entity) and its or their respective heirs, executors, administrators and successors or assigns; provided, however, the foregoing provision shall not be construed to allow a transfer of any interest of Franchisee or Principals in this Agreement or the Franchised Business, except in accordance with Article 16 hereof.

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- 21.3 <u>Invalidity of Part of Agreement</u>. Should any provisions in this Agreement, for any reason, be declared invalid, then such provision shall be invalid only to the extent of the prohibition without in any way invalidating or altering any other provision of this Agreement.
- 21.4 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all attachments, is the entire agreement of the parties, superseding all prior written or oral agreements of the parties concerning the same subject matter. No agreement of any kind relating to the matters covered by this Agreement and no amendment of the provisions hereof shall be binding upon either party unless and until the same has been made in writing and executed by all interested parties.
- 21.5 <u>Construction</u>. All terms and words used in this Agreement, regardless of the number and gender in which they are used, shall be deemed and construed to include any other number, singular or plural, and any other gender, masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context or sense of this Agreement or any provision herein may require, as if such words had been fully and properly written in the appropriate number and gender. All covenants, agreements and obligations assumed herein by Franchisee and any Principals shall be deemed to be joint and several covenants, agreements and obligations of each of the persons named as Franchisee, if more than one person is so named.
- 21.6 <u>Captions</u>. Captions and section headings are used herein for convenience only. They are not part of this Agreement and shall not be used in construing it.
- 21.7 <u>Notices</u>. Whenever notice is required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement, it shall be given in writing, and be delivered personally or by certified mail or courier, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom intended, and shall be deemed given on the date of delivery or delivery is refused. All such notices shall be addressed to the party to be notified at their respective addresses as set forth in the introductory paragraph of this Agreement, or at such other address or addresses as the parties may from time to time designate in writing.
- 21.8 Effect of Waivers. No waiver, delay, omission or forbearance on the part of Franchisor to exercise any right, option, duty or power arising from any default or breach by Franchisee shall affect or impair the rights of Franchisor with respect to any subsequent default of the same or of a different kind. Any use by Franchisee of the System or any part thereof at any place other than in the Territory shall not give Franchisee any rights not specifically granted hereunder. Failure to take action to stop such use shall not in any event be considered a waiver of the rights of Franchisor at any time to require Franchisee to restrict said use to the Territory.
- 21.9 <u>Remedies Cumulative</u>. All rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement shall be cumulative and not alternative, in addition to and not exclusive of any other rights or remedies that are provided for herein or that may be available at law or in equity in case of any breach, failure or default or threatened breach, failure or default of any term, provision or condition of this Agreement or any other agreement between Franchisee or

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any of its affiliates and Franchisor or any of its affiliates. The rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement shall be continuing and shall not be exhausted by any one or more uses thereof, and may be exercised at any time or from time to time as often as may be expedient; and any option or election to enforce any such right or remedy may be exercised or taken at any time and from time to time. The expiration, earlier termination or exercise of Franchisor's rights pursuant to Articles 17 and 18 shall not discharge or release Franchisee or any Principal from any liability or obligation then accrued, or any liability or obligation continuing beyond, or arising out of, the expiration, the earlier termination or the exercise of such rights under this Agreement.

- 21.10 Consent to Do Business Electronically. The parties to the Franchise Agreement hereby consent to do business electronically. Pursuant to the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act as adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the parties hereby affirm to each other that they agree with the terms of the Franchise Agreement, and by attaching their digital signature, including any DocuSign signature, to the Franchise Agreement, they are executing the document and intending to attach their digital signature to it. Furthermore, the parties acknowledge that the other parties to the Franchise Agreement can rely on a digital signature, including a DocuSign signature, as the respective party's signature.
- 21.11 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 21.12 <u>Survival</u>. Any obligation of Franchisee or any Principal that contemplates performance of such obligation after termination or expiration of this Agreement or the transfer of any interest of Franchisee or any Principal therein shall be deemed to survive such termination, expiration or transfer.
- **22. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.** Franchisee shall acknowledge the truthfulness of the statements contained in Attachment 1 hereto. Franchisee's acknowledgements are an inducement for Franchisor to enter into this Agreement. Franchisee shall immediately notify Franchisor, prior to acknowledgment, if any statement in Attachment 1 is incomplete or incorrect.

Nothing in this agreement or any related agreement is intended to disclaim the representations made in the Franchise Disclosure Document.

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The parties hereto have executed this Franchise Agreement on the day and year first above written.

FRANCHISOR:	
LEVEL UP FRANCHISE, LI	LC .
By:	
Jen Mallett	, Chief Executive Officer
(Print Name, Title)	
FRANCHISEE:	
By:	
(Print Name, Title)	
PRINCIPAL:	
(Print Name)	
PRINCIPAL:	
-	
(Print Name)	
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#### FRANCHISEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Franchisee hereby acknowledges the following:

1. Franchisee has conducted an independent investigation of all aspects relating to the financial, operational and other aspects of the business of operating the Franchised Business. Franchisee further acknowledges that, except as may be set forth in Franchisor's Disclosure Document, no representations of performance (financial or otherwise) for the Franchised Business provided for in this Agreement has been made to Franchisee by Franchisor and Franchisee and any and all Principals hereby waive any claim against Franchisor for any business failure Franchisee may experience as a franchisee under this Agreement.

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2. Franchisee has conducted an independent investigation of the business contemplated by this Agreement and understands and acknowledges that the business contemplated by this Agreement involves business risks making the success of the venture largely dependent upon the business abilities and participation of Franchisee and its efforts as an independent business operation.

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3. Franchisee agrees that no claims of success or failure have been made to it or him or her prior to signing the Franchise Agreement and that it/she/he understands all the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement. Franchisee further acknowledges that the Franchise Agreement contains all oral and written agreements, representations and arrangements between the parties hereto, and any rights which the respective parties hereto may have had under any other previous contracts are hereby cancelled and terminated, and that this Agreement cannot be changed or terminated orally.

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4. Franchisee has no knowledge of any representations by Franchisor or its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, sales representatives, agents or servants, about the business contemplated by the Franchise Agreement that are contrary to the terms of the Franchise Agreement or the documents incorporated herein. Franchisee acknowledges that no representations or warranties are made or implied, except as specifically set forth in the Franchise Agreement. Franchisee represents, as an inducement to Franchisor's entry into this Agreement, that it has made no misrepresentations in obtaining the Franchise Agreement.

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5. Franchisor expressly disclaims the making of, and Franchisee acknowledges that it has not received or relied upon, any warranty or guarantee, express or implied, as to the potential volume, profits or success of the business venture contemplated by the Franchise Agreement.

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6. Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor's approval or acceptance of Franchisee's Business location does not constitute a warranty, recommendation or endorsement of the location for the Franchised Business, nor any assurance by Franchisor that the operation of the Franchised Business at the premises will be successful or profitable.

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7. Franchisee acknowledges that it has received the Level Up Franchise, LLC Franchise Disclosure Document with a complete copy of the Franchise Agreement and all related Attachments and agreements at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date on which the Franchise Agreement was executed. Franchisee further acknowledges that Franchisee has read such Franchise Disclosure Document and understands its contents.

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8. Franchisee acknowledges that it has had ample opportunity to consult with its own attorneys, accountants and other advisors and that the attorneys for Franchisor have not advised or represented Franchisee with respect to the Franchise Agreement or the relationship thereby created.

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9. Franchisee, together with Franchisee's advisers, has sufficient knowledge and experience in financial and business matters to make an informed investment decision with respect to the Franchise granted by the Franchise Agreement.

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10. Franchisee is aware of the fact that other present or future franchisees of Franchisor may operate under different forms of agreement(s), and consequently that Franchisor's obligations and rights with respect to its various franchisees may differ materially in certain circumstances.

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11. It is recognized by the parties that Franchisor is also (or may become) a manufacturer or distributor of certain products under the Marks licensed herein; and it is understood that Franchisor does not warrant that such products will not be sold within the Franchisee's Territory by others who may have purchased such products from Franchisor.

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BY EXECUTING THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, FRANCHISEE AND ANY PRINCIPAL, INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF FRANCHISEE'S AND SUCH PRINCIPAL'S HEIRS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, HEREBY FOREVER RELEASE AND DISCHARGE LEVEL UP FRANCHISE, LLC, LEVEL UP AUTOMATION, LLC, LEVEL UP AUTOMATION IP, LLC, AND ANY OF THEIR PARENT COMPANY, SUBSIDIARIES, DIVISIONS, AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND DESIGNEES. AND THE FOREGOING ENTITIES' DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SHAREHOLDERS, SUCCESSORS, DESIGNEES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND JUDGMENTS RELATING TO OR ARISING UNDER THE STATEMENTS, CONDUCT, CLAIMS OR ANY OTHER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES EXECUTED PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, WHETHER PRESENTLY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, SUSPECTED OR UNSUSPECTED, ARISING UNDER THE FRANCHISE, SECURITIES, TAX OR ANTITRUST LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF ANY STATE OR TERRITORY THEREOF. THIS RELEASE SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY CLAIMS ARISING FROM REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY FRANCHISOR IN FRANCHISOR'S FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT RECEIVED BY FRANCHISEE.

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FRANCHISEE:	PRINCIPAL:	mittai
By:	(Print Name)	
(Print Name, Title)	Date:	
Date:		
	PRINCIPAL:	
	(Print Name)	
	Date	

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# TERRITORY DESCRIPTION AND FRANCHISED BUSINESS LOCATION

Territory (insert map and/or de:	fine by zip	codes):	
Franchised Business Address:			

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#### GENERAL RELEASE

	("Franchisee") and its principal(s):
(collectively, "Franchisee's Principal(s)"), on behalf directors, employees, successors, assigns, heirs, per acting on their behalf or claiming under them (collectively release, discharge and hold harmless	sonal representatives, and all other persons ctively, the "Franchisee Releasors"), hereby  Level Up Franchise, Level Up Automation IP, LLC, their parent officers, directors, shareholders, employees, y, the "Franchisor Releasees") from any suits, ities, demands, obligations, costs, expenses, r and description, in law or in equity, whether at, suspected or unsuspected arising under,
between Franchisee and Franchisor and any relate thereby, or the Franchised Business operated under representations made relative to the sale of the franc under any federal or state franchise or unfair or deco Franchisee Releasors now own or hold or have at an Franchisor Releasees (collectively, the "Franchisee R	ed agreements and the relationship created the Franchise Agreement, or any claims or thise to operate such Franchised Business or eptive trade practice laws, which any of the my time heretofore owned or held against the

FRANCHISEE AND FRANCHISEE'S PRINCIPAL(S) ON BEHALF OF THEMSELVES AND THE FRANCHISEE RELEASORS WAIVE ANY RIGHTS AND BENEFITS CONFERRED BY ANY APPLICABLE PROVISION OF LAW EXISTING UNDER ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF WHICH WOULD INVALIDATE ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE RELEASE CONTAINED HEREIN BECAUSE SUCH RELEASE MAY EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE FRANCHISEE RELEASORS DO NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN THEIR FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT. The Franchisee Releasors also covenant not to bring any suit, action, or proceeding, or make any demand or claim of any type, against any Franchisor Releasees with respect to any Franchisee Released Claim, and Franchisee and Franchisee's Principal(s) shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless each of Franchisor Releasees against same.

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Executed as of	, 20	
	FRANCHISEE:	
	By:	
	(Name, Title)	
	FRANCHISEES'S PRINCIPAL:	
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## AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT AUTOMATIC DEPOSITS (ACH WITHDRAWALS)

Franchisor Name: Level Up Franchise, LLC

I (We) hereby authorize Level Up Franchise, LLC, hereinafter called Franchisor, to initiate debit entries to my (our) Checking Account/Savings Account (Select One) indicated below at the depository financial institution named below, and to debit the same to such account. I (We) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. Law, and that I will be responsible for any banking fees that my institution charges.

Financial Institution Name:			Branch:	
City:	State:	Zip:	Phone:	
ACH/Routing Number:(N	ine Digits)	Account	t Number:	
ACH Withdrawal Form notif	fication from me.	I (We) und	Franchisor has received a written replacer derstand that revocation of this Authorizander the Franchise Agreement.	
			anchisor will not be the same each month uant to Articles 6 and 18 of the Franc	
Print Franchisee / Account H	older Name	Print Frai	nchisee/Co-Account Holder Name	-
Franchisee/ Account Holder S	Signature-Date	Franchise	ee/Co-Account Holder Signature-Date	-
Daytime Phone Number		Email Ad	ldress	-

## PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK TO THIS FORM

Please Return Form to: Level Up Franchise, LLC 367 West Main Street, Suite D Northborough, MA 01532

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## STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN FRANCHISEE

**Name** 

**Percentage of Ownership** 

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## INTERNET ADVERTISING, SOCIAL MEDIA, SOFTWARE AND TELEPHONE ACCOUNT AGREEMENT

THIS INTERNET ADVE	ERTISING,	SOCIAL MEDIA, SOF	TWARE AND TELE	PHONE
ACCOUNT AGREEMENT (the "	'Agreement"	) is made and entered into	this day of	
(the "Effective Date") by and between	en Level Up	Franchise, LLC, a Massac	chusetts limited liability of	company
(the "Franchisor"), and		, a	, and	_
's principal(s)	, a	resident and	, a	
resident (collectively, "Principal(s)")	)	and Principal(s)	are collectively referred	to herein
as the "Franchisee"				

WHEREAS, Franchisee desires to enter into a franchise agreement with Franchisor for a Level Up Automation business ("Franchise Agreement") which will allow Franchisee to conduct internet-based advertising, maintain social media accounts, and use telephone listings linked to the Level Up Automation brand.

**WHEREAS**, Franchisor would not enter into the Franchise Agreement without Franchisee's agreement to enter into, comply with, and be bound by all the terms and provisions of this Agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, and in further consideration of the Franchise Agreement and the mutual promises and covenants contained therein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### 1. **Definitions**

All terms used but not otherwise defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings set forth in the Franchise Agreement. "Termination" of the Franchise Agreement shall include, but shall not be limited to, the voluntary termination, involuntary termination, or natural expiration thereof.

#### 2. Internet Advertising and Telephone Accounts

- 2.1 <u>Interest in Web Sites, Social Media Accounts and Other Electronic Listings</u>. Franchisee may acquire (whether in accordance with or in violation of the Franchise Agreement) during the term of Franchise Agreement, certain right, title, or interest in and to certain domain names, social media accounts, hypertext markup language, uniform resource locator addresses, access to corresponding internet web sites, and the right to hyperlink to certain web sites and listings on various internet search engines (collectively, "Electronic Advertising") related to the Franchised Business or the Marks.
- 2.2 <u>Interest in Telephone Numbers and Listings</u>. Franchisee has or will acquire during the term of the Franchise Agreement, certain right, title, and interest in and to those certain telephone numbers and regular, classified, internet page, and other telephone directory listings (collectively, the "Telephone Listings") related to the Franchised Business or the Marks.
- 2.3 <u>Transfer</u>. On Termination of the Franchise Agreement, or on periodic request of Franchisor, Franchisee will immediately:

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- 2.3.1 direct all internet service providers, domain name registries, internet search engines, social media companies, and other listing agencies (collectively, the "Internet Companies") with which Franchisee has Internet Web Sites, Social Media Accounts and other Listings: (i) to transfer all of Franchisee's Interest in such Internet Web Sites, Social Media Accounts and other Listings to Franchisor; and (ii) to execute such documents and take such actions as may be necessary to effectuate such transfer. In the event Franchisor does not desire to accept any or all such Internet Web Sites, Social Media Accounts and other Listings, Franchisee will immediately direct the Internet Companies to terminate such Internet Web Sites, Social Media Accounts and other Listings or will take such other actions with respect to the Internet Web Sites, Social Media Accounts and other Listings as Franchisor directs; and
- 2.3.2 direct all telephone companies, telephone directory publishers, and telephone directory listing agencies (collectively, the "Telephone Companies") with which Franchisee has Telephone Numbers and Listings: (i) to transfer all Franchisee's Interest in such Telephone Numbers and Listings to Franchisor; and (ii) to execute such documents and take such actions as may be necessary to effectuate such transfer. In the event Franchisor does not desire to accept any or all such Telephone Numbers and Listings, Franchisee will immediately direct the Telephone Companies to terminate such Telephone Numbers and Listings or will take such other actions with respect to the Telephone Numbers and Listings as Franchisor directs.
- Appointment; Power of Attorney. Franchisee hereby constitutes and appoints Franchisor and any officer or agent of Franchisor, for Franchisor's benefit under the Franchise Agreement and this Agreement or otherwise, with full power of substitution, as Franchisee's true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full power and authority in Franchisee's place and stead, and in Franchisee's name or the name of any affiliated person or affiliated company of Franchisee, to take any and all appropriate action and to execute and deliver any and all documents that may be necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes of this Agreement. Franchisee further agrees that this appointment constitutes a power coupled with an interest and is irrevocable until Franchisee has satisfied all of its obligations under the Franchise Agreement and any and all other agreements to which Franchisee and any of its affiliates on the one hand, and Franchisor and any of its affiliates on the other, are parties, including without limitation this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Franchisee hereby grants to Franchisor the power and right to do the following:
  - 2.4.1 Direct the Internet Companies to transfer all Franchisee's Interest in and to the Internet Web Sites, Social Media Accounts and/or other Listings to Franchisor, or alternatively, to direct the Internet Companies to terminate any or all of the Internet Web Sites, Social Media Accounts and/or other Listings;
  - 2.4.2 Direct the Telephone Companies to transfer all Franchisee's Interest in and to the Telephone Numbers and Listings to Franchisor, or alternatively, to direct the Telephone Companies to terminate any or all of the Telephone Numbers and Listings; and
  - 2.4.3 Execute such standard assignment forms or other documents as the Internet Companies and/or Telephone Companies may require in order to affect such transfers or terminations of Franchisee's Interest.
- 2.5 <u>Certification of Termination</u>. Franchisee hereby directs the Internet Companies and Telephone Companies to accept, as conclusive proof of Termination of the Franchise Agreement, Franchisor's written statement, signed by an officer or agent of Franchisor, that the Franchise Agreement has terminated.

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2.6 <u>Cessation of Obligations</u>. After the Internet Companies and the Telephone Companies have duly transferred all Franchisee's Interests as described in paragraph 2.3 above to Franchisor, as between Franchisee and Franchisor, Franchisee will have no further interest in, or obligations with respect to the particular Electronic Advertising and/or Telephone Listing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee will remain liable to each and all of the Internet Companies and Telephone Companies for the respective sums Franchisee is obligated to pay to them for obligations Franchisee incurred before the date Franchisor duly accepted the transfer of such Interests, or for any other obligations not subject to the Franchise Agreement or this Agreement.

#### 3. Miscellaneous

- 3.1 <u>Release</u>. Franchisee hereby releases, remises, acquits, and forever discharges each and all of the Internet Companies and/or Telephone Companies and each and all of their parent corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, stockholders, employees, and agents, and the successors and assigns of any of them, from any and all rights, demands, claims, damage, losses, costs, expenses, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, whether in tort or in contract, at law or in equity, known or unknown, contingent or fixed, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of, asserted in, assertible in, or in any way related to this Agreement.
- 3.2 <u>Indemnification</u>. Franchisee is solely responsible for all costs and expenses related to its performance, its nonperformance, and Franchisor's enforcement of this Agreement, which costs and expenses Franchisee will pay Franchisor in full, without defense or setoff, on demand. Franchisee agrees that it will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Franchisor and its affiliates, and its and their directors, officers, shareholders, partners, members, employees, agents, and attorneys, and the successors and assigns of any and all of them, from and against, and will reimburse Franchisor and any and all of them for, any and all loss, losses, damage, damages, claims, debts, claims, demands, or obligations that are related to or are based on this Agreement.
- 3.3 No Duty. The powers conferred on Franchisor hereunder are solely to protect Franchisor's interests and shall not impose any duty on Franchisor to exercise any such powers. Franchisee expressly agrees that in no event shall Franchisor be obligated to accept the transfer of any or all of Franchisee's Interest in any matter hereunder.
- 3.4 <u>Further Assurances</u>. Franchisee agrees that at any time after the date of this Agreement, Franchisee will perform such acts and execute and deliver such documents as may be necessary to assist in or accomplish the purposes of this Agreement.
- 3.5 <u>Successors, Assigns, and Affiliates</u>. All Franchisor's rights and powers, and all Franchisee's obligations, under this Agreement shall be binding on Franchisee's successors, assigns, and affiliated persons or entities as if they had duly executed this Agreement.
- 3.6 <u>Effect on Other Agreements</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all provisions of the Franchise Agreement and exhibits and schedules thereto shall remain in effect as set forth therein.
  - 3.7 <u>Survival</u>. This Agreement shall survive the Termination of the Franchise Agreement.
- 3.9 <u>Governing Law.</u> This Internet Listing Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without regard to the application of Massachusetts conflict of law rules.

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The undersigned have executed or caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

FRANCHISOR:
LEVEL UP FRANCHISE, LLC
By:
Jen Mallett , Chief Executive Officer (Print Name, Title)
FRANCHISEE:
By:
(Print Name, Title)
(Print Name, Title)
PRINCIPAL:
(Print Name)
PRINCIPAL:
(Print Name)

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#### **GUARANTY**

This Guaranty and Covenant (t	nis "Guaranty") is given by the undersigned ("Guarantor") on	
(the "E	fective Date") to Level Up Franchise, LLC, a Massachuset	tts
limited liability company ("Fra	nchisor"), in order to induce Franchisor to enter into that certa	iin
Franchise Agreement dated on	or about the Effective Date hereof (the "Franchisee Agreement	t")
with	, a(n)	
and	(collectively "Franchisee").	

Guarantor acknowledges that Guarantor is the spouse of Franchisee's Principal, as that term is used in the Franchise Agreement.

Guarantor acknowledges that Guarantor has read the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement and acknowledges that the execution of this Guaranty are in partial consideration for, and a condition to the granting of, the rights granted in the Franchise Agreement to Franchisee, and that Franchisor would not have granted these rights without the execution of this Guaranty by Guarantor.

Guarantor hereby individually makes, agrees to be bound by, and agrees to perform, all of the monetary obligations and non-disclosure and non-competition covenants and agreements of the Franchisee as set forth in the Franchise Agreement, including but not limited to, the covenants set forth in Sections 19.2, 19.5, 19.6, 19.8 and 19.9 of the Franchise Agreement ("Guaranteed Obligations"). Guarantor shall perform and/or make punctual payment to Franchisor of the Guaranteed Obligations in accordance with the terms of the Franchise Agreement or other applicable document forthwith upon demand by Franchisor.

This Guaranty is an absolute and unconditional continuing guaranty of payment and performance of the Guaranteed Obligations. This Guaranty shall not be discharged by renewal of any claims guaranteed by this instrument, change in ownership or control of the Franchisee entity, transfer of the Franchise Agreement, the suffering of any indulgence to any debtor, extension of time of payment thereof, nor the discharge of Franchisee by bankruptcy, operation of law or otherwise. Presentment, demand, protest, notice of protest and dishonor, notice of default or nonpayment and diligence in collecting any obligation under any agreement between Franchisee and Franchiser are each and all waived by Guarantor and/or acknowledged as inapplicable. Guarantor waives notice of amendment of any agreement between Franchisee and Franchisor and notice of demand for payment by Franchisee. Guarantor further agrees to be bound by any and all amendments and changes to any agreement between Franchisee and Franchisor.

Franchisor may pursue its rights against Guarantor without first exhausting its remedies against Franchisee and without joining any other guarantor hereto and no delay on the part of Franchisor in the exercise of any right or remedy shall operate as a waiver of such right or remedy, and no single or partial exercise by Franchisor of any right or remedy shall preclude the further exercise of such right or remedy.

If other guaranters have guaranteed any and or all of the Guaranteed Obligations, their liability shall be joint and several to that of Guarantor.

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Until all of the Guaranteed Obligations have been paid in full and/or performed in full, Guarantor shall not have any right of subrogation, unless expressly given to Guarantor in writing by Franchisor.

All Franchisor's rights, powers and remedies hereunder and under any other agreement now or at any time hereafter in force between Franchisor and Guarantor shall be cumulative and not alternative and shall be in addition to all rights, powers and remedies given to Franchisor by law.

Should any one or more provisions of this Guaranty be determined to be illegal or unenforceable, all other provisions nevertheless shall remain effective.

This Guaranty shall extend to and inure to the benefit of Franchisor and its successors and assigns and shall be binding on Guarantor and its successors and assigns.

Guarantor has signed this Guaranty as of the date set forth above.

GUARANTOR - SPOUSE OF FRA	ANCHISEE'S PRINCIPAL:
	Print Name

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#### **ATTACHMENT 9**

#### CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON-COMPETE AGREEMENT

This Confidentiality and Non-Compete Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into this

day of
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("Franchisee"), a franchisee of Level Up Franchise, LLC a Massachusetts
mited liability company ("Franchisor"), and, an individual ("Covenantor")
n connection with an Franchise Agreement dated.
WHEREAS, Franchisee and Franchisor are parties to a franchise agreement dated
20(the "Franchise Agreement"), whereby Franchisor has granted Franchisee the right to use
ertain trademarks, including, the trademark "Level Up Automation" and design mark, and certain
roprietary products, services, promotions and methods (the "System") for the establishment and
peration of a Level Up Automation franchise (the "Franchised Business");

WHEREAS, in connection with his or her duties, it will be necessary for Covenantor to have access to some or all of the confidential information, knowledge, know-how, techniques, contents of the Level Up Automation operations manual and other materials used in or related to the System and/or concerning the methods of operation of the System (collectively referred to as "Confidential Information");

WHEREAS, the Confidential Information provides economic advantages to Franchisor and licensed users of the System, including Franchisee;

WHEREAS, Franchisee has acknowledged the importance of restricting the use, access and dissemination of the Confidential Information, and Franchisee therefore has agreed to obtain from Covenantor a written agreement protecting the Confidential Information and further protecting the System against unfair competition; and

**WHEREAS**, Covenantor acknowledges that receipt of and the right to use the Confidential Information constitutes independent valuable consideration for the representations, promises and covenants made by Covenantor herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and obligations contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

#### 1. Confidentiality Agreement.

- **a.** Covenantor shall, at all times, maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information and shall use such Confidential Information only in the course of his or her employment by or association with Franchisee in connection with the operation of a Franchised Business under the Franchise Agreement.
- **b.** Covenantor shall not at any time make copies of any documents or compilations containing some or all of the Confidential Information without Franchisor's express written permission.
- **c.** Covenantor shall not at any time disclose or permit the disclosure of the Confidential Information except, and only then to the limited extent necessary, to those employees of Franchisee for training and assisting such employees in the operation of the Franchised Business.

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- **d.** Covenantor shall surrender any material containing some or all of the Confidential Information to Franchisee or Franchisor, upon request, or upon termination of employment or association with Franchisee.
- **e.** Covenantor shall not at any time, directly or indirectly, do any act or omit to do any act that would or would likely be injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the System.
- **f.** Covenantor agrees that no Confidential Information may be reproduced, in whole or in part, without written consent.

#### 2. Covenants Not to Compete.

- **a.** In order to protect the goodwill and unique qualities of the System, and in consideration for the disclosure to Covenantor of the Confidential Information, Covenantor further agrees and covenants that during Covenantor's employment or association with Franchisee, Covenantor shall not, for Covenantor or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with any person or entity:
  - (i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business, customer or referral source of the Franchised Business or of other Level Up Automation franchisees in the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise,
  - (ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or serve in any other capacity in any home technology automation or integration business substantially similar to the System, or
- **b.** In further consideration for the disclosure to Covenantor of the Confidential Information and to protect the goodwill and unique qualities of the System, Covenantor further agrees and covenants that, upon the termination of Covenantor's employment or association with Franchisee and continuing for twenty-four (24) months thereafter, Covenantor shall not, for Covenantor or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with any person or entity:
  - (i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business, customer or referral source of the Franchised Business or of other franchisees in the Level Up Automation System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise,
  - (ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or serve in any other capacity in any home technology automation or integration business within the within fifty (50) miles outside of the boundaries of the Franchisee's Territory or within fifty (50) miles of any Level Up Automation office location, or
  - **c.** The parties acknowledge and agree that each of the covenants contained herein are reasonable limitations as to time, geographical area, and scope of activity to be restrained and do not impose a greater restraint than is necessary to protect the goodwill or other business interests of Franchisor.
  - **d.** If the period of time or the geographic scope specified Section 2.b. above, should be adjudged unreasonable in any proceeding, then the period of time will be reduced by such number of months or the geographic scope will be reduced by the elimination of such portion thereof, or both, so that such restrictions may be enforced for such time and scope as are adjudged to be reasonable. In addition, Franchisor shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to reduce the scope of any covenant set forth in this Agreement or any portion thereof, without Covenantor's or Franchisee's consent, effective immediately upon receipt by Covenantor of written notice thereof, and Covenantor agrees to forthwith comply with any covenant as so modified.

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#### 3. General.

- **a.** Franchisee shall take full responsibility for ensuring that Covenantor acts as required by this Agreement.
- **b.** Covenantor agrees that in the event of a breach of this Agreement, Franchisor would be irreparably injured and be without an adequate remedy at law. Therefore, in the event of such a breach, or threatened or attempted breach of any of the provisions hereof, Franchisee is obligated to enforce the provisions of this Agreement and shall be entitled, in addition to any other remedies that are made available to it at law or in equity, to a temporary and/or permanent injunction and a decree for the specific performance of the terms of this Agreement, without the necessity of showing actual or threatened harm and without being required to furnish a bond or other security.
- **c.** Covenantor agrees to pay all expenses (including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by Franchisor and Franchisee in enforcing this Agreement.
- **d.** Any failure Franchisee to object to or take action with respect to any breach of any provision of this Agreement by Covenantor shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of or consent to that breach or any subsequent breach by Covenantor.
- e. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE INTERPRETED BY AND CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WHERE THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS IS LOCATED. COVENANTOR HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS HIMSELF OR HERSELF TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS OF SUCH STATE. COVENANTOR HEREBY WAIVES ALL QUESTIONS OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION OR VENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THIS PROVISION. COVENANTOR HEREBY AGREES THAT SERVICE OF PROCESS MAY BE MADE UPON COVENANTOR IN ANY PROCEEDING RELATING TO OR ARISING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT OR THE RELATIONSHIP CREATED BY THIS AGREEMENT BY ANY MEANS ALLOWED BY THE LAWS OF SUCH STATE OR FEDERAL LAW. COVENANTOR FURTHER AGREES THAT VENUE FOR ANY PROCEEDING RELATING TO OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE IN THE STATE OF WHERE THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS IS LOCATED; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION THAT INCLUDES INJUNCTIVE RELIEF OR OTHER EXTRAORDINARY RELIEF, FRANCHISOR OR FRANCHISEE MAY BRING SUCH ACTION IN ANY COURT IN ANY STATE THAT HAS JURISDICTION.
- **f.** The parties agree that each of the foregoing covenants contained herein shall be construed as independent of any other covenant or provision of this Agreement.

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- **g.** Covenantor acknowledges and agrees that each of the covenants contained herein will not impose any undue hardship on Covenantor since Covenantor has other considerable skills, experience and education which affords Covenantor the opportunity to derive income from other endeavors.
- **h.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties regarding the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may be modified only by a duly authorized writing executed by all parties.
- i. All notices and demands required to be given hereunder shall be in writing, and shall be delivered personally or by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom intended, and shall be deemed given on the date of delivery or the date delivery is refused. All such notices shall be addressed to the party to be notified at the following addresses:

If directed to Covenantor:	

Any change in the foregoing addresses shall be effected by giving written notice of such change to the other parties.

- **j.** Franchisor is an intended third-party beneficiary of this Agreement, and Franchisor may take whatever action it deems necessary to enforce Covenantor's obligations hereunder. The rights and remedies of Franchisor under this Agreement are fully assignable and transferable and shall inure to the benefit of its respective affiliates, successors and assigns.
- **k.** The respective obligations of Franchisee and Covenantor hereunder may not be assigned by Franchisee or Covenantor, without the prior written consent of Franchisor.

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The undersigned have entered into this Confidentiality and Non-Compete Agreement as witnessed by their signatures below.

FRANCHISEE:		
By:		
Name:		
Title:		
COVENANTOR:		
Name:		

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#### ATTACHMENT 10 MULTI-TERRITORY ADDENDUM

THIS ADDENDUM TO THE LEVEL UP FRANCHISE, LLC FRANCHISE
AGREEMENTS (this "Addendum") is made this ("Effective
Date") between Level Up Franchise, LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company (the
"Franchisor"), and a
having its principal business address at
(the "Franchisee").
WHEREAS, the parties are executing ( ) Franchise Agreements (collectively, the "Agreements"), contemporaneously with this Addendum;
<b>WHEREAS</b> , the Protected Territory for each Franchise Agreement is attached to the respective Agreement as its Attachment 3 (the "Territories");

WHEREAS, the parties desire to amend the Agreements as set forth herein: and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the covenants herein and for other consideration, the receipt of sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the parties hereto intending to be legally bound do agree as follows:

- 1. Initial Franchise Fee. Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor a non-refundable initial franchise fee of Twenty Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) for the first Franchise Agreement; Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the second Franchise Agreement; and Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) for each additional Franchise Agreement. The initial franchise fee for the first Franchise Agreement is due in full on execution of the Agreements. Additionally, Franchisee shall pay fifty percent (50%) of the initial franchisee fee for the second and any additional Franchise Agreements on execution on execution of the Franchise Agreements, and Franchisee shall pay the remaining fifty percent (50%) of each such initial franchise fee upon opening of the Franchised Business contemplated by such Franchise Agreement.
- 2. Protected Areas. Upon execution of the Agreements, provided Franchisee complies with the Development Schedule outlined herein, Franchisee shall have the exclusive right to open a Level Up Automation franchise in the Territories. Until Franchisee establishes a unit and commences business in the respective Territories, such Territories will remain non-exclusive, and the Franchisor and other franchisees may solicit and conduct business under the Marks in the Territories. Once Franchisee establishes a unit and commences business in a Territory, any clients and accounts in that Territory will become clients and accounts of Franchisee, except to the extent such clients and accounts are subject to our National Accounts program.
- 3. Development Schedule. Franchisee shall establish a unit and commence business in its second and subsequent units within 12 months of establishing and commencing business with the previous unit, such that the second unit must be established and commence business within 12 months of the opening date of the first unit, the third unit must be established and commence business within 12 months of the second unit and so on.

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- **4. Failure to meet Development Schedule.** If Franchisee fails to meet Development schedule, it shall be a breach of any remaining Franchise Agreements for which a unit has not yet been established, and such Franchise Agreements shall be terminated. Any units that are already established and operating, and are not otherwise in breach of their respective Franchise Agreements, may continue to operate and shall be unaffected.
- **5. Location Selection**. With respect to the location selection provisions of Article 8 of the Agreements, the parties hereby acknowledge and agree that Franchisee shall be permitted to operate from a single office location in the Territories and obtain secure storage space at a single location in the Territories.
- **6. Miscellaneous**. The Agreements, as amended hereto, are hereby ratified and confirmed, and shall continue in full force and effect, subject to the terms and provisions thereof and hereof. In the event of any conflict between the terms of the Agreements and the terms of this Addendum, the terms of this Addendum shall control. All terms defined in the Agreements shall have the same meaning in this Addendum.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed and delivered this Addendum effective as of the date first above written.

FRANCHISEE:	FRANCHISOR: LEVEL UP FRANCHISE, LLC
	Jen Mallett, Chief Executive Officer

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# EXHIBIT C FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Level Up Franchise, LLC

As of September 30, 2022, 2021, and 2020

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# LEVEL UP FRANCHISING, LLC

FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022



# LEVEL UP FRANCHISING, LLC

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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Member Level Up Franchising, LLC Northborough, MA

#### Report on the Financial Statements

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Level Up Franchising, LLC as of September 30, 2022, and 2021 and the related statements of operations, member's equity (deficit) and cash flows for the years ended September 30, 2022, 2021, and the period from June 19, 2020 (Inception) through September 30, 2020, and the notes to financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Level Up Franchising, LLC as of September 30, 2022 and 2021 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years ended September 31, 2022 and 2021, and the period from June 19, 2020 (Inception) through September 30, 2020 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Level Up Franchising, LLC's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued [or when applicable, one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Level Up Franchising, LLC's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Level Up Franchising, LLC's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Ft. Collins, Colorado December 23, 2022

Reeso, CPA LLC

# LEVEL UP FRANCHISING, LLC BALANCE SHEETS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND 2021

		2021		
ASSETS:				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and equivalents	\$	25,359	\$	2,169
Accounts receivable		25,925		-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		51,284		2,169
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Intangible assets		8,500		10,000
Property and equipment		1,009		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	60,793	\$	12,169
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT):				
CURRENT LIABILITIES		7.214		
Accounts payable  Non-refundable deferred franchise revenue, current		7,214 8,975		-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		16,189		-
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Non-refundable deferred franchise revenue		76,862		_
TOTAL LIABILITIES		93,051		-
MEMBER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT)		(32,258)		12,169
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND				
MEMBER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT)	\$	60,793	\$	12,169

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# LEVEL UP FRANCHISING, LLC STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND 2021 AND THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 19, 2020 (INCEPTION) THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

	 2022	 2021	 2020
REVENUES			
Royalties	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ -
Initial franchise fees	3,913	-	-
Other	7,002	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 17,915	\$ -	\$ -
OPERATING EXPENSES			
General and administrative	30,591	8,694	1,430
Professional fees	22,543	1,000	7,800
Franchise related costs	13,434	-	- -
Advertising and promotion	7,921	-	-
Amortization expense	1,500	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	75,989	9,694	9,230
OPERATING (LOSS)	(58,074)	(9,694)	(9,230)
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	-	-	-
NET (LOSS)	\$ (58,074)	\$ (9,694)	\$ (9,230)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# LEVEL UP FRANCHISING, LLC STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND 2021 AND THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 19, 2020 (INCEPTION) THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

	Member Contributions	Accumulated (Deficit)	Total Member Equity (Deficit)
BALANCE, JUNE 19, 2020 (INCEPTION)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Member contributions	14,230	-	14,230
Net (loss)	-	(9,230)	(9,230)
BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020	14,230	(9,230)	5,000
Member contributions	16,863		16,863
Net (loss)		(9,694)	(9,694)
BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021	31,093	(18,924)	12,169
Member contributions	13,647		13,647
Net (loss)		(58,074)	(58,074)
BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022	\$ 44,740	\$ (76,998)	\$ (32,258)

# LEVEL UP FRANCHISING, LLC STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 AND 2021 AND THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 19, 2020 (INCEPTION) THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

	2022		2021		2020	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Net income	\$	(58,074)	\$	(9,694)	\$	(9,230)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net	•	(==,=,=)	4	(2,02.1)	•	(* ,== * )
cash provided by operating activities:		1.700				
Amortization expense		1,500		-		-
Non-cash member contributions		-		1,853		14,230
Recognition of non-refundable deferred franchise revenue		(3,913)		-		-
Changes in assets and liabilities:						
Accounts receivable		(25,925)		-		-
Accounts payable		7,214		(5,000)		5,000
Non-refundable deferred franchise revenue		89,750				
Net cash provided by operating activities		10,552		(12,841)		10,000
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Purchase of intangible assets		_		_		(10,000)
Purchase of property and equipment		(1,009)		_		-
Net cash used for investing activities		(1,009)		_		(10,000)
Net eash used for investing activities		(1,007)				(10,000)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Member contributions		13,647		15,010		_
Net cash provided by financing activities		13,647		15,010		_
,				,		
NET INCREASE IN CASH		23,190		2,169		-
CASH, BEGINNING		2,169		-		
CASH, ENDING	\$	25,359	\$	2,169	\$	-
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES						
Cash paid for interest	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Cash paid for taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# NOTE 1 - NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Level Up Franchising, LLC ("Company") was formed on June 19, 2020, (Inception) in the State of Massachusetts as a limited liability company. The Company offers the right to operate a commercial and residential property technology automation business under the Level Up Automation and Level Up Your Home Marks and using distinctive operating procedures and standards in a designated area. Level Up Automation franchisees will provide automation services to both residential and commercial clients. These services include, but are not limited to, design and installation of home and commercial technology modification and integrations.

#### **Affiliates**

Level Up Your Home, LLC was formed on January 29, 2016, in the state of Delaware as a limited liability company and has operated a Level Up Automation business like the franchised offered since 2016.

Level Up Automation IP LLC was formed on June 19, 2020, in the state of Massachusetts as a limited liability company and is the owner of the Marks and has exclusively licensed use of the Marks to the Company and its franchisees.

The above affiliates do not sell franchises in any other line of business and are not otherwise engaged in any other business activity.

The following table summarizes the number of locations open and operating for the period from June 19, 2020 (Inception) through September 30, 2021:

	2022	2021
Locations in operation, beginning	1	1
Locations opened	3	-
Locations terminated or closed		
Locations in operation, ending	4	1
Franchised locations	3	-
Affiliate owned locations	1	1

A summary of significant accounting policies follows:

#### COVID-19

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus was reported in Wuhan, China. The World Health Organization has declared the outbreak to constitute a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern." The COVID-19 outbreak is disrupting supply chains and affecting production and sales across a range of industries. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on our operational and financial performance will depend on certain developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak, impact on our customers, employees, and vendors all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted. At this point, the extent to which COVID-19 may impact our financial condition or results of operations is uncertain.

# NOTE 1 – NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Use of Estimates

Preparation of the Company's financial statements in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of any contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents. The Company had no cash equivalents as of September 30, 2022, and 2021.

#### Accounts Receivable

The timing of revenue recognition may be different from the timing of invoicing to customers. The Company records accounts receivable when revenue is recognized prior to invoicing, or unearned revenue when revenue is recognized after invoicing. Management evaluates individual customer receivables considering their financial condition, credit history and current economic conditions. Accounts receivable are written off if deemed uncollectible and recoveries of accounts receivable previously written off are recorded as income when received. The Company did not have any allowance for doubtful accounts as of September 30, 2022, and 2021 and did not charge-off any accounts receivable during the years ended September 30, 2022, 2021, and the period from June 19, 2020 (Inception) through September 30, 2020.

#### Property, Plant & Equipment

The Company has adopted ASC 360 – Property, Plant and Equipment. Property and equipment are stated at historical cost. Depreciation is provided using straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the related assets (generally three to seven years).

#### Intangible Assets

The Company has adopted ASC 350, Intangibles – Goodwill and Other that requires that goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives no longer be amortized to earnings but be tested for impairment at least annually. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives. The useful life of an intangible asset is the period over which it is expected to contribute directly or indirectly to future cash flows. Intangible assets with infinite lives are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value might not be recoverable.

# NOTE 1 – NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Income Taxes

The member of the Company has elected to be taxed as a Disregarded Entity under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Under those provisions, taxable income and losses of the Company are reported on the income tax return of its member and no provisions for federal or state taxes have been recorded on the accompanying balance sheet.

The Company adopted ASC 740-10-25-6 "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes", that requires the Company to disclose uncertain tax positions. Under the standard an entity may only recognize or continue to recognize tax positions that meet a "more likely than not" threshold upon examination by taxing authorities.

Based on its evaluation, the Company has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions requiring recognition in its financial statements or that would affect the Company's member. The Company's evaluation was performed for the year ended September 30, 2022, 2021, and the period from June 19, 2010 (Inception) through September 30, 2020, for U.S. Federal Income Tax and for the State of Massachusetts Income Tax. The tax period which remains open as of the date of the attached financial statements.

#### Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue under the guidance of ASC 606 "Contracts with Customers". The Company's revenue mainly consists of franchise fees and royalties.

Each franchise agreement is comprised of several performance obligations. The Company identifies those performance obligations, determines the contract price for each obligation, allocates the transaction price to each performance obligation and recognizes revenue when the Company has satisfied the performance obligation by transferring control of the good or service to the franchisee. The remainder of performance obligations represent a single performance obligation and are recognized over the term of the respective franchise agreement from the date the agreement is executed. Unearned initial fee revenues from franchisee acquisition and acceptance will be recorded as deferred revenue and recognized as revenue over the term of the contract which is currently 10 years. The Company has no revenue from initial fees during the year ended September 30, 2021, and the period from June 19, 2010 (Inception) through September 30, 2020.

# NOTE 1 – NATURE OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Revenue Recognition (continued)

When a franchisee purchases a Level Up franchise, the Company grants the franchisee the right to use the proprietary methods, techniques, trade dress, trademarks, and logos ("the license"). The license is symbolic intellectual property. Revenues related to the license are continuing royalties are based on gross revenues and are 5%, or a minimum of \$500, per month. These revenues will be used to continue the development of the Company's brand, the franchise system and provide on-going support for the Company's franchisees. The royalties are billed monthly and are recognized as revenue when earned. The Company has no revenue from royalties during the year ended September 30, 2021, and the period from June 19, 2010 (Inception) through September 30, 2020.

#### Advertising Fund Contribution

The Company has the right to collect an advertising fund fee of up to 2%, currently 1%, of the gross revenues of each franchise location. The Company had no franchisees and no contributions to the fund for the year ended September 30, 2022, 2021, and the period from June 19, 2010 (Inception) through September 30, 2020.

#### **Advertising Costs**

The Company expenses advertising costs as incurred. Advertising expense year ended September 30, 2022, 2021, and the period from June 19, 2010 (Inception) through September 30, 2020, was \$7,921, \$0, and \$0, respectively.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable, the carrying amounts approximate fair value due to their short maturities.

#### Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

The Company has adopted all recently issued Accounting Standards Updates ("ASU"). The adoption of the recently issued ASUs, including those not yet effective, is not anticipated to have a material effect on the financial position or results of operations of the Company.

#### NOTE 2 – CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

The Company has recorded a liability for unearned revenue associated with the performance obligation of the Company's franchise agreements. The account balances and activity for the years ended December 31, are as follows:

		ber 31,		
		2021		
Deferred Non-refundable Franchise Revenues:				
Balance beginning of year	\$	-	\$	-
Deferral of non-refundable franchise fees		89,750		-
Recognition of non-refundable franchise fees		(3,913)		
Balance at end of year	\$	85,837	\$	

#### Estimated Recognition of Non-refundable Deferred Franchise Revenues

Estimated revenues to be recognized in future periods related to deferred franchise fees as reported as of September 30, 2022, is as follows:

		Non-refundable Franchise Fees	
Year ending December 31:			
2023	\$	8,975	
2024		8,975	
2025		8,975	
2026		8,975	
2027		8,975	
Thereafter		40,962	
	_ \$	85,837	

#### Disaggregation of Revenues

Disaggregated revenues based on the satisfaction of performance obligations in the Company's contracts with franchisees for the years ended September 30, 2022, 2021 and period from June 19, 2020 (Inception) through September 30, 2020, is as follows:

	 2022	20	21	20	20
Performance obligations satisfied at a point in time	\$ 7,002	\$	-	\$	-
Performance obligations satisfied through the					
passage of time	 10,913		-		
Total revenues	\$ 17,915	\$		\$	

#### **NOTE 3 – INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

Intangible assets consist of the following as of December 31:

	2022		 2021	
Franchise development costs Accumulated amortization	\$	10,000 (1500)	\$ 10,000	
Accumulated amortization	\$	8,500	\$ 10,000	

Amortization expense was \$1,500, \$0, and \$0 for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021 and the period from June 19, 2020 (Inception) through September 30, 2020. Estimated amortization expense for the next five succeeding years is expected to be approximately \$1,500 per year.

#### **NOTE 4 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

#### **Litigation**

The Company may be party to various claims, legal actions and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, all matters are of such kind, or involve such amounts, that unfavorable disposition, if any, would not have a material effect on the financial position of the Company.

#### **NOTE 5 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

#### Date of Management's Evaluation

Management has evaluated subsequent events through December 23, 2023, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

## **EXHIBIT D**

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# **EXHIBIT E**

# **OUTLETS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

# **Corporate Outlets:**

367 West Main Street, Suite D Northborough, MA 01532

## **Franchised Outlets:**

Franchisee	Individual Contact	Address	City/State	Phone
Jennifer MeSha	Jennifer MeSha	3524 Kaliste	Lafayette,	337-362-4442
Prejean	Prejean	Saloom Rd, Suite 302	Louisiana 70508	
Innovare	Tony Lynn	3801 Avalon	Orlando, Florida	800-979-2791
Partners	Scalero & Scott	Park E Blvd	32828	
Holdings, LLC	Hritz	Suite 310		
CDS Level Up,	Dwayne	6 Pike Street,	Cincinnati, Ohio	513-835-1161
LLC	Sansom &	Suite 100	45215	
	Christine			
	Sansom			
ROC	Robert Clarke	16 Wildon Court	Kingsville,	443-629-0817
Automation,			Maryland 21087	
LLC				
H & J	Nathan Joslin &	1225 Hartford	Vernon,	860-600-0499
Automation LLC	David Haggett	Turnpike	Connecticut 06066	

Franchise Agreements Signed But Outlet Not Open as of September 30, 2022:

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# ADDENDUM TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

The Department of Financial Protection and Innovation for the State of California requires that certain provisions contained in franchise documents be amended to be consistent with California Franchise Investment Law, Cal. Corp. Code Section 31000 et seq., and of the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder. To the extent that this Disclosure Document contains provisions that are inconsistent with the following, such provisions are hereby amended.

- THE CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW REQUIRES THAT A COPY OF ALL PROPOSED AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE FRANCHISE BE DELIVERED TOGETHER WITH THE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.
- 2. OUR WEBSITE HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED OR APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION ANY COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE CONTENT OF THIS WEBSITE MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION AT www.dfpi.ca.gov
- 3. Item 3 is amended to add:

Neither Franchisor nor any person described in Item 2 of the Disclosure Document is subject to any currently effective order of any national securities association or national securities exchange, as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 8.78(a) et seq. suspending or expelling such persons from membership in such association or exchange.

- 4. Item 17 is amended to state:
  - (a) The Franchise Agreement provides for termination upon bankruptcy. This provision may not be enforceable under federal bankruptcy law (11 U.S.C.A. § 101 et seq.).
  - (b) The Franchise Agreement contains a covenant not to compete which extends beyond the termination of the franchise. This provision may not be enforceable under California law.
  - (c) The franchise agreement contains a liquidated damages clause. Under California Civil Code section 1671, certain liquidated damages clauses are unenforceable.
  - (d) The Franchise Agreement requires application of the laws of Massachusetts. This provision may not be enforceable under California law.
- 5. Section 20.8 of the Franchise Agreement contains language limiting the statute of limitations. The limitation contained in this section does not apply to any claims brought under the California Franchise Investment Law.
- 6. The franchise agreement contains a provision requiring you to waive your right to punitive or exemplary damages against the franchisor or any of its representatives, limiting your recovery to actual damages. Under California Corporations Code section 31512, this provision is not

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enforceable in California for any claims you may have under the California Franchise Investment Law.

- 7. No disclaimer, questionnaire, clause, or statement signed by a franchisee or prospective franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall be construed or interpreted as waiving any claim of fraud in the inducement, whether common law or statutory, or as disclaiming reliance on or the right to rely upon any statement made or information provided by any franchisor, broker or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor that was a material inducement to a franchisee's investment. This provision supersedes any other or inconsistent term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.
- 8. Attachment 1 of the Franchise Agreement contains acknowledgements which are impermissible under the California Franchise Investment Law. California franchisees will not be required to execute Attachment 1 and if any franchisee does so, franchisor will destroy and not rely on the document.
- 9. California Business and Professions Code sections 20000 through 20043 (the Franchise Relations Act) provide rights to the franchisee concerning termination, transfer, or non-renewal of a franchise. If the franchise agreement contains a provision that is inconsistent with the law, the law will control. In particular, Business and Professions Code section 20010 voids a waiver of your rights under the Franchise Relations Act.
- 10. Before the franchisor can ask you to materially modify your existing franchise agreement, Section 31125 of the California Corporations Code requires the franchisor to file a material modification application with the Department that includes a disclosure document showing the existing terms and the proposed new terms of your franchise agreement. Once the application is registered, the franchisor must provide you with that disclosure document with an explanation that the changes are voluntary.
- 11. The franchise agreement requires binding arbitration. The arbitration will occur at Northborough, Massachusetts with the costs being borne by the franchisee and franchisor, unless otherwise determined by the arbitrator. Prospective franchisees are encouraged to consult private legal counsel to determine the applicability of California and federal laws (such as Business and Professions Code Section 20040.5, Code of Civil Procedure Section 1281, and the Federal Arbitration Act) to any provisions of a franchise agreement restricting venue to a forum outside the State of California.

#### 12. Item 5 is amended to state:

The Department has determined that either the franchisor has not demonstrated it is adequately capitalized or that the franchisor must rely on franchise fees to fund operations. The Commissioner has imposed a fee deferral condition, which requires that we defer the collection of all initial fees from California franchisees until we have completed all of our pre-opening obligations and you are open for business. For California franchisees who sign a development agreement, the payment of the development and initial fees attributable to a specific unit is deferred until that unit is open.

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13. The registration of this franchise offering by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation does not constitute approval, recommendation, or endorsement by the commissioner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this California Amendment to the Franchise Agreement or Area Development Agreement on the same date as that on which the Franchise Agreement or Area Development Agreement was executed.

FRANCH	HISOR:
L	EVEL UP FRANCHISE, LLC
В	Ву:
<u>J</u>	ennifer Mallett, Chief Executive Officer (Print Name, Title)
F	FRANCHISEE:
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В	3y:
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	(Print Name, Title)
Р	PRINCIPAL:
(F	Print Name)
Р	PRINCIPAL:

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#### ADDENDUM REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DISCLOSURE REQUIRED BY CONNECTICUT LAW: The State of Connecticut does not approve, recommend, endorse, or sponsor any business opportunity. The information contained in this disclosure has not been verified by the state. If you have any questions about this investment, see an attorney before you sign a contract or agreement.

- 1. Pursuant to Section 36b-63(c) (23) If the seller fails to deliver the products, equipment or suppliers or fails to render the services necessary to begin substantial operation of the business within forty-five days of the delivery date stated in your contract, you may notify the seller in writing and demand that the contract be cancelled.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 36b-63(b)(4) of the Connecticut Business Opportunity Investment Act, Item 3 of the Disclosure Document is hereby amended to state that the Company, it Officers, Directors and Sales Representatives have not been subject to disciplinary actions. During the previous ten fiscal years, no person has been convicted of a felony, been held liable in a civil action, or is subject to any current effective state or federal agency or court injunctive or restrictive order.
- 3. Pursuant to Section 36b-63(b)(5) of the Connecticut Business Opportunity Investment Act, Item 4 of the Disclosure Document is hereby amended to state that during the previous ten fiscal years, no person listed in Item 2 has: (A) filed in bankruptcy; (B) been adjudged bankrupt; (C) been reorganized due to insolvency; or (D) been a principal, director, executive officer or partner of any other person that has so filed or was so adjudged or reorganized, during or within one year after the period that such person held such position with such other person.

The parties hereto have duly executed, sealed, a	and delivered this Addendum dated this day of
FRANCHISEE:	FRANCHISOR:
	Level Up Franchise, LLC
By:	By:
Name:	Name:
Title:	Title:

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PRINCIPALS:	
Name:	
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Name:	

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### ADDENDUM TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND

The Office of Attorney General for the State of Maryland requires that certain provisions contained in franchise documents be amended to be consistent with Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law, Md. Code Ann., Bus. Reg. § 14-201 et seq., and of the Rules and Regulations promulgated under the Act (collectively the "Maryland Franchise Law"). To the extent that this Disclosure Document or Franchise Agreement contains provisions that are inconsistent with the following, such provisions are hereby amended:

- 1. No requirement that you agree to any release, assignment, novation, estoppel, or waiver of liability as a condition to your purchasing a Level Up Automation franchise shall act as a release, estoppel, or waiver of any liability under the Maryland Franchise Law.
- 2. Item 17 is amended to state:
- (a) Any claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Law must be brought within three (3) years after the grant of the franchise.
- (b) Any general release required by the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement as a condition of renewal, assignment or transfer shall not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Law.
- (c) Our right to terminate you upon your bankruptcy may not be enforceable under federal bankruptcy law (11 U.S.C. §101 et. seq.).
- (d) Nothing herein shall waive your right to file a lawsuit alleging a cause of action arising under the Maryland Franchise Law in any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Maryland.
- 3. Item 5 of the Franchise Disclosure Document Relating the payment of the Initial Franchisee Fee and Multi-Unit Development Fee is hereby amended to state that the Franchisor will defer collection of these fees until Franchisor has fulfilled its initial pre-opening obligations and Franchisee may open for business.

THE REGISTRATION OF THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT WITH MARYLAND SECURITIES DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL, RECOMMENDATION, OR ENDORSEMENT BY THE SECURITIES COMMISSIONER.

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### AMENDMENT TO THE LEVEL UP AUTOMATION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND

In recognition of the requirements of the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law, Md. Code Ann., Bus. Reg. § 14-201 et seq., and of the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the parties to the attached Level Up Automation Franchise Agreement (the "Franchise Agreement") agree as follows:

- 1. The Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law prohibits a franchisor from requiring a franchisee's assent to a release of liability under that Law as a condition for the sale, renewal, assignment, or transfer of the franchise. To the extent of any inconsistencies with the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law contained in Article 5 or Section 16.3 of the Franchise Agreement, such inconsistent provisions are hereby deleted.
- 2. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 17.1 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to further state:
  - "Our right to terminate you upon your bankruptcy, however, may not be enforceable under federal bankruptcy law (11 U.S.C. §101 et. seq.)."
- 3. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 20.3 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to further state:
  - "Nothing herein shall waive your right to file a lawsuit alleging a cause of action arising under the Maryland Franchise Law in any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Maryland."
- 4. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 20.6 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to further state:
  - "Any claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Law must be brought within three (3) years after the grant of the franchise."
- 5. All representations requiring prospective franchisees to assent to a release, estoppel or waiver of liability are not intended to nor shall they act as a release, estoppel or waiver of any liability incurred under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.
- 6. Each provision of this Amendment shall be effective only to the extent, with respect to such provision, that the jurisdictional requirements of the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law, Md. Code Ann., Bus. Reg. § 14-201 et seq., are met independently without reference to this Amendment.
- 7. To the extent of inconsistencies, the Franchise Agreement and Attachment 1 Franchisee Acknowledgement Statement are hereby amended to state that all representations requiring prospective franchisees to assent to a release, estoppel or waiver of liability are not intended to nor shall they act as a release, estoppel or waiver of any liability incurred under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure law.

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8. Section 6.1 of the Franchise Agreement relating the payment of the Initial Franchise Fee is hereby amended to state that the Franchisor will defer collection of the Initial Franchise Fee until Franchisor has fulfilled its initial pre-opening obligations and Franchisee may open for business.

The parties hereto have duly executed this Maryland Amendment to the Franchise Agreement on the same date as that on which the Franchise Agreement was executed.

FRANCHISOR:
Level Up Franchise, LLC
By:
(Print Name, Title)
FRANCHISEE:
By:
,
(Print Name, Title)
PRINCIPAL:
(Print Name)
PRINCIPAL:
(Print Name)

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### NEW YORK ADDENDUM TO FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

1. The following information is added to the cover page of the Franchise Disclosure Document:

INFORMATION COMPARING FRANCHISORS IS AVAILABLE. CALL THE STATE ADMINISTRATORS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A OR YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR SOURCES OF INFORMATION. REGISTRATION OF THIS FRANCHISE BY NEW YORK STATE RECOMMENDS IT OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT. IF YOU LEARN THAT ANYTHING IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT IS UNTRUE, CONTACT THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF LAW, INVESTOR PROTECTION BUREAU, 28 LIBERTY STREET. 21ST FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10005; 212-416-8222. THE FRANCHISOR MAY, IF IT CHOSES, NEGOTIATE WITH YOU ABOUT ITEMS COVERED IN THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT. HOWEVER, THE FRANCHISOR CANNOT USE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO PREVAIL UPON A PROSPECTIVE FRANCHISEE TO ACCEPT TERMS WHICH ARE LESS FAVORABLE THAN THOSE SET FORTH IN THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

2. The following is added at the end of Item 3:

Except as provided above, with regard to the franchisor, its predecessor, a person identified in Item 2, or an affiliate offering franchises under the franchisor's principal trademark:

- A. No such party has an administrative, criminal, or civil action pending against that person alleging: a felony, a violation of a franchise, antitrust, or securities law, fraud, embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, misappropriation of property, unfair or deceptive practices, or comparable civil or misdemeanor allegations.
- B. No such party has pending actions, other than routine litigation incidental to the business, which are significant in the context of the number of franchisees and the size, nature or financial condition of the franchise system or its business operations.
- C. No such party has been convicted of a felony or pleaded nolo contendere to a felony charge or, within the 10 year period immediately preceding the application for registration, has been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to a misdemeanor charge or has been the subject of a civil action alleging: violation of a franchise, antifraud, or securities law; fraud; embezzlement; fraudulent conversion or misappropriation of property; or unfair or deceptive practices or comparable allegations.
- D. No such party is subject to a currently effective injunctive or restrictive order or decree relating to the franchise, or under a Federal, State, or Canadian franchise, securities, antitrust, trade regulation or trade practice law, resulting from a concluded

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or pending action or proceeding brought by a public agency; or is subject to any currently effective order of any national securities association or national securities exchange, as defined in the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, suspending or expelling such person from membership in such association or exchange; or is subject to a currently effective injunctive or restrictive order relating to any other business activity as a result of an action brought by a public agency or department, including, without limitation, actions affecting a license as a real estate broker or sales agent.

3. The following is added to the end of Item 4:

Neither the franchisor, its affiliate, its predecessor, officers, or general partner during the 10-year period immediately before the date of the offering circular: (a) filed as debtor (or had filed against it) a petition to start an action under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code; (b) obtained a discharge of its debts under the bankruptcy code; or (c) was a principal officer of a company or a general partner in a partnership that either filed as a debtor (or had filed against it) a petition to start an action under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or that obtained a discharge of its debts under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code during or within 1 year after that officer or general partner of the franchisor held this position in the company or partnership.

4. The following is added to the end of Item 5:

The initial franchise fee constitutes part of our general operating funds and will be used as such in our discretion.

5. The following is added to the end of the "Summary" sections of Item 17(c), titled "Requirements for franchisee to renew or extend," and Item 17(m), entitled "Conditions for franchisor approval of transfer":

However, to the extent required by applicable law, all rights you enjoy and any causes of action arising in your favor from the provisions of Article 33 of the General Business Law of the State of New York and the regulations issued thereunder shall remain in force; it being the intent of this proviso that the non-waiver provisions of General Business Law Sections 687.4 and 687.5 be satisfied.

6. The following language replaces the "Summary" section of Item 17(d), titled "**Termination by franchisee**":

You may terminate the agreement on any grounds available by law.

7. The following is added to the end of the "Summary" section of Item 17(j), titled "Assignment of contract by franchisor":

However, no assignment will be made except to an assignee who in good faith and judgment of the franchisor, is willing and financially able to assume the franchisor's obligations under the Franchise Agreement.

8. The following is added to the end of the "Summary" sections of Item 17(v), titled "Choice of forum", and Item 17(w), titled "Choice of law":

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The foregoing choice of law should not be considered a waiver of any right conferred upon the franchisor or upon the franchisee by Article 33 of the General Business Law of the State of New York.

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# NEW YORK RIDER TO LEVEL UP FRANCHISE, L.L.C. FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

THIS RIDER TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR NEW YORK ("Rider") is entered into by and between Level Up Franchise, LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company, with its principal office at 367 West Main Street, Suite D, Northborough, Massachusetts 01532 ("we," "us" or "our") and
("you" or "your"), whose principal business address is
WHEREAS, we and you have entered into a certain Franchise Agreement dated which grants you the right to operate a Level Up franchise (the "Franchise Agreement").
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WHEREAS, you are domiciled in New York $\underline{and}$ the Level Up franchise will be located in New York, and/or any of the offering or sales activity relating to the Franchise Agreement occurred in the State of New York; and
WHEREAS, in recognition of the requirements of the General Business Law of the State of New York, Article 33, Sections 680-695, we and you desire to amend certain terms of the Franchise Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in this Rider.
NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in the Franchise Agreement and this Rider and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we and you agree as follows:
1. Sections 5.2.5 and 16.3.7 of the Franchise Agreement are amended by adding the following language to each Section:
However, to the extent required by applicable law, notwithstanding the signing of a General Release, all rights you enjoy and any causes of action arising in your favor from the provisions of Article 33 of the General Business Law of the State of New York and the regulations issued thereunder shall remain in force.
2. Section 16.1.1 of the Franchise Agreement is amended by adding the following language to this Section:
However, to the extent required by applicable law, Franchisor will not transfer and assign its rights and obligations under the Franchise Agreement unless the transferee will be able to perform the Franchisor's obligations under the Franchise Agreement, in Franchisor's good faith judgment.

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New York Law governs any cause of action which arises under the New York General Business Law, Article 33, Sections 680-695. The provisions of this Franchise Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver

3. Section 20.3 of the Franchise Agreement is amended by adding the following language:

of any rights conferred upon Franchisee by Article 33 of the General Business Law of the State of New York and the regulations issued thereunder.

- 4. In the event of any conflict between a provision of the Franchise Agreement and this Rider, the provision of this Rider shall control. All terms which are capitalized in this Rider and not otherwise defined, will have the meanings given to them in the Franchise Agreement. Except as amended by this Rider, the Franchise Agreement is unmodified and in full force and effect in accordance with its terms.
- 5. Each provision of this Rider will be effective only to the extent that the jurisdictional requirements of the New York General Business Law, Article 33, Sections 680-695 are met independent of this Rider.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this New York Rider to the Franchise Agreement on the same date as that on which the Franchise Agreement was executed.

FRANCHISOR:
LEVEL UP FRANCHISE, LLC
By:
Jennifer Mallett , President (Print Name, Title)
FRANCHISEE:
By:
(Print Name, Title)
PRINCIPAL:
(Print Name)
PRINCIPAL:
(Print Name)

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### VIRGINIA ADDENDUM TO FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

The following statements are added to Item 17.h.

Pursuant to Section 13.1-564 of the Virginia Retail Franchising Act, it is unlawful for a franchisor to cancel a franchise without reasonable cause. If any grounds for default or termination stated in the franchise agreement does not constitute "reasonable cause," as that term may be defined in the Virginia Retail Franchising Act or the laws of Virginia, that provision may not be enforceable.

Pursuant to Section 13.1-564 of the Virginia Retail Franchising Act, it is unlawful for a Franchisor to use undue influence to induce a franchisee to surrender any right given to him under the franchise. If any provision of the Franchise Agreement involves the use of undue influence by the franchisor to induce a franchisee to surrender any rights given to him under the franchise, that provision may not be enforceable.

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## AMENDMENT TO THE LEVEL UP FRANCHISE, LLC FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

In recognition of the requirements of the Virginia State Corporation Commission's Division of Securities and Retail Franchising, the parties to the attached Level Up Franchise, LLC Franchise Agreement (the "Franchise Agreement") agree as follows:

1. Each provision of this Amendment shall be effective only to the extent, with respect to such provision, that the jurisdictional requirements of the Virginia Retail Franchising Act are met independently without reference to this Amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Virginia Amendment to the Franchise Agreement on the same date as that on which the Franchise Agreement was executed.

FRANCHISOR:
LEVEL UP FRANCHISE, LLC
By:
Jennifer Mallett , President
(Print Name, Title)
FRANCHISEE:
By:
(Print Name, Title)

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PRINCIPAL:			
(Print Name)			
PRINCIPAL:			
(Print Name)			

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### ADDENDUM TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

The State of Washington has a statute, RCW 19.100.180 which may supersede the franchise agreement in your relationship with the franchisor including the areas of termination and renewal of your franchise. There may also be court decisions which may supersede the franchise agreement in your relationship with the franchisor including the areas of termination and renewal of your franchise.

In any arbitration involving a franchise purchased in Washington, the arbitration site shall be either in the State of Washington, or in a place mutually agreed upon at the time of the arbitration, or as determined by the arbitrator.

In the event of a conflict of laws, the provisions of the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act, Chapter 19.100 RCW shall prevail.

To the extent required by the Act, a release or waiver of rights executed by a franchisee shall not include rights under the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act except when executed pursuant to a negotiated settlement after the agreement is in effect and where the parties are represented by independent counsel. Provisions such as those which unreasonably restrict or limit the statute of limitations period for claims under the Act, rights, or remedies under the Act such as a right to a jury trial may not be enforceable.

To the extent required by the Act, transfer fees are collectable to the extent that they reflect the franchisor's reasonable estimated or actual costs in effecting a transfer.

Pursuant to RCW 49.62.020, a noncompetition covenant is void and unenforceable against an employee, including an employee of a franchisee, unless the employee's earnings from the party seeking enforcement, when annualized, exceed \$100,000 per year (an amount that will be adjusted annually for inflation). In addition, a noncompetition covenant is void and unenforceable against an independent contractor of a franchisee under RCS 49.62.030 unless the independent contractor's earnings from the party seeking enforcement, when annualized, exceed \$250,000 per year (an amount that will adjusted annually for inflation). As a result, any provisions contained in the franchise agreement or elsewhere that conflict with these limitations are void and unenforceable.

RCW 49.62.060 prohibits a franchisor from restricting, restraining, or prohibit a franchisee from (i) soliciting or hiring any employee of a franchisee of the same franchisor or (ii) soliciting or hiring any employee of the franchisor. As a result, any such provisions contained in the franchise agreement or elsewhere are void and unenforceable in Washington.

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## AMENDMENT TO THE LEVEL UP AUTOMATION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

In recognition of the requirements of the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act, Chapter 19.100 RCW (the "Act"), the parties to the attached Level Up Franchise, LLC, Franchise Agreement (the "Franchise Agreement") agree as follows:

- 1. Section RCW 19.100.180 of the Act may supersede this Agreement in your relationship with us, including the area of termination and renewal of your franchise. There may also be court decisions which may supersede this Agreement in your relationship with us including the area of termination and renewal of your franchise.
- 2. In any arbitration involving a franchise purchased in Washington, the arbitration site shall be either in the State of Washington, or in a place mutually agreed upon at the time of the arbitration, or as determined by the arbitrator.
  - 3. In the event of a conflict of laws, the provisions of the Act shall prevail.
- 4. To the extent required by the Act, a release or waiver of rights executed by a franchisee shall not include rights under the Act except when executed pursuant to a negotiated settlement after the agreement is in effect and where the parties are represented by independent counsel. Provisions such as those which unreasonably restrict or limit the statute of limitations period for claims under the Act, rights, or remedies under the Act such as a right to a jury trial may not be enforceable.
- 5. To the extent required by the Act, transfer fees are collectable to the extent that they reflect the franchisor's reasonable estimated or actual costs in effecting a transfer.
- 6. Pursuant to RCW 49.62.020, a noncompetition covenant is void and unenforceable against an employee, including an employee of a franchisee, unless the employee's earnings from the party seeking enforcement, when annualized, exceed \$100,000 per year (an amount that will be adjusted annually for inflation). In addition, a noncompetition covenant is void and unenforceable against an independent contractor of a franchisee under RCS 49.62.030 unless the independent contractor's earnings from the party seeking enforcement, when annualized, exceed \$250,000 per year (an amount that will adjusted annually for inflation). As a result, any provisions contained in the franchise agreement or elsewhere that conflict with these limitations are void and unenforceable.
- 7. RCW 49.62.060 prohibits a franchisor from restricting, restraining, or prohibit a franchisee from (i) soliciting or hiring any employee of a franchisee of the same franchisor or (ii) soliciting or hiring any employee of the franchisor. As a result, any such provisions contained in the franchise agreement or elsewhere are void and unenforceable in Washington.
- 8. Each provision of this Amendment shall be effective only to the extent, with respect to such provision, that the jurisdictional requirements of the Washington Franchise Investment Law are met independently without reference to this Amendment.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Washington Amendment to the Franchise Agreement on the same date as that on which the Franchise Agreement was executed.

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LEVEL UP FRANCHISE, LLC
By:
<u>Jennifer Mallett</u> , <u>President</u> (Print Name, Title)
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(Print Name)

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### **STATE EFFECTIVE DATES – 2022**

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 registrations in the following states having franchise disclosure laws, with the following effective dates:

STATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	
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### **EXHIBIT G**

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This Franchise Disclosure Document summarizes certain provisions of the Franchise Agreement and other information in plain language. Read this Franchise Disclosure Document and all exhibits carefully.

If Level Up Franchise, LLC offers you a franchise, it must provide this Disclosure Document to you 14 calendardays before you sign a binding agreement with, or make a payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale.

New York requires you to receive this Franchise Disclosure Document at the earlier of the first personal meeting or 10 business days before the execution of the franchise or other agreement or the payment of any consideration that relates to the franchise relationship.

If Level Up Franchise, LLC does not deliver this Disclosure Document on time or if it contains a false or misleading statement, or a material omission, a violation of federal and state law may have occurred and should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580 and to your state authority listed on Exhibit A.

The name and principal business address and telephone number of each franchise seller offering the franchise is:

367 West Main Street, Suite D Northborough, MA 01532 800-979-2791		
Issuance Date: January 10, 2023		
EXHIBIT B: Franchise Agree EXHIBIT C: Financial Stater EXHIBIT D: Operations Mar EXHIBIT E: Outlets as of the EXHIBIT F: State Addenda	e Administrators and Agents fo t with Attachments 1 through 10 of Level Up Franchise, LLC	r Service of Process
EXHIBIT G: Receipt  Date Received:	DATE:	
(If other than date signed)		
	(Signature of red	cipient)
	(Printed name o	f recipient)
	Legal residence	address

Please return signed receipt to Level Up Franchise, LLC, 367 West Main Street, Suite D Northborough, MA 01532

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