

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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We grant the right to operate an Italian-style coffee bars that specialize in serving espresso, cappuccino and coffee related products, light snack food, alcoholic beverages (if applicable) and other items under our name and marks (the “**ILLY Locations**”).

The total investment necessary to begin operation of an ILLY Location in a: (1) Facility (non-traditional location) is between \$401,600 and \$2,005,720 and (2) Separate Location (traditional location) is between \$426,600 and \$1,985,720, respectively. This includes the \$76,000 to \$170,500 that must be paid to us or our affiliate.

If you sign a Development Agreement authorizing you to develop a minimum of 3 ILLY Locations, the total investment for the development rights is between \$1,204,800 to \$6,020,160. This includes the \$33,000 to \$47,000 that must be paid to us or our affiliate.

This Disclosure Document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read this Disclosure Document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this Disclosure Document at least 14 calendar-days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, us or any affiliate in connection with the proposed sale. **Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this document.**

You may wish to receive your disclosure document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Alexis Smith, Sr. Paralegal at 800 Westchester Avenue, Suite 440-S, Rye Brook, New York 10573 or (914) 886-3234.

The terms of your contract will govern your relationship with us. Don't rely on the Disclosure Document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this Disclosure Document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this Disclosure Document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as “*A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise*,” which can help you understand how to use this Disclosure Document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

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

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## 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:

<b>QUESTION</b>	<b>WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION</b>
<b>How much can I earn?</b>	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 E.
<b>How much will I need to invest?</b>	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.
<b>Does the franchisor have the financial ability to provide support to my business?</b>	Item 21 or Exhibit F includes financial statements. Review these statements carefully.
<b>Is the franchise system stable, growing, or shrinking?</b>	Item 20 summarizes the recent history of the number of company-owned and franchised outlets.
<b>Will my business be the only ILLY business in my area?</b>	Item 12 and the "territory" provisions in the franchise agreement describe whether the franchisor and other franchisees can compete with you.
<b>Does the franchisor have a troubled legal history?</b>	Items 3 and 4 tell you whether the franchisor or its management have been involved in material litigation or bankruptcy proceedings.
<b>What's it like to be an ILLY franchisee?</b>	Item 20 or Exhibit E lists current and former franchisees. You can contact them to ask about their experiences.
<b>What else should I know?</b>	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.

## **What You Need To Know About Franchising Generally**

**Continuing responsibility to pay fees.** You may have to pay royalties and other fees even if you are losing money.

**Business model can change.** 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.

**Supplier restrictions.** 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.

**Operating restrictions.** 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.

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

**Renewal.** 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.

**When your franchise ends.** 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 C.

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.

### **Special Risks to Consider About *This* Franchise**

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

1. **Out-of-State Dispute Resolution.** The franchise, retail location and development agreement require you to resolve disputes with the franchisor by mediation and/or litigation only in New York. Out-of-state mediation or litigation may force you to accept a less favorable settlement for disputes. It may also cost more to mediate or litigate with the franchisor in New York than in your own state.
2. **Supplier Control.** You must purchase all or nearly all inventory and supplies necessary to operate your business from franchisor, its affiliates, or from suppliers that franchisor designates at prices that may be higher than you could obtain elsewhere for the same or similar goods. This may reduce the anticipated profit of your franchised business.
3. **Spousal Liability.** Your spouse must sign a document that makes your spouse liable for all financial obligations under the franchise agreement even though your spouse has no ownership interest in the franchise. This guarantee will place both your and your spouse's marital and personal assets, perhaps including your house, at risk if your franchise fails.

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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**ITEM 1**  
**THE FRANCHISOR, AND ANY PARENTS, PREDECESSORS, AND AFFILIATES**

**Franchisor**

illy caffè North America, Inc. (“we,” “us,” or “our”) grants the right to operate Italian-style coffee bars that specialize in serving espresso, cappuccino and coffee related products, light snack food, alcoholic beverages (if applicable) and other items under our name or marks (the “**ILLY Locations**”). The term “**you**” or “**your**” refers to the person or entity (and direct and indirect owners) who buys the franchise.

We maintain our principal place of business at 800 Westchester Avenue, Suite 440-S, Rye Brook, NY 10573. We are a Delaware corporation, and were organized on December 21, 1998. We conduct business under the names and marks of “ILLY” and “ILLY CAFFÈ” and do not conduct business under any other name.

We do not directly operate any ILLY Locations. We began offering franchises for ILLY Locations within the United States of America and Canada as of September 2022. Currently, we also supply certain required equipment and products to our retailers (such as ILLY coffee and other specialty beverages and items prepared according to our proprietary recipes, formulae and techniques). We do not engage in any business activity other than the franchising of ILLY Locations using the “ILLY” marks. We have never offered franchises in any other line of business.

Our agents for service of process are listed in **Exhibit D** to this Disclosure Document.

**Our Parent, Predecessors and Affiliates**

Our predecessor, espressamente illy Americas, Inc., offered franchises from September 2008 until September 2022 in the United States of American and from March 2009 to September 2022 in Canada. On September 30, 2022, we merged with espressamente illy Americas, Inc. and we were the surviving entity.

Our parent is illycaffè S.p.A. (“**ILLY ITALY**”), an Italian company formed in 1933, which maintains its principal place of business at via Flavia 110, 34147 Trieste, Italy. ILLY ITALY does not offer franchises in the United States. As described below in Item 13, ILLY ITALY has licensed us the right to use, and to license others to use, the Proprietary Marks and the System (defined below).

As of December 31, 2023, our affiliates operated ILLY locations as follows: 3 ILLY coffee bars in France, 1 ILLY coffee bar in the United Kingdom, 9 Caffès and 1 Shop in Italy, and 1 ILLY coffee bar in Brazil.

illy Italy has ownership interests in the following companies which offer ILLY coffee bar franchises around the world and may provide supplies to our franchisees: illycaffè France S.A.S. and ILLYCAFFÈ UK LIMITED (collectively with ILLY ITALY and with us, the “illy Group”). ILLY ITALY is also a partial owner or joint venture partner in other companies that offer franchises for ILLY coffee bars in Europe, Asia and Middle East and Africa. ILLY ITALY offers franchises outside the United States exclusively under the Proprietary Marks (defined below). These franchises are for businesses similar to the ILLY Locations offered in the US under this Disclosure Document. As of December 31, 2023, there were 159 illy locations (144 franchised locations and 15 company operated locations) operating in 30 countries.

## ILLY Locations

ILLY Locations must be operated in a building designed using, and which bears, our trade dress, and using equipment, furnishings and promotional items according to our specifications. ILLY Locations specialize in the sale of “ILLY” products and specialty beverages and items prepared according to our proprietary recipes, formulae and techniques (together, the “**ILLY PRODUCTS**”), as well as such other food and beverage items, related products and accessories as we may specify from time to time (the “**Additional Products**” and together with the ILLY PRODUCTS, the “**Products**”). Each ILLY Location will have a shopping lay-out area where customers will have a choice of packaged roasted coffee, food products and some equipment related to coffee consumption at home, such as domestic coffee machines and cups.

ILLY Locations must operate using our system (the “**System**”), must offer a full list of the Products to customers, and must provide seating for on-premises consumption as well as take-out services. Some of the features of our System are a specially-designed café, with a specially-developed media wall, signage, distinctive interior and exterior design and accessories; Products; procedures for operations; quality and uniformity of products and services offered; procedures for management and inventory control; training and assistance; and marketing and promotional programs. We may periodically change and improve parts of the System.

You must operate your ILLY Location under our standards and procedures, as set out in our confidential operations manuals (the “**Manuals**”). We will allow you access to the Manuals for the duration of the Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement (both defined below). In addition, we will grant you the right to use our marks, including the “ILLY” mark, and any other trade names and marks that we designate in writing for use with the System (the “**Proprietary Marks**”).

We offer to enter into agreements with qualified individuals and entities that wish to establish and operate ILLY Locations either: (1) in institutional facilities (such as an airport, hotel, theater, museum, art center, educational facility, or business at which food services are managed by service providers with national or international operations (each, a “**Facility**”) – these are franchises operated at non-traditional locations); or (2) outside of such Facilities (“**Separate Locations**”) (commonly referred to as traditional locations). If the ILLY Location is in a Facility, you will sign the Retail Location Agreement attached to this Disclosure Document as **Exhibit A-1**; if the ILLY Location is a Separate Location, you will sign the Franchise Agreement attached to this Disclosure Document as **Exhibit A-2**. Under each Agreement, we will grant you the right (and you will accept the obligation) to operate an ILLY Location at an agreed-upon specified location (the “**Approved Location**”).

We may authorize qualified individuals and entities to develop multiple ILLY Locations pursuant to a development agreement, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit B** (the “**Development Agreement**”). The Development Agreement will grant you the right to develop a minimum of 3 ILLY Locations in a specified geographic area (the “**Development Area**”) in accordance with a development schedule. For each ILLY Location authorized under the Development Agreement, you will be required to sign our then-current form of Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement, which may differ from the current form of Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement included in this disclosure document. “Then-current form” refers to the standard form of agreement that we are offering to new franchisees at that time.

## **Industry-Specific Regulations**

You must comply with all local, state, and federal laws that apply to your ILLY Location operations, including for example health, sanitation, food safety (including Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points), no-smoking, liquor, EEOC, OSHA, discrimination, employment, sexual harassment and data privacy and security laws. The Americans with Disability Act of 1990 requires readily accessible accommodation for disabled persons and therefore may affect your building construction, site elements, entrance ramps, doors, seating, bathrooms, drinking facilities, etc. For example, you must obtain real estate permits (e.g., zoning), liquor licenses, real estate licenses, and operational licenses. There are also regulations that pertain to sanitation, labeling (such as Proposition 65 in California and other state and federal laws), food preparation, food handling, and food service. If you ask and we grant our approval to you for serving beer and wine, you will also need to obtain permits and approvals if that is required in your locality. You must also comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations during the operation of your ILLY Location. You should consult with your attorney concerning those and other local laws and ordinances that may affect your ILLY Location's operation.

## **Competition**

You can expect to compete in your market with locally-owned businesses, as well as with national and regional chains, that offer sandwiches, other food and beverage items, and related products, which may compete with the Products offered at an ILLY Location. The market for these items is well-established and very highly competitive. Competing coffee outlet businesses may include Starbucks, Caribou Coffee, It's a Grind Coffee, Peet's Coffee, Panera, Pret a Manger, Blue Bottle, Bluestone Lane, and Intelligentsia, among others. Coffee shops compete on the basis of many factors, such as price, service, store location, product quality, and store promotions and marketing programs. These businesses are often affected by other factors as well, such as changes in consumer taste, economic conditions, seasonal population fluctuation, and travel patterns. To the extent that customers may be able to buy "ILLY" brand products from other sources than you (for example, from the website, department stores, and specialty grocery stores), you may appear to, or actually, compete with other sellers of these branded products.

## **ITEM 2** **BUSINESS EXPERIENCE**

### **Cristina Scocchia – Chairman of the Board of Directors**

Ms. Scocchia has served as our Chairman of the Board of Directors since March 2022. She has served as Chief Executive Officer of ILLY ITALY since January 2022. Her offices are located at Via Flavia 110, 34147 Trieste, Italy and Via Puccini 3, Milano, Italy. Ms. Scocchia has served on the Board of Directors of Essilor Luxottica S.A. since October 2018 and on the Board of Directors and as Chairman of the Nomination Committee for Fincantieri S.p.A. since May 2022. Previously, she was Chief Executive Officer of Kiko S.p.A. in Bergamo, Italy from July 2017 to December 2021.

### **Guido Strampelli – Director**

Mr. Strampelli has served as a Director on the Board of Directors since May 2022. He has served as Chief Financial Officer of ILLY ITALY since April 2022. His office is located at Via Flavia 110, 34147 Trieste, Italy and Via Puccini 3, Milano, Italy. Previously, he was Chief Financial Officer of Bolton Food S.p.A. in Milan, Italy from May 2019 to April 2022. From May 2016 to April 2019 Mr. Strampelli was Chief Financial officer of the Montenegro S.r.l. in Bologna, Italy.

**Jack Edwards – Director, President and Chief Executive Officer**

Mr. Edwards has served as a Director on the Board of Directors since May 2021. Mr. Edwards has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer since April 2021, and for our predecessor espressamente illy Americas, Inc. from April 2021 to October 2022. He has held the same positions with our affiliate that operates illy Locations in the USA since April 2021. He was Senior Vice President of Sales and National Accounts from September 2019 to April 2021 and Senior Vice President of Sales from September 2015 to September 2019 for Diageo Beer Company located in New York, New York.

**Sandro Gastaldi – Director, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer**

Mr. Gastaldi has served as a Director and our Financial Officer and Treasurer since October 2023. He was Chief Financial Officer and VP of Finance, Americas for Giorgio Armani Corporation in New York, New York from February 2010 to September 2023.

**Angelina Mongelli – Senior Vice President of Human Resources**

Ms. Mongelli has held this position with us since February 2014.

**Mark Romano – Vice President of Education, Quality and Sustainability**

Mr. Romano has held this position with us since March 2015.

**Gregory Milton – Vice President of Marketing and Commercial Support**

Mr. Milton has held this position with us since December 2022. He was our Senior Director, Trade Marketing and Business Intelligence from August 2019 to December 2022. From March 2019 to July 2019, Mr. Milton was on a sabbatical.

**Sarah Sullivan – Vice President of Sales of Horeca**

Ms. Sullivan has held this position with us since July 2021. Previously, she was our Director of National Accounts from January 2020 to June 2021, and our East Coast Division Director from January 2016 to January 2020.

**James Badalati – Vice President of Retail Sales, Modern Trade**

Mr. Badalati has held this position with us since August 2021. Previously, he was Senior Vice President, Customer Development for Crossmark Sales and Marketing, Inc. from April 2001 to August 2021 in Plano, Texas.

**Mark Roth – Senior Director Retail Development and Operations**

Mr. Roth has held this position with us since October 2022, and for our predecessor espressamente illy Americas, Inc. from June 2021 to October 2022. From January 2020 to May 2021, he was Director of Operations, NA for Brand Essence Hospitality in New York, New York. Mr. Roth was Director of Operations for Montclair Hospitality Group in Summit, New Jersey from September 2018 to January 2020.

**Cristian Arcangeli – Director of eCommerce**

Cristian Arcangeli has served as our Director of eCommerce since June 2023. He was Head of Global eCommerce for illycaffè S.p.A. from August 2020 to June 2023. From September 2018 to August 2020, he was Head of Global eCommerce at Tessilform S.p.A. located in Firenze Italy.

**Matteo Papitto – Manager of Operations, F&B**

Mr. Papitto has held this position with us since October 2022. He was Manager of Operations, Systems and Processes with our predecessor espressamente illy Americas, Inc. from October

2019 to October 2022. He was Director of Operations for “Klic srl/VosRoma” in Rome Italy from September 2018 to May 2019. From June 2019 to August 2019, he was not employed.

**Giuliano Iannaccone – Secretary**

Mr. Iannaccone has held this position with us since March 2016, and for our predecessor espressamente illy Americas, Inc. from March 2016 to October 2022. He has been a partner at the law firm Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP located in New York, New York since January 2011.

**Gina Piazza – Assistant Secretary**

Ms. Piazza has held this position with us since March 2016, and for our predecessor espressamente illy Americas, Inc. from March 2016 to October 2022. She is a partner at the law firm Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP located in New York, New York and has been with the firm since January 2012.

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Unless otherwise noted, the current offices of the personnel listed above are located at 800 Westchester Avenue, Suite 440-S, Rye Brook, NY 10573.

**ITEM 3  
LITIGATION**

No litigation is required to be disclosed in this Item.

**ITEM 4  
BANKRUPTCY**

No bankruptcy information is required to be disclosed in this Item.

**ITEM 5  
INITIAL FEES**

**Development Fee**

If we grant you the right to develop multiple ILLY Locations under a Development Agreement, you must pay us a development fee (the “**Development Fee**”) of \$10,000 per ILLY Location. The minimum number of ILLY Locations for a Development Agreement is 3 ILLY Locations. The Development Fee is fully earned when we receive it and is non-refundable. The Development Fee is not credited toward the Initial Fee for any ILLY Location developed under the Development Agreement.

**Initial Fee**

When you sign the Retail Location Agreement or the Franchise Agreement, you must pay us an initial fee (“**Initial Fee**”) of \$40,000. The Initial Fee is payable in one lump sum, which will be non-refundable. We may reduce the Initial Fee if you sign a Development Agreement to open multiple ILLY Locations or if you will operate an ILLY Location in a certain type of Facility in which operating costs can be expected to be on the high end (for example, hotel, airport, etc.).

### Pre-opening Purchase

You will be required to purchase or obtain on loan from us certain equipment and inventory (such as coffee machines, coffee, and other ILLY PRODUCTS) prior to the opening of your ILLY Location. If you purchase these items, we estimate the cost will range from \$35,000 to \$120,000, depending on factors such as the size and address of your ILLY Location. You must pay us within 30 days after the invoice. These payments are not refundable. If you obtain these items on loan, you must sign the Equipment Loan Agreement attached as **Exhibit K**.

### Site Visit Costs

You must reimburse us for the costs we incur in connection with any on-site evaluation we conduct for any proposed site. We estimate this cost to be between \$1,000 and \$7,000 for each site visit.

### 3-D Site Renderings

We provide 2-D site drawings at no charge. If you request 3-D site renderings for the site, we will charge you \$434.20 to \$2,500 per view. We estimate these renderings will cost between \$400 to \$3,500. Generally, 3-D renderings are requested for airport locations.

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The fees noted in Item 5 are uniform for all franchisees.

## ITEM 6 OTHER FEES

Type of Fee <i>(Note 1)</i>	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Royalty Fee	6% of Net Sales.	The 15th day of each month for the preceding month's Net Sales	See <i>Note 2</i> for a definition of " <b>Net Sales.</b> " If you operate under the Retail Location Agreement and your ILLY Location is in an airport, we may reduce the Royalty Fee. If you agree to develop 5 or more units under a Development Agreement, we may reduce the Royalty Fee to 4.5%. See <i>Note 3</i> if your liquor license will not permit you to make payments to us predicated on revenues received from the sale of alcoholic beverages.
Advertising Obligations	1.5% of Net Sales, As Agreed	As Agreed	Under the Retail Location Agreement, you and we will agree on marketing minimums. See <i>Note 4</i> .

<b>Type of Fee</b> <i>(Note 1)</i>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
	Up to 3% of Net Sales; currently, you must spend 2% of Net Sales on local advertising	Same as Royalty Fee	Under the Franchise Agreement, you must meet the Advertising Obligations described in <i>Note 5</i> . We may reallocate this amount and require franchisees to pay us up to 3% of Net Sales for the marketing fund.
Marketing Materials	Our costs.	Upon demand	Only payable if you purchase additional marketing materials from us. We provide you with an initial supply of promotional and advertising materials free of charge.
Opening Marketing Program	As agreed	As incurred	Under the Retail Location Agreement, you are not required to spend any specific amount for the Opening Marketing Program (defined in <i>Note 4</i> ). See <i>Note 4</i> .
	As agreed	In conjunction with the initial opening	Under the Franchise Agreement, you must spend this amount for pre-opening and opening marketing and promotional programs in conjunction with the initial opening. You must develop a marketing plan and submit to us for prior written approval. If we require, you must deposit the opening marketing funds with us and we will distribute as necessary to conduct the Opening Marketing Program.
Purchase of Products	Actual costs	Upon demand	Only payable if you purchase any Products from us or our affiliates. Payment must be according to our payment and credit terms.
Transfer Fee	\$15,000. See <i>Note 6</i> .	At time of transfer	Only payable if you make a transfer (as defined in the Retail Location Agreement/Franchise Agreement/Development Agreement)-transfers include, among other things, the sale of that agreement, your rights or obligations in that agreement, or certain assets.
Interest on Overdue Amounts	1.5% per month on the underpayment See <i>Note 7</i> .	Upon demand	Only due if you don't pay us the amounts you owe on time. Interest will be charged only on overdue amounts and will start to accrue on the

<b>Type of Fee</b> <i>(Note 1)</i>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
			date when the payment was originally due.
Costs and Attorneys' Fees	Actual costs	Upon demand	If you are in default, you must reimburse us for the expenses we incur (including reasonable attorneys' fees) as a result of your default and to enforce and terminate the agreement. In addition, you must reimburse us for the expenses we incur (including reasonable attorneys' fees), if we obtain an injunction or other relief to enforce any provisions under the agreements against you or resulting from any defense or litigation arising from your misuse of the Proprietary Marks.
Supplier Testing	Actual cost of inspection (but not to exceed the reasonable cost) and the actual cost of testing. The amount will vary.	Upon demand	Only payable if you propose a new supplier of products, and we inspect the supplier or test the supplier's products.
Unapproved Item Testing	Cost of testing.	Upon demand	Only payable if we discover samples at your ILLY Location that are not from a previously approved supplier or fail to conform to our specifications.
Audit Costs <i>(Note 8)</i>	All costs and expenses associated with the audit, reasonable accounting and legal costs.	Upon demand	Only payable if we audit because you did not submit sales statements or keep books and records, or if the inspection discloses an understatement in any report by 3% or more. You will also have to pay interest on the underpayment (see "interest" above and <i>Note 7</i> ).
Insurance Premiums	Actual costs.	As incurred	Only payable if you fail to obtain any of the required insurance policies and we obtain those policies on your behalf.
Indemnity	Actual costs	As incurred	You must indemnify and hold the ILLY Parties harmless against any and all Damages arising directly or indirectly from any Asserted Claim as well as from any breach by you of your Retail

Type of Fee <i>(Note 1)</i>	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
			Location Agreement/Franchise Agreement/Development Agreement. You must also indemnify us for any litigation resulting from your use of the Proprietary Marks in a way that is inconsistent with the terms of that agreement. See <i>Note 9</i> .
Securities Offering Fee	\$10,000 or our actual expenses, whichever is more.	Upon demand	Under the Franchise Agreement, if you make a public or private securities offering, you must reimburse us for our reasonable costs and expenses (including legal and accounting fees) to evaluate your proposed offering. The Retail Location Agreement does not include this fee.
Training	Cost of training room.	Upon demand	Under the Retail Location Agreement, you must reimburse us the cost of a training room if one is not available at the Facility. The Franchise Agreement does not include this fee. See <i>Note 10</i> .
Certified / Replacement training	Our per diem charge plus out of pocket expenses. Currently, per diem charge is \$1,400 per instructor (we may change our rate).	Upon demand	Only payable if one of your Managers / Key Personnel ceases active management of or employment at your ILLY Location. See <i>Note 10</i> .
Additional training at your location	Our per diem charge plus out of pocket expenses. Currently, per diem charge is \$1,400 per instructor (we may change our rate).	Upon demand	If you ask that we send trainers to your ILLY Location for additional training, and we agree to do so, then you pay these amounts See <i>Note 10</i> .
Refresher training courses	Our per diem charge plus out of pocket expenses. Currently, per	Upon demand	We may require that any or all of the Managers / Key Personnel attend refresher courses, seminars, and other training programs periodically. See <i>Note 10</i> .

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	diem charge is \$1,400 per instructor (we may change our rate).		
Renewal Fee	The greater of: (1) 50% of the then current initial fee; or (2) \$10,000.	Before renewal	Only due if you decide to renew the Retail Location Agreement. We do not charge a new Initial Fee in connection with renewals.
	The greater of: (1) 50% of the then current initial fee; or (2) \$15,000.	Before renewal	Only due if you decide to renew the Franchise Agreement. We do not charge a new Initial Fee in connection with renewals.
Re-Inspection Fee	Our costs and expenses. Currently, up to \$1,000.	Upon demand	If you fail or receive an unsatisfactory score on any inspection performed by us or on our behalf, we may charge you for any follow up inspection to confirm that you have corrected all deficiencies identified in the initial inspection.
Taxes	Our costs.	Upon demand	Under Franchise Agreement, you reimburse us for any sales tax, gross receipts tax, or similar tax (other than income tax) imposed on us with respect to any payments to us required under that agreement, unless the tax is credited against income tax otherwise payable by us.
Reimbursement for Software, Services and Other costs	Costs billed to us by third party providers	Upon demand	Third parties bill us for certain software, services and other costs and we bill you.

Notes:

1. Unless otherwise noted, fees are payable to us, are non-refundable and, except for airport locations and some unique circumstances as we determine, are uniformly imposed on all franchisees receiving this disclosure document.
2. “**Net Sales**” means all revenue from the sale of all Products, and all other income of every kind and nature related to, derived from, or originating from the ILLY Location, including but not limited to: (a) revenues from delivery and catering services; and (b) proceeds of any business interruption insurance policies, whether at retail or wholesale (whether such sales

are permitted or not), whether for cash, check, or credit, and regardless of collection in the case of check or credit. Net Sales will also include amounts you earn from the sale of any online group-bought deals (e.g., Groupon or Living Social) and the sale of any gift cards or gift certificates, calculated using our then-current guidelines, which may be based on the redeemed value or sale price of the deals, cards, or certificates. “**Net Sales**” excludes certain costs or adjustments, such as any customer refunds, sales taxes, and/or other taxes you collect from customers and transmit to the appropriate taxing authorities.

In addition to your Royalty Fees, you must report to us in writing (or electronically) your Net Sales in a form we specify (a “**Sales Report**”). We require you to establish an arrangement for electronic funds transfer or deposit of any payments required under the Retail Location Agreement/Franchise Agreement. You must complete the Authorization Agreement for ACH Payments (Direct Debits) that is attached to the Retail Location Agreement as **Exhibit C** and to the Franchise Agreement as **Exhibit E**.

You must also comply with the payment and reporting procedures we specify in the Manuals.

We reserve the right to receive from some franchisees a lower Royalty Fee, depending on the number of ILLY Locations that franchisee commits to open and the type of Facility in which the ILLY Locations will be located (i.e., hotel, airport, etc.).

3. If your liquor license prohibits you from paying money to third parties based upon revenues collected from the sale of alcoholic beverages, then Net Sales will exclude such revenues and your royalty fee due for Net Sales minus such revenues will be increased so that we receive the same payment.
4. Under the Retail Location Agreement, you and we agree to perform a minimum number of activities (to be agreed between the parties) for each year in conjunction with our launch of new products or with communication campaigns. Upon your request, you and we will develop and agree upon an appropriate pre-opening and opening marketing and promotional program(s) to be conducted in conjunction with your ILLY Location’s initial opening (the “**Opening Marketing Program**”). You must pay for advertising as you and we agree. You have no other advertising obligations under the Retail Location Agreement.
5. Under the Franchise Agreement, we may require you to make a total marketing contribution up to 3% of Net Sales of the ILLY Location during the previous month (the “**Advertising Obligations**”). These Advertising Obligations can be in the form of the following, as we designate from time to time: (i) contributions paid to the System Marketing Fund, (ii) contributions paid to any Regional Marketing Fund or a Market Co-op, and/or (iii) expenditures by you on “local advertising and promotion.”

If we establish a System Marketing Fund or Regional Marketing Fund, all or a portion of your Advertising Obligations may be paid into such fund, at our direction. Any System Marketing Fund and/or Regional Marketing Fund will be maintained and administered by us.

If a Market Co-op is formed for the area in which your ILLY Location is located, then, a portion of your Advertising Obligations may be a required contribution to the Market Co-op. The specific amount of your contribution to the Market Co-op will be determined by the Market Co-op by a simple majority vote of its members. Your Advertising Obligations may exceed 3% of your Net Sales if the members of your Market Co-op approve additional required contributions.

In addition to any Advertising Obligations, you must undertake and complete an Opening Marketing Program.

6. We may reduce the transfer fee in our discretion in certain circumstances – for example for kiosks.
7. Interest starts to accrue when your payment was initially due. Interest rates will not exceed any maximum rate that may be imposed under applicable law.
8. The amount of audit costs will be determined by the auditors, legal advisors and other professionals who provide the audit services. These costs will vary based on the fees charged by these professionals, travel costs, the scope of the audit needed, the degree to which you cooperate in terms of providing information, the time it takes the auditors to review your records, and inflation.
9. As used above, “**Asserted Claim**” means any allegation, claim or complaint that is the result of, or in connection with, your exercise of your rights and/or carrying out of your obligations under the Retail Location Agreement/Franchise Agreement/Development Agreement (including but not limited to any claim associated with your operations (or development) of the ILLY Location or otherwise), notwithstanding any claim that any Illy Party was or may have been negligent. “**Illy Parties**” means us, our shareholders, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents. “**Damages**” means all claims, demands, causes of action, suits, damages, liabilities, fines, penalties, assessments, judgments, losses, and expenses (including without limitation expenses, costs and lawyers’ fees incurred for any indemnified party’s primary defense or for enforcement of its indemnification rights).
10. You will bear all expenses related to your employees attending the training, such as the costs relating to transportation, lodging, meals, wages, and worker’s compensation insurance.

**ITEM 7**  
**ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT**

**YOUR ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT  
ILLY LOCATIONS IN FACILITIES**

<b>Type of Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Method of Payment</b>	<b>When Due</b>	<b>To Whom Payment is to be Made</b>
Initial Fee <i>(Note 1)</i>	\$40,000	<i>Note 1</i>	<i>Note 1</i>	Us
Site Visit	\$1,000 to \$7,000	As incurred	As incurred	Us
Leasehold Improvements <i>(Note 2)</i>	\$35,100 to \$582,500	<i>Note 2</i>	<i>Note 2</i>	<i>Note 2</i>

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is to be Made
Equipment <i>(Note 3)</i>	\$100,000 to \$584,220	As incurred	As arranged	Approved Suppliers, Our Affiliates
Computer System <i>(Note 4)</i>	\$15,000 to \$40,000	As arranged	As arranged	Approved Suppliers
Inventory <i>(Note 5)</i>	\$20,000 to \$40,000	As agreed	As incurred	Us, Our Affiliates or Outside Suppliers
Uniforms	\$3,000 to \$10,000	As agreed	As incurred	Outside Suppliers
Utility Deposits <i>(Note 6)</i>	\$2,000 to \$5,000	As agreed	As incurred	Landlord, and/or Utility Companies
Travel and Accommodations for Training <i>(Note 7)</i>	\$4,000 to \$12,000	As agreed	As incurred	Outside Suppliers
Insurance <i>(Note 8)</i>	\$6,000 to \$20,000	As agreed	As incurred	Outside Provider
Opening Marketing <i>(Note 9)</i>	\$10,000 to \$40,000	As arranged	As incurred	Outside Suppliers
Business Licenses and Professional Services <i>(Note 10)</i>	\$10,000 to \$20,000	As agreed	As incurred	Outside Suppliers
Liquor Licenses <i>(Note 11)</i>	\$2,500 to \$200,000	As arranged	Prior to issuance	Local Authorities
Pre-opening training/food costs <i>(Note 12)</i>	\$3,000 to \$5,000	As agreed	As incurred	Outside Suppliers
Additional Funds (6 months) <i>(Note 13)</i>	\$150,000 to \$400,000	As agreed	As incurred	Utilities, Wages, facility management, insurer, municipality,
Total Estimated Initial Investment (excluding rent/real estate) <i>(Note 14)</i>	\$401,600 to \$2,005,720			

**YOUR ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT  
ILLY LOCATIONS IN SEPARATE LOCATIONS**

<b>Type of Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Method of Payment</b>	<b>When Due</b>	<b>To Whom Payment is to be Made</b>
Initial Fee <i>(Note 1)</i>	\$40,000	<i>Note 1</i>	<i>Note 1</i>	Us
Site Visit	\$1,000 to \$7,000	As incurred	As incurred	Us
Leasehold Improvements <i>(Note 2)</i>	\$35,100 to \$582,500	<i>Note 2</i>	<i>Note 2</i>	<i>Note 2</i>
Equipment <i>(Note 3)</i>	\$125,000 to \$584,220	As incurred	As arranged	Approved Suppliers, Our Affiliates
Computer System <i>(Note 4)</i>	\$15,000 to \$40,000	As arranged	As arranged	Approved Suppliers
Inventory <i>(Note 5)</i>	\$20,000 to \$40,000	As agreed	As incurred	Us, Our Affiliates or Approved Suppliers
Uniforms	\$3,000 to \$10,000	As agreed	As incurred	Outside Suppliers
Utility Deposits <i>(Note 6)</i>	\$2,000 to \$5,000	As agreed	As incurred	Landlord, and/or Utility Companies
Travel and Accommodations for Training <i>(Note 7)</i>	\$4,000 to \$12,000	As agreed	As incurred	Outside Suppliers
Insurance <i>(Note 8)</i>	\$6,000 to \$20,000	As agreed	As incurred	Outside Provider
Opening Marketing <i>(Note 9)</i>	\$10,000 to \$20,000	As arranged	As incurred	Outside Suppliers
Business Licenses and Professional Services <i>(Note 10)</i>	\$10,000 to \$20,000	As agreed	As incurred	Outside Suppliers
Liquor Licenses <i>(Note 11)</i>	\$2,500 to \$200,000	As arranged	Prior to issuance	Local Authorities

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is to be Made
Pre-opening training/food costs <i>(Note 12)</i>	\$3,000 to \$5,000	As agreed	As incurred	Outside Suppliers
Additional Funds (6 months) <i>(Note 13)</i>	\$150,000 to \$400,000	As agreed	As incurred	Utilities, Wages, facility management, insurer, municipality,
Total Estimated Initial Investment (excluding rent/real estate) <i>(Note 14)</i>	\$426,600 to \$1,985,720			

**YOUR ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT  
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT\***  
**Assumes Development Agreement for Minimum of Three (3) ILLY Locations**

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is to be Made
Development Fee <i>(Note 1)</i>	\$30,000	Note 1	Note 1	Us
Site Visit Costs	\$3,000 to \$21,000	As Agreed	Upon Demand	Us
Professional Services <i>(Note 10)</i>	\$0 to \$3,000	As agreed	As incurred	Outside Suppliers
Total Estimated Initial Investment for Three (3) illy Locations (Based Upon High / Low Ranges from Tables Above)	\$1,084,800 to \$5,897,160	See Table Above for Each Expenditure	See Table Above for Each Expenditure	See Table Above for Each Expenditure
Total Estimated Initial Investment <i>(Note 15)</i>	\$1,204,800 to \$6,020,160			

*\*For each ILLY Location developed under the Development Agreement, you must sign a separate Franchise Agreement or Retail Location Agreement and you will have to make an initial investment as noted above.*

The first chart above is for an ILLY Location in a Facility, which as noted in Item 1, we define as institutional facilities such as an airport, hotel, theater, museum, art center, educational facility, or

business at which food services are managed by service providers with national or international operations. Variations in these expenditures for Separate Locations, which are located outside Facilities, are reflected in the notes below.

None of the fees or costs estimated in this Item 7 are refundable except to the extent that you can negotiate with vendors. Payments to us are not refundable.

Please note that we do not offer direct or indirect financing to you for any items. The availability and terms of financing from other sources will likely depend on factors such as the availability of financing generally, your creditworthiness, and the policies of lending institutions.

Notes:

1. **Initial Fees.** You must pay us all of the Initial Fee when you sign the Retail Location Agreement or the Franchise Agreement. Also, if you sign a Development Agreement, you will be required to pay us a Development Fee.
2. **Leasehold Improvements.** You must employ an architect or engineer (who, if we require, is reasonably acceptable to us) to prepare preliminary plans and specifications for site improvement and construction of your ILLY Location based on our prototype design and image specifications. The plans must be approved by us. In addition, you will need to employ a qualified, licensed general contractor, who is reasonably acceptable to us, to construct improvements to, or “build out,” the premises at which you will operate the ILLY Location. If you request 3-D renderings, you must pay us for those renderings.

Generally, you will take the premises from the landlord in “vanilla box” condition (primed drywall ready to be painted, but without improvements). Among other things, you will likely need to arrange for proper electric service, wiring and plumbing, flooring, wall finishes, additional dry walling, HVAC, lighting and fixtures, storefront modifications, painting, and bathroom facilities. Costs are likely to vary due to many factors (e.g., the type of Facility (if applicable), geographic location and size of your ILLY Location, the existing condition of the premises, the availability and cost of labor and materials, the work the landlord may do as the result of lease negotiations, etc.), and may be much higher, if you wish to establish your ILLY Location in an area where special requirements of any kind (such as historical, architectural, or preservation requirements) will apply. In some instances, you may be able to negotiate with the landlord to conduct some of the work, or to provide you with credits towards your future rent payments and/or tenant improvement allowances (instead of the landlord doing some of the work).

We estimate these costs will range between \$200 to \$600 per square foot. The estimate shown above has not been reduced to reflect any landlord credits or tenant improvement allowances, which we cannot estimate. However, as noted above, your actual costs may vary significantly due to a variety of factors.

3. **Equipment.** The estimate is for the equipment you will need to operate the ILLY Location, such as refrigerators, freezers, tables and chairs, cabinetry, décor, shelving, menu boards, kitchen small wares, display cases, etc. The amount you will have to spend for equipment will vary depending upon the ILLY Location’s size and style. However, as noted above, your actual costs may vary.
4. **Computer System.** This estimate is the cost to purchase the Computer System (defined below). If your ILLY Location is in a Facility and depending on the Computer System being

used in the Facility, we may allow you to use an existing cash register within the Facility and its existing software, rather than require you to purchase or lease a new cash register for your ILLY Location. In such case, there would be no initial cost for your Computer System.

5. **Inventory.** Inventory and supplies must be purchased from approved vendors and suppliers.
6. **Utility Deposits.** The figure is for the estimated cost of telephone and other utility deposits.
7. **Travel and Accommodations for Training.** Training expenses include the costs for travel, food and lodging incurred while in the training program and are paid to the providers of those services. For the training period, the cost you incur will vary depending upon factors such as the distance traveled, mode of transportation, travel preferences (such as air travel or ground transportation), nature of accommodations, *per diem* expenses actually incurred, and the number of persons who will attend training.
8. **Insurance.** The estimate is for the annual premium for the policies required under the Retail Location Agreement or the Franchise Agreement and as may be required under the terms of your lease or sublease, as well as alcohol-related coverage.
9. **Opening Marketing.** Under the Retail Location Agreement, we will help you develop an appropriate Opening Marketing Program at your request. If your ILLY Location is opening at the same time as the Facility in which it is located, you may elect not to engage in a separate Opening Marketing Program. You are not required to spend up to the maximum amount; however, if you spend a larger amount, that expenditure may yield better results.
10. **Business Licensees and Professional Services.** The estimate is for the business licenses and permits you must obtain to operate the ILLY Location, such as business, restaurant and health licenses and permits. Your actual costs may vary depending upon the licenses and permits that may be required in the area you choose to operate your ILLY Location. The estimate also includes cost for you to obtain services from legal and other business advisor in connection with the signing of the Retail Location Agreement or the Franchise Agreement and other agreements (e.g., lease) in connection with the ILLY Location. Some of these costs may not apply if your ILLY Location will be inside a Facility that you or your affiliates operate.
11. **Liquor Licenses.** Liquor licenses are required by all jurisdictions and can vary widely among jurisdictions.
12. **Pre-opening training / food costs.** This estimate includes the cost of food products used prior to opening while training crew members, pre-opening communications, and pre-opening labor costs incurred while training crew members.
13. **Additional Funds.** You will need additional capital to support on-going expenses, such as payroll, utilities, computer maintenance, and computer upgrades, to the extent that these costs are not covered by sales revenue. New businesses often generate a negative cash flow. We estimate that the amount given will be sufficient to cover on-going expenses for the start-up phase of the business, which we calculate to be 6 months. Our estimate is based on the experience of our management personnel in the coffee outlet industry.

Your credit history could impact the amount (and cost) of funds needed during the start-up phase. If you have no credit history or a weak credit history suppliers may give you less favorable lending and payment terms, which might increase the amount of funds you will need during this period.

14. **Total Estimated Initial Investment For ILLY Locations.** Your actual costs may vary considerably, depending, for example, on factors such as: local economic conditions; the local market for the ILLY Location; the prevailing wage rate; competition; the sales level achieved during the initial period of operation; and your management and training experience, skill, and business acumen.

The figures in the chart do not include rent for the ILLY Location. If you do not own a location for your ILLY Location, you must purchase or lease a space.

If your ILLY Location will be within a Facility, the space available and contractual arrangements necessary will depend on that Facility and its management. Your rent will also vary widely based on your relationship with the owner of the Facility (i.e., whether or not you are affiliated with that company).

If you operate a Separate Location, you will probably need to lease a space at least four months before opening. The locations and sizes of Separate Locations vary, but are typically described as “prime retail.” We estimate that rental rates will range from \$50 to \$600 per square foot per year for Separate Locations; however, the rental rate could exceed \$600 per square foot.

Rent varies considerably from market to market, and from location to location within each market. Rents may vary beyond the range that we have provided, based on factors such as market conditions in the relevant area, the type and nature of improvements needed to the premises, the size of the ILLY Location, the terms of the lease, and the desirability of the location. We assume that you will lease the premises, and therefore do not include in the estimates above any costs related to the purchase of land or the construction of any buildings. If you decide to purchase the property for the location of your ILLY Location, you will incur additional costs that we cannot estimate.

The totals in the row titled “Total Estimated Initial Investment” also do not include the Development Fee, which is only payable if you enter into a Development Agreement with us.

15. **Total Investment Under Development Agreement.** Your estimated initial investment under the Development Agreement will vary depending on the number of ILLY Locations you develop. The estimated initial investment chart reflects the minimum number of three (3) development commitments and is based upon total amounts from the unit charts (however costs site visits were removed). No part of this initial investment is refundable.

You should review these figures carefully on your own, with a business advisor of your choosing, before making any decision to purchase a franchise for an ILLY Location. You should take into account the cash outlays and probable losses that you may incur while you are trying to get established. Extensive start-up costs may be involved, depending upon your circumstances.

**ITEM 8**  
**RESTRICTIONS ON SOURCES OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

**General**

*Conformity with Standards*

To insure that the highest degree of quality and service is maintained, you must operate your ILLY Location in conformity with the methods, standards, and specifications as we may periodically prescribe in the Manuals or otherwise in writing.

*Purchases from Approved Suppliers*

You must buy all Products, supplies, materials, and other products, and equipment, fixtures, furnishings, signs, décor, supplies, and services required for the establishment and operation of your ILLY Location only according to our standards and specifications (as described in the Manuals, which will include standards and specifications for quality, quantity, ingredients and appearance) and only from suppliers (including manufacturers, distributors, and other sources) that we have designated or approved in writing.

Currently, we require that chocolate be purchased from Domori s.r.l. (through its U.S. distributor), tea be purchased from Dammann Frères (through its US distributor), and marmalade and jam be purchased from Azienda Agrimontana S.p.A. (through its US distributor). Currently, we also require that you use La Marzocco espresso coffee machines in your ILLY Location. The ILLY coffee beans, coffee and other ILLY PRODUCTS are designed and manufactured using the ILLY GROUP's recipes, formulae, standards and specifications and are proprietary to the ILLY GROUP. In order to maintain the high standards of quality and uniformity associated with ILLY PRODUCTS, you must purchase ILLY PRODUCT items only from us, or our affiliates or other designee(s). Currently, we require all ILLY Locations to purchase coffee and other ILLY PRODUCTS from us or our distributors (who are the only approved suppliers for these items).

In addition, as described below, you must employ an architect or engineer to prepare, for our approval, preliminary plans and specifications for site improvement and construction of your ILLY Location based on our prototype design and image specifications. Any plans must be approved by us prior to use. (We acknowledge and agree that plans and specifications for ILLY Locations sometimes require adjustments from our standard requirements, and we and you will act reasonably and in good faith to resolve such matters, provided that we will have no obligation to accept or approve any adjustment that we reasonably believe will detract from the quality standards or image of the System.)

Under the Franchise Agreement, we may specify or require that you use certain brands, types, makes, and/or models of communications, computer systems, and hardware, including without limitation: (a) back office and point of sale systems, data, audio, video (including managed video surveillance), telephone, and voice storage, retrieval, and transmission systems for use at Retail Locations, between or among Retail Locations, and between and among Franchisee's Retail Locations and Franchisor, Franchisor's designee and/or Franchisee; (b) POS systems; (c) physical, electronic, and other security systems; (d) printers, "media wall" systems, and other peripheral devices; (e) archival back-up systems; (f) internet access mode (e.g., form of telecommunications connection) and speed; and (g) internet service for customers (collectively, the "**Computer System**"). We may also develop or designate (and require you to install): (a) computer software programs and accounting system software that you must use in connection

with the Computer System (“**Required Software**”); (b) updates, supplements, modifications, or enhancements to the Required Software; (c) the tangible media on which you will record or receive data; and (d) the database file structure of your Computer System.

We may require franchisees to use an approved cash register and related modules, and the cash register software specified in the Manuals. However, if you sign a Retail Location Agreement, depending on the Computer System being used within the Facility, we may allow you to use the existing cash register within the Facility and its existing software, rather than require you to purchase a new cash register for the ILLY Location. In such case, there would be no initial charge for the Computer System.

Except for ILLY GROUP, none of our officers own any interest in any approved or designated suppliers.

We and our affiliates may collect and retain certain manufacturing allowances, marketing allowances, rebates, credits, monies, payments and benefits (collectively, “**Allowances**”) offered to us or to our affiliates by manufacturers, suppliers and distributors based upon your purchases of products and other goods and services. We project that these Allowances would be based on System-wide purchases of food, equipment, supplies, paper goods, merchandise and other items. During our fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, we received approximately \$1,021,216 in revenue for coffee, tea and accessories purchased directly and indirectly (i.e., through distributors) by franchisees in the United States, which represents 0.84% of our total revenues of approximately \$121,300,000. During our fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, we received \$0 in allowances or rebates based upon franchisee purchases.

We estimate that your purchases from designated or approved suppliers or purchases according to our specifications will represent approximately 90% of your total purchases in establishing the ILLY Location, and approximately 50-80% in the continuing operation of the ILLY Location. Our current policy is to use any monies received from suppliers to compensate us for services rendered in connection with approving and overseeing vendor services. We may, however, in our discretion, elect to contribute a portion of these monies to the System Marketing Fund or use the monies for any other purpose.

If you want to buy any Products or any other items (except for ILLY PRODUCTS) from an unapproved supplier, you first must submit to us a written request asking for our approval to do so. When considering whether to approve any particular possible supplier, we will consider (among others) the following factors: whether the supplier can show, to our reasonable satisfaction, the ability to meet our then-current standards and specifications; whether the supplier has adequate quality controls and capacity to supply your needs promptly and reliably; and whether the supplier’s approval would enable the System, in our sole opinion, to take advantage of marketplace efficiencies. You may not buy from any supplier that we have not yet approved in writing, and you must stop buying from any supplier that we approve, but later disapprove. We have the right to designate only one supplier for certain items (such as for distribution of products, soft drinks, etc.) in order to take advantage of marketplace efficiencies.

You may not purchase from any proposed new supplier until we have reviewed and, if we think it is appropriate, approved in writing the proposed new supplier. Among other things, we will have the right to require that our representatives be permitted to inspect the proposed new supplier’s facilities, and that samples from that supplier be delivered either to us or to an independent laboratory that we designate for testing. Either you or the proposed new supplier must pay us a charge (which will not exceed the actual cost of the inspection and the actual cost of the tests).

We also may require that the proposed new supplier comply with certain other requirements that we may deem appropriate, including, for example, payment of reasonable fees for services that we may render to such suppliers, such as continuing inspection fees and administrative costs, and fees for design and supervision services, or other payment to us by the supplier on account of their dealings with you or other retailers, with all such fees and payments to be for use by us without restriction (unless otherwise instructed by the supplier). We reserve the right, at our option, to periodically re-inspect the facilities and products of any approved supplier and to revoke our approval if the supplier does not continue to meet any of our then-current criteria.

We reserve the right to revoke approval of any supplier upon its failure to continue to meet any of our then-current criteria.

Although neither the Retail Location Agreement nor the Franchise Agreement obligates us to notify you of our approval or disapproval of a supplier within a specified time, we estimate that we will notify you of approval or disapproval within 60 days of our receipt of your written request. This is only an estimate, and the actual approval time may be shorter or longer than 60 days; in any event, we will notify you in writing of supplier approval or disapproval within 90 days from our receipt of your written request. If our approval is not received during that timeframe, we have denied your request.

### **Insurance**

Before commencing any activities or operations, you must obtain and maintain the insurance coverage in the amounts that we require. We may modify the coverage and amounts from time to time.

Currently, we require you to have comprehensive general liability with a combined bodily injury and property damage limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in the aggregate, business automobile liability insurance with a limit of liability not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, statutory workers' compensation insurance meeting with a limit of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), commercial umbrella liability insurance with limits which bring the total of all primary underlying coverages to not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) total limit of liability, property insurance providing coverage for direct physical loss or damage to real and personal property for all-risk perils, business interruption insurance, and any other insurance coverage that is required by federal, state, or local law. You must also procure, pay for and maintain in effect liquor liability endorsement to said general liability policy insuring such liability in an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence.

### **Purchasing / Distribution Cooperatives**

We may periodically establish food commissaries and distribution facilities, and we may designate these as approved (or required) manufacturers, suppliers, or distributors.

We may establish strategic alliances or preferred vendor programs with suppliers that are willing to supply some products or services to some or all of the ILLY Locations in our system. If we do establish those types of alliances or programs, we may limit the number of approved suppliers with whom you may deal, we may designate sources that you must use for some or all products and services, and we may refuse to approve proposals to add new suppliers if we believe that action would be in the best interests of the System.

Currently, there are no purchasing or distribution cooperatives in existence.

**Purchase Arrangements and other Material Benefits**

We (or one of the ILLY GROUP) may from time to time negotiate purchase arrangements with various suppliers for the benefit of the ILLY GROUP, the system and our franchisees, to provide the best pricing options available. Suppliers may vary and prices vary among the suppliers.

Except as described in this **Item 8**, we do not provide any material benefits to you based on your use of designated or approved suppliers.

**ITEM 9**  
**RETAILER’S, FRANCHISEE’S AND DEVELOPER’S OBLIGATIONS**

**This table lists your principal obligations under the Retail Location Agreement (RLA), Franchise Agreement (FA), and Development Agreement (DA). It will help you find more detailed information about your obligations in these agreements and in other items of this Disclosure Document.**

Obligation	Section(s) in Agreement(s)	Disclosure Document Item(s)
a Site selection and acquisition/lease	RLA Sections 1, 5 FA Sections 1, 5, Exhibit B DA Sections 1, 3, Exhibit A	6, 7 and 11
b Pre-opening purchase/leases	RLA Sections 5, 6 FA Sections 5, 6, Exhibit B DA Section 3.4	7 and 8
c Site development and other pre-opening requirements	RLA Sections 5, 6 FA Sections 5, 6, Exhibit B DA Section 3	6, 7, and 11
d Initial and ongoing training	RLA Section 6.3 FA Sections 6.3, 14.4.8 DA Not Applicable	11
e Opening	RLA Sections 3.7, 5.2, 5.3, 6.2 FA Sections 3.8, 5.3, 5.4, 6.2 DA Not Applicable	11
f Fees	RLA Sections 2.2.6, 4, 14.2 FA Sections 2.2.6, 4, 11.1, 14.4.9 DA Section 2	5, 6 and 7
g Compliance with standards and policies/Manuals	RLA Sections 1.4, 5, 6, 8 FA Sections 1.4, 5, 6, 8 DA Not Applicable	11

<b>Obligation</b>	<b>Section(s) in Agreement(s)</b>	<b>Disclosure Document Item(s)</b>
h Trademarks and proprietary information	RLA Sections 1.1, 7, 9, 16.2 FA Sections 1.1, 7, 9, 16.2 DA Not Applicable	13 and 14
i Restrictions on products/services offered	RLA Sections 1.4, 6 FA Sections 1.4, 6 DA Not Applicable	16
j Warranty and customer service requirements	RLA Section 6.5 FA Section 6.5 DA Not Applicable	9
k Territorial development and sales quotas	RLA Section 1.3 FA Section 1.3 DA Sections 1, 3.1, 3.4, Exhibit A	12
l Ongoing product/service purchases	RLA Sections 6.9, 6.10 FA Sections 6.9, 6.10 DA Not Applicable	8
m Maintenance, appearance and remodeling requirements	RLA Sections 2.2.2, 5, 6.2, 6.4, 6.7, 14.2 FA Sections 2.2.2, 5, 6.2, 6.4, 6.7, 14.4.5 DA Not Applicable	11
n Insurance	RLA Section 13 FA Section 13 DA Not Applicable	6 and 8
o Advertising	RLA Section 11 FA Section 11 DA Not Applicable	6, 7 and 11
p Indemnification	RLA Section 19.4, Exhibit B FA Section 19.4, Exhibit C DA Sections 11.4, 11.5, Exhibit B	6
q Owner's participation/management/staffing	RLA Sections 6, 17.1 FA Sections 6, 17.1 DA Section 8.1	11 and 15
r Records and reports	RLA Sections 4.2, 10 FA Sections 4.2, 10 DA Section 5.2.4	6

	<b>Obligation</b>	<b>Section(s) in Agreement(s)</b>	<b>Disclosure Document Item(s)</b>
s	Inspections and audits	RLA Sections 6, 10 FA Sections 6, 10 DA Not Applicable	6 and 11
t	Transfer	RLA Section 14 FA Section 14 DA Section 7	17
u	Renewal	RLA Section 2.2 FA Section 2.2 DA Not Applicable	17
v	Post-termination obligations	RLA Sections 16, 24.5 FA Sections 16, 24.5 DA Sections 6.7, 14.6	17
w	Non-competition covenants	RLA Sections 17.2, 17.3 FA Sections 17.2, 17.3 DA Sections 8.2, 8.3	17
x	Dispute resolution	RLA Section 25 FA Section 25 DA Section 15	17
y	Other: Taxes/permits, Guarantee, Indemnification, and Acknowledgement	RLA Sections 6.13, 18, Exhibit B-2 FA Sections 6.14, 18, Exhibit C DA 5.2.4, Exhibit B	1

**ITEM 10**  
**FINANCING**

We do not offer direct or indirect financing. We will not guarantee your note, lease, or other obligations.

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

**Except as listed below, we are not required to provide you with any assistance.**

**Pre-Opening Obligations**

*Retail Location Agreement and Franchise Agreement*

- (1) We will provide to you or the employees we designate our initial training program (at a designated time and location). You must maintain two (2) employees at each location who have completed our required training. (Training is also discussed

under the subheading “*Training.*”) (Retail Location Agreement, Sections 3.1 and 6.3; Franchise Agreement, Sections 3.1 and 6.3)

- (2) We will make available to you a standard layout and plan for the construction of an ILLY Location and for the exterior and interior design and layout, fixtures, furnishings, equipment, and signs. You understand and acknowledge that we have the right to modify the prototype architectural plans and specifications as we periodically deem appropriate. (Retail Location Agreement, Section 3.2; Franchise Agreement, Section 3.2) If you request 3D renderings, you must reimburse use for the cost the renderings.
- (3) Only under the Franchise Agreement, if you enter into a Site Selection Addendum, we will provide you with our site selection guidelines and any site selection counseling we deem advisable. (Franchise Agreement, Section 3.2 & Site Selection Addendum)
- (4) We will provide you with access to the Manuals. (Retail Location Agreement, Section 3.4; Franchise Agreement, Section 3.4)
- (5) We will provide our written approval (or refusal to approve) prior to opening. (Retail Location Agreement, Section 3.7; Franchise Agreement, Section 3.8)
- (6) We will provide you with an initial supply of such promotional and advertising materials (such as graphic design, copy and instructions) as we deems appropriate, acting reasonably. (Retail Location Agreement, Section 11.2; Franchise Agreement Section 11.6)

#### *Development Agreement*

For each ILLY Location developed under the Development Agreement:

- (1) We will provide you with site selection guidelines, and such site selection counseling and assistance we deem advisable. (Development Agreement, Section 5.1.1)
- (2) We will also provide such on-site evaluation for each ILLY Location we deem advisable in response to your request for site approval; provided, however, that we will not provide on-site evaluation for any proposed site prior to receiving a completed site approval package (which may include all information we reasonably require). You must reimburse us for all actual out-of-pocket expenses we incur in connection with any on-site evaluation, including, without limitation, the costs of travel, lodging, wages, and meals. (Development Agreement, Section 5.1.2)
- (3) We will determine or approve the location of future units and any territories for those units, and that the then-current standards for sites and territories will apply. (Development Agreement, Section 1.3)

#### **Typical Length of Time Before Operation**

It typically takes approximately 6 to 18 months between signing the Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement and the opening of your ILLY Location. The time required to open may be

affected by various factors including delays in making leasing and financing arrangements, completing construction, leasehold improvements and décor and furnishing, completing training, meeting local ordinances or community requirements, delivery of equipment and signs, and similar factors. You must have all necessary licenses, permits, and approvals, have hired and trained personnel, installed equipment, and otherwise implemented all components of the System before opening. If you fail to begin operations within 6 months after signing a Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement (or within a longer period we and you agree to in the event of a delay caused by the Approved Location landlord or Facility owner or management, as applicable) we may terminate the Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement (without refunding the Initial Fee to you).

### **Continuing Obligations**

We are required by the Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement to provide certain assistance and service to you. During the operation of your ILLY Location:

- (1) If created, we will administer the “Illy” System Marketing Fund and any Regional Marketing Fund. (Our marketing funds are also described under the heading “Obligations Under Franchise Agreement.”) (Retail Location Agreement, Section 3.12, Franchise Agreement, Section 3.6)
- (2) We will approve or disapprove all marketing and promotional materials that you propose. For ILLY Locations operated in a Facility, we limit our review to marketing and promotional materials that you propose to use in connection with the operation of the ILLY Location (other than marketing and/or promotional materials related to the Facility generally). You may not use any materials that we disapprove. (Retail Location Agreement, Section 3.5; Franchise Agreement, Section 3.5)
- (3) We will use our best efforts to ensure that Products we produce, package, manufacture, sell and distribute are in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations including (without limitation) laws, rules, and regulations related to food quality and health and safety. We will use our best efforts to ensure that these Products bear truthful and accurate labeling that complies with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. (Retail Location Agreement, Section 3.11; Franchise Agreement, Section 3.12)
- (4) We will make available additional training programs, as we deem appropriate. (Retail Location Agreement, Section 6.3; Franchise Agreement, Section 6.3)
- (5) We will give you periodic advisory assistance as to the operation and promotion of your ILLY Location, as we deem advisable. (Retail Location Agreement, Section 3.8; Franchise Agreement, Section 3.9)
- (6) We have no obligation to assist you with establishing prices, such as setting minimum or maximum prices for products or services; as permitted by law, we do reserve the right to set prices.

## **Site Selection**

### **Development Agreement**

If we allow you to enter into a Development Agreement, you will need to enter into a separate Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement for each ILLY Location authorized in the Development Schedule. Each ILLY Location shall be located at a site we approve, within the Development Area. For each proposed site for an ILLY Location, you must submit to us the completed site approval package (which must include the information or materials we may reasonably require, such as a site approval form, a copy of the site plan, a business plan, demographic statistics and information regarding the surrounding businesses, together with an option contract, letter of intent or other evidence confirming your favorable prospects for obtaining the site (the “**Site Approval Materials**”).

You must submit the Site Approval Materials by no later than 30 days before the site approval deadline, as listed in the Development Schedule. If we give our written approval to a proposed site, we will send written notice of approval to you within 30 days of our receipt of the completed Site Approval Materials. If we do not send such notice to you within the 30-day period, then the site shall be deemed disapproved.

### **Retail Location Agreement**

The ILLY Location will be located within a hotel, retail shopping mall, airport, or similar venue and, by no later than the date you sign the Retail Location Agreement, you must have located and obtained our acceptance of a potential site. Our acceptance will be based upon our criteria for ILLY Locations including the viability of an ILLY Location within the venue you have selected. We are not required to provide you any assistance in locating or negotiating the purchase or lease of a site. (We understand that many of our franchisees who will operate in Facilities will already be affiliated with the owner or manager of the Facility or will have a separate contractual arrangement with the owner or operator of the Facility.)

You must maintain the condition and appearance of the premises of the ILLY Location consistent with our quality controls and standards, and may not materially alter your ILLY Location or replace or alter your equipment, fixtures or signs without our prior written approval.

### **Franchise Agreement**

If you are executing a Franchise Agreement and, at the time the Franchise Agreement is signed, you have not yet found a location, you must obtain a site subject to our approval, according to the Site Selection Addendum. You will sign the Site Selection Addendum at the same time as the Franchise Agreement. Under the Site Selection Addendum, you must obtain, at your own cost, a location within 90 days after you sign the Franchise Agreement. If you fail to obtain a site according to the Site Selection Addendum within the time required, we may, in our discretion, terminate the Franchise Agreement.

You must submit to us at least one location for site approval within 45 days after you sign the Site Selection Addendum. Within 30 days after receipt of the required site information and materials, we will approve or disapprove the proposed site. If we do not approve a proposed site by written notice to you within 30 days, the site will be deemed disapproved. Within 15 days after we approve the site, you must sign a lease or sublease (if applicable), after obtaining our prior written approval of the lease or sublease terms (if the premises are to be leased or sublet), or a binding

agreement to purchase the site. For any ILLY Location that is leased, the lease must include the provisions outlined in our “**Lease Rider**”, attached to the Franchise Agreement as Exhibit G.

We will give you site selection guidelines, including our minimum standards for a location for the ILLY Location, and other site selection counseling and assistance as we may deem advisable. We may also provide on site evaluation if we deem it advisable in response to your requests for site approval. However, we will not provide on site evaluation for any proposed site prior to the receipt of a completed site approval form for the site prepared by you.

### **Remodeling**

You must remodel to bring your ILLY Location current, if you have not yet done so, upon renewal or transfer of your Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement and must complete all required remodeling and refurbishment within such period as we may reasonably specify as a condition of approving the renewal or transfer. (Under the Retail Location Agreement, this requirement will apply so long as such remodeling and refurbishment is consistent with the requirements of the Facility and is consistent with other ILLY Locations.) You must complete all required remodeling and refurbishment within such period as we may specify as a condition of the renewal.

### **Advertising/Marketing**

#### **Obligations Under Retail Location Agreement:**

We do not require you to contribute to a marketing fund or cooperative; however, recognizing the value of marketing and promotion, and the importance of the standardization of marketing and promotion programs to the furtherance of the goodwill and public image of the System, in the Retail Location Agreement, we and you agree to perform a minimum number of activities to be agreed between the parties for each year in conjunction with the launch of new products by us or with communication campaigns.

#### **Obligations Under Franchise Agreement:**

Under the Franchise Agreement, we can require you spend up to 3% of Net Sales on advertising and promotional activities. Currently, you must spend 2% of Net Sales on local marketing. Since we have not established a System Marketing Fund or any Regional Marketing Funds, you are not required to contribute amounts to those Funds. We reserve the right to modify the marketing contributions and allocations at any time, however, you will not be required to spend or contribute more than 3% of Net Sales on advertising and promotional activities. The Advertising Obligations may be met through: (i) contributions paid to a System Marketing Fund, (ii) contributions paid to a Regional Marketing Fund, (iii) contributions to a Market Co-op, and/or (iv) expenditures on “local advertising and promotion.” The following information for the System Marketing Fund, Regional Marketing Funds, and Market Co-ops only applies to Separate Locations operated under a Franchise Agreement.

**System Marketing Fund.** If established, we will direct all marketing programs for the System and administer any System Marketing Fund in our sole discretion. An unaudited statement of the System Marketing Fund’s operations, as shown on our books, will be prepared annually, and that statement will be made available to you upon written request. We are not required to spend any particular amount on advertising in the area where your ILLY Location is

located. We also reserve the right in our sole discretion, to discontinue any System Marketing Fund upon written notice to you.

If we create a System Marketing Fund, we will direct all marketing programs, with the sole right to decide the concepts, materials, and media used in these programs and the placement and allocation of the programs. The System Marketing Fund, and all contributions to and earnings from the System Marketing Fund, will be used exclusively to meet the costs of marketing and any other activities that we believe will enhance the System's image and, in our sole discretion, promote general public awareness of and favorable support for the System. We will not use any monies in the System Marketing Fund for marketing that is principally a solicitation for the sale of franchises. The System Marketing Fund may also be used to provide contributions to one or more Market Co-ops and/or on local advertising to be spent in local markets that we may designate. You must contribute to the System Marketing Fund by separate payment made payable (or as otherwise directed for payment) to us. All sums you pay to the System Marketing Fund will be maintained in an account separate from our other monies. Franchisor or affiliate-owned units will be required to contribute to the System Marketing Fund once created.

We will have the right to charge the System Marketing Fund for the reasonable administrative costs and overhead that we incur in activities reasonably related to the direction and implementation of the System Marketing Fund and marketing programs for you and the System (this includes, for example, costs of personnel for creating and implementing, associated overhead, marketing, merchandising, promotional and marketing programs). The System Marketing Fund and its earnings will not otherwise inure to our benefit. We will maintain separate bookkeeping accounts for the System Marketing Fund. The System Marketing Fund is not and will not be our asset. No System Marketing Fund has been established as of the date of this disclosure, and therefore, no contributions have been collected or expended.

*Regional Marketing Fund.* If a Regional Marketing Fund is created for the area in which your ILLY Location is situated, you must contribute an amount to the fund that we will determine, which will be based on your monthly Net Sales. We will direct all regional marketing programs and administer any Regional Marketing Fund in our sole discretion. An unaudited statement of the Regional Marketing Fund's operations, as shown on our books, will be prepared annually, and that statement will be made available to you upon written request. Any Regional Marketing Fund created will be administered according to the terms described above for the System Marketing Fund. We reserve the right in our sole discretion, to discontinue any Regional Marketing Fund upon written notice to you. As of the date of this Disclosure Document, there are no Regional Marketing Funds in effect.

*Market Co-op.* We will have the right, as we see fit, to establish a Market Co-op for your region. The purpose of a Market Co-op is to conduct, discuss and plan marketing and promotional campaigns for the ILLY Locations located in that region. As of the date of this Disclosure Document there are no Market Co-ops in effect.

If Market Co-op is established for your area, then you must join the Market Co-op. You will not be required to belong to more than one Market Co-op. Market Co-ops will be established, organized, and governed in the form and manner that we have approved in advance. Unless we specify otherwise, the activities carried on by each Market Co-op will be decided by a simple majority vote of its members. Each ILLY Location owner will be entitled to cast one vote for each ILLY Location owned. Market Co-ops may not use marketing, promotional plans, or materials without our prior written approval, as described below. The specific amount of your contribution to the Market Co-op will be determined by the Market Co-op by a simple majority vote of its

members. ILLY Locations that we operate in the region, if any, will have the same rights as those owned by our franchisees (*i.e.*, one vote per ILLY Location). You must submit to the Market Co-op the amount required at the times determined by the Market Co-op, together with the statements or reports the Market Co-op may require. All amounts contributed to the Market Co-op will be deposited into a bank account maintained by the Market Co-op, and will be distributed only in the manner prescribed by the Market Co-op. We may, upon written request, grant to a franchisee an exemption from the requirement of membership in a Market Co-op, or from the requirement to pay all or a portion of the contribution to the Market Co-op. Although each Market Co-op is intended to be of perpetual duration, we maintain the right to terminate any Market Co-op. A Market Co-op will not be terminated, however, until all monies in that Market Co-op have been expended for marketing or promotional purposes.

### **Local Advertising**

Certain criteria will apply to any local advertising and promotion that you conduct, and we may designate in the Manuals the types of expenditures that will or will not count towards local advertising and promotion. You may only use advertising and marketing materials that we have provided or that we have approved. You may, and we encourage you to, expend funds for local advertising and promotion of a local nature which will focus on disseminating marketing directly related to your ILLY Location. You are also required to obtain listings for your ILLY Location in the local trade or business telephone directories, including “yellow” and “white” pages and any online directories we designate.

Currently, local advertising and promotion does not include costs or expenses in connection with any of the following: (a) salaries and expenses of your employees, including salaries or expenses for attendance at marketing meetings or activities, or incentives provided or offered to such employees, including discount coupons; (b) political donations; (c) the value of discounts provided to consumers; and/or (d) the cost of food, beverage, and merchandise items.

### **Opening Marketing Program**

You must conduct an Opening Marketing Program for your ILLY Location, pursuant to a plan we approve. You must spend a minimum of \$10,000. All materials used in the Opening Marketing Program will be subject to our prior written approval, as described below.

### **Marketing Materials: Review and Approval Process**

For all proposed advertising, marketing, and promotional plans, you must submit samples of plans and materials to us for our review and prior written approval. If you do not receive written approval from us within a maximum of 14 days of the date we receive the samples or materials, we will be deemed to have disapproved them.

All copyrights in and to advertising, marketing, and promotional materials you develop (or that are developed for you) with respect to the ILLY Location will become our sole property. You must sign the documents (and, if necessary, require your independent contractors to sign the documents) that we deem necessary to implement this provision.

### **Advertising Councils**

We may form (but we currently do not have) a franchisee advertising council that will advise us on advertising policies and procedures. The council will have an advisory role, but no

decision making authority. We may, as we deem appropriate, also seek the advice of our franchisees by other informal means regarding marketing, advertising and promotions financed by the System Marketing Fund, any Regional Marketing Fund or any other advertising and promotional matters.

## **Technology**

### **Computer Systems**

We may specify certain requirements for the computer hardware and software for ILLY Locations. You must install and use the Computer System in the manner we require.

Unless we agree to waive the requirements in this paragraph, you are required to record all sales on our computer-based POS system that is capable of facilitating a fully integrated sales data information interface into our centralized computer system. You agree to purchase or lease, at your expense, POS/Computer hardware and software systems and install a data connection, power lines, modems, printers and other computer-related accessories and peripherals as may be required for a standard interface, for the purpose of, among other functions, the recording and transmission of information collected through the POS system (including, but not limited to, gross sales, net sales, product mix, sales by day part) to centralized data collection systems.

This system also links us, each ILLY Locations and all organization members.

If you want to use a different computer system, you must request and obtain our approval of the alternative system.

If your ILLY Location will be operated in a Facility, depending on the Computer System being used within the Facility, we may allow you to use an existing cash register within the Facility and its existing software, rather than require you to purchase a new cash register for your ILLY Location. You must make any changes to the Computer System as we require. In such case, there would be no initial charge for your Computer System.

We estimate that the cost of purchasing the Computer System will be \$15,000 to \$40,000.

You must implement and periodically make upgrades, supplements, modifications, or enhancements to the Computer System as we may reasonably request in writing (collectively, "**Computer Upgrades**"). For example, we may establish an extranet or online ordering system, and if we do, we may require you to upgrade your Computer System to utilize these new programs. You must comply with all specifications we issue with respect to the Computer System and any Computer Upgrades, at your own expense. We estimate that the annual cost of licenses, maintaining, updating, upgrading your computer system, and obtaining support, to range from \$4,500 to \$20,000.

You must provide us with unimpeded independent access to your Computer System and the Required Software in the manner, and at the times, we require, and there are no contractual limits on our right to access information and data from the Computer System.

### **Gift Cards, Loyalty, and Incentive Programs**

You must participate in our gift card, loyalty, and incentive programs. This means you must offer for sale, and honor for purchase by customers, all gift cards and other loyalty, incentive, and/or

convenience programs that we may periodically institute (including but not limited to loyalty programs that we or a third party vendor operate, as well as mobile payment applications); and you must do all of those things in compliance with our standards and procedures for such programs. For this purpose, you must purchase the software, hardware, and other items needed to sell and process gift cards, and to contract with the supplier of gift cards and gift card processing services, as we may specify in writing in the Manuals or otherwise. You must also pay such monthly and per-swipe transaction fees as may be required by the vendors of the gift card system. You may not sell, issue, or redeem coupons, gift certificates and gift cards other than gift cards we approve in writing.

### Data

We may use the data you provide us, that you upload to our system, and/or that we download from your system or that you otherwise create or collect in connection with the System and your operation of the ILLY Location (collectively, the “**Data**”) in any manner that we deem appropriate without paying you. We own all Data. You must provide us with copies and/or originals of any Data you create or collect upon our request.

You must abide by all applicable laws pertaining to the privacy of consumer, employee, and transactional information (“**Privacy Laws**”). In addition, you must comply with our standards and policies pertaining to Privacy Laws. If there is a conflict between our privacy policies and the Privacy Laws, you must comply with the requirements of the law, notify us of the conflict and cooperate with us and our attorneys in determining the best way to resolve the conflict. If you operate at a Facility, we acknowledge that you may be subject to your own corporate policies and standards with respect to privacy issues, and in the event you become aware of any conflict between our standards with respect to privacy issues and your corporate policies and standards, you must advise us of the conflict and we and you will cooperate, as necessary to best comply with both policies and standards so as to ensure compliance with applicable Privacy Laws.

### Data Requirements and Usage

If we determine that for any legal or business reasons you should collect, maintain, and/or delete any information from your Computer System, we may include specifications in the Manuals (or otherwise in writing). You must provide us any reports that we reasonably request from such Data, including but not limited to daily downloads of information concerning the operation of the ILLY Location.

### Websites and Electronic Mail

Websites (as defined below) are considered “marketing” and are subject (among other things) to our review and prior written approval before they may be used (as described above). As used in the agreements, the term “**Website**” means one or more related documents, designs, pages, or other communications that can be accessed through electronic means, including, but not limited to, the Internet, World Wide Web, webpages, microsites, social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube, Pinterest, etc.), blogs, vlogs, applications to be installed on mobile devices (e.g., smartphones or tablets), and other applications, etc.

If the ILLY Location is in a Facility, you may use (or authorize third parties to use) the Proprietary Marks, photographs and/or statements within the official website for the Facility. Otherwise (or unless we approve the use in writing), you may not establish (or permit any other party to establish) a Website relating in any manner whatsoever to the ILLY Location or referring to the

Proprietary Marks. We have the right, but not the obligation, to provide one or more references or webpage(s), as we may periodically designate, within our Website. If we decide to grant our consent for a separate Website for you, we have the right to require that you adhere to certain standards relating to it. For example, we may require you to make periodic updates to the Website to reflect specials and other promotions. We may also require you to make us the sole administrator (or co-administrator) of any social networking pages that you maintain (or have maintained on your behalf).

Other than as we specifically permit, you may not use the Proprietary Marks or any abbreviation or other name associated with us and/or the System as part of any e-mail address, domain name, and/or other identification in any electronic medium. You may not transmit or cause any other party to transmit advertisements or solicitations by e-mail, text-message, or other electronic media without first obtaining our written consent as to content and overall distribution plan. You will be solely responsible for compliance with any laws pertaining to sending e-mails including but not limited to the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003 (known as the "**CAN-SPAM Act of 2003**") and the Federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act. ("**Electronic Communication**" includes all methods for sending communication electronically, whether or not currently invented or used, including without limitation e-mails, text messages, and faxes.)

## **Training**

### *Initial Training Overview*

Thirty days prior to the opening of your ILLY Location, we require you (or, if you are an entity, one of your owners who is designated to supervise the operation of your ILLY Location) and/or the key personnel we designate ("**Managers**" / "**Key Personnel**") to attend and complete to our satisfaction a two day off-site training. The two-day Manager/Key Personnel off-site training includes classroom and hands on training including an introduction to Illy, our brand story and Italian experience, and instructions for preparation and tasting for basic coffee, cold brew and tea. The off-site training will be made available as needed.

One week prior to opening, we require your Managers / Key Personnel, back of house staff and front of house staff to attend a 5 day on-site training at your ILLY Location. The five-day on-site training at your ILLY Location includes set up and operation of equipment, review of and execution of menus, preparation and safety for BOH (back of house), kitchen staff. FOH (front of house) staff (Baristas, servers and cashiers), tools and equipment set up and use, coffee/tea menu review, preparation food service, customer service, closing and maintenance procedures, and mock service.

We do not charge a tuition fee for your Manager/Key Personnel to attend our initial training; however, you are responsible for all expenses incurred by you or your employees while attending any training including, but not limited to, transportation, lodging, meals, wages, and worker's compensation insurance.

In addition to the two training programs above, we recommend each of Manager / Key Personnel spend one week working in an existing ILLY Location if possible.

Your ILLY Location must be under the active full-time management of either you or the Managers / Key Personnel who have attended the required training. Your ILLY Location must (1) employ

two or more employees who have successfully completed our required initial training programs to our satisfaction; and (2) have a trained employee in your ILLY Location during the operating hours.

### TRAINING PROGRAM

The chart below is for the 2 day off-site and 5 day on-site training program:

<b>2 DAY OFF-SITE TRAINING</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Hours of Classroom Training</b>	<b>Hours of On-the-Job Training</b>	<b>Location</b>
Illycaffè Brand illy Café, Intro to coffee, tea and customer service.	8	0	Off-site or virtual training at a location we specify.
Basic Hands on.	0	8	Off-site training at a location we specify.
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>8 hours</b>	<b>8 hours</b>	<b>16 total</b>

<b>5 DAY ON-SITE TRAINING</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Hours of Classroom Training</b>	<b>Hours of On-the-Job Training</b>	<b>Location</b>
Intro to Coffee/tea equipment and supplies. Bar set up procedures FOH, food delivery, Kitchen tour and food set up, food Menu review BOH, health and safety review	8	3	On-Site
Coffee Menu Introduction. Basic Drink Preparation and Serving Style Maintenance and Bar Closing Procedures	0	5	On-Site
Opening practice. Specialty Drink review and preparation with serving style.  Prep fresh foods Dry goods Checklists Taste tests recipes	0	8	On-Site

<b>5 DAY ON-SITE TRAINING</b>			
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Hours of Classroom Training</b>	<b>Hours of On-the-Job Training</b>	<b>Location</b>
Specialty Drink Preparation Full Menu and Customer Service Practice Sandwich, salad, fruit and antipasti prep	0	8	On-Site
Barista Practice exercises drink and food order training with pairings. Food handling TurboChef, plating product rotation FOH BOH Kitchen staff Practice & grab and go set up	0	8	On-Site
Practice and Mock Service integrated training. Optional components if applicable. Gelato, pasta, etc.	0	8	On-Site
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>48 total</b>

The off-site training above will be conducted at locations of our choosing (New York, New York; San Francisco, California or an alternate location) and the on-site training will be conducted in your ILLY Location before the location opens. The brand training may be delivered virtually if necessary.

The instructional materials used for training include PowerPoint presentations, manuals and step by step guides, videos, recipes and kitchen manuals, tasting and other informational handouts, hands-on exercises and mock service.

*Replacement Personnel*

If you or any Manager / Key Personnel who attended the initial training ceases in active management or employment at your ILLY Location, you must (1) notify us in writing within seven days after the employees' departure and (2) identify to us in writing a replacement employee (and include all information we require) within 21 days after the previous employee's departure. The replacement employee must attend and successfully complete the initial training program to our reasonable satisfaction.

### Refresher and Other Courses

We may require you or your employees to attend refresher courses, seminars, and other training programs periodically based on assessment and performance results for your ILLY Location. If you request and we, in our sole discretion, are able to provide such training, we will do so. These programs may be at your ILLY Location, virtual, or any other site we designate.

### Expenses / Course modifications

You must pay our current per diem charge and our out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with any replacement or refresher training programs. Our per diem charge is specified in our Manuals, and the current amount is described in **Item 6** of this Disclosure Document. You are responsible for all expenses incurred by you or your employees while attending any training including, but not limited to, transportation, lodging, meals, wages, and worker's compensation insurance.

We reserve the right to update and/or modify the curriculum, timelines or locations for any training program. The training programs are conducted as frequently as we determine necessary.

### Our Training Personnel

Our illy Caffè North America Education Department, Illy Caffè/ EI F&B and Café Operations as well as qualified personnel or third parties appointed by us conduct the training. The training programs are overseen by: Matteo Papitto, Manager of Operations. He joined illy Caffè in 2019. With years of experience in hospitality and operations. Mr. Papitto manages the consultation, development, selection and optimization of the food menu. In addition, he is responsible for training, coordinating and reinforcing operational standards and FOH and BOH in the café during opening. Additional personnel are involved with our training programs.

### POS Training

Training on new point of sale systems will be coordinated and conducted by the third-party point of sale trainers. Point of sale system training will not be required if you are using existing cash registers in your location.

### Manuals

The table of contents of the Manuals is attached as **Exhibit G** (total pages 210).

## **ITEM 12** **TERRITORY**

### **Retail Location Agreement and Franchise Agreement**

You will have the right to operate the ILLY Location at the Approved Location. If we have not already accepted the location of your ILLY Location when you enter into a Franchise Agreement, you will enter into a Site Selection Addendum, which is attached to the Franchise Agreement as Exhibit B. Under the Site Selection Addendum, we will grant you a site selection area in which we will not establish or franchise another party to establish an ILLY Location until we approve a location for your ILLY Location, but not to exceed 90 days from the date you enter into that addendum.

You may not relocate the ILLY Location without our prior written approval, which we have the right to withhold. If you operate a ILLY Location in a Facility, we will usually grant our approval for a relocation within the same Facility (based on the needs of the Facility, including remodeling and renovation); however, we will not usually grant approval for a relocation outside of the Facility.

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. But, as long as you remain in compliance with the Retail Location Agreement or the Franchise Agreement, during the term of that Agreement, we will not establish or operate, or license anyone else the right to establish or operate, an ILLY coffee bar at any location within the territory specified in the Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement (the “**Territory**”) (except as otherwise provided in “Our Reserved Rights” described below). We will determine or approve the location of future units and any territories for those units, and that the then-current standards for sites and territories will apply.

For ILLY Locations within Facilities, the Territory will usually be the hotel, airport (or airport terminal, for large airports), museum, etc. The size of the Territory will depend on various factors, including the size and type of Facility, population within the community, foot traffic through the Facility, location, demography, etc.

For Separate Locations, the Territory will typically be a circle with its center at the front door of the Separate Location, and with a radius stated in the Franchise Agreement. We generally intend to provide you with a Territory with a 1-mile radius. (The Territory for a Separate Location will be smaller in urban areas (e.g., a few blocks), where there may be a high concentration of population.)

So long as you comply with the Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement, continuation of your Territory does not depend upon any other conditions. We are not permitted to modify your territorial rights based on other circumstances, such as the achievement of a certain sales volume, market penetration, etc.

You will not have any options, rights of first refusal, or similar rights to acquire additional ILLY Locations or other rights under the Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement.

As described more fully below, you may offer and sell Products only to retail customers, delivery customers and catering customers at and from your ILLY Location. You may not sell Products by use of other means, such as the Internet, catalog, direct mail, and toll-free numbers.

There are no restrictions on our right to solicit or accept orders for Products through alternative channels inside or outside your Territory, except as described in our reserved rights below. We do not have to pay you for soliciting or accepting orders inside your Territory.

### **Development Agreement**

If we enter into a Development Agreement with you, you will agree to develop a certain number of ILLY Locations pursuant to your Development Schedule. Each ILLY Location will be established and operated pursuant to a separate Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement and will be located in the Development Area described in Exhibit A to your Development Agreement.

If you are in compliance with your obligations under the Development Agreement and all Retail Location Agreements and Franchise Agreements between you (or your affiliate(s)) and us, then we will not establish, or license anyone other than you to establish, an ILLY Location in the Development Area until the last date specified in the Development Schedule (except as otherwise provided in the terms of the Development Agreement).

So long as you comply with the Development Agreement, continuation of your Development Area does not depend upon any other conditions.

You will not have any options, rights of first refusal, or similar rights to acquire additional ILLY Locations or other rights under the Development Agreement.

You may offer and sell Products only from your ILLY Locations and only in accordance with the requirements of the applicable Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement and the procedures and standards set forth in our Manuals. You may not sell Products by use of other means, such as the Internet, catalog, direct mail, and toll-free numbers.

### **Our Reserved Rights**

Under the Retail Location Agreement, the Franchise Agreement and/or the Development Agreement, we retain all rights not specifically granted to you, and may, among other things, on any terms and conditions we deem advisable, and without granting you any rights (and, in each case, despite their proximity to your ILLY Location and/or the Territory (or Development Area, as applicable), and despite their actual or threatened impact on sales of your ILLY Location) do all of the following:

- own, acquire, establish, and/or operate and license others to establish and operate, ILLY Locations under the System at any location outside the Territory (or Development Area, if applicable);
- own, acquire, establish, and/or operate, and license others to establish and operate, ILLY Locations under the Proprietary Marks at Reserved Facilities (as defined below) at any location within or outside of the Territory (or Development Area, if applicable). **“Reserved Facilities”** means airports; hotels that are operated as part of, or in connection with, a national or international hotel and lodging chain or brand; department stores; supermarkets and grocery stores that are operated as part of, or in connection with a retail chain or brand; cultural institutions (examples include, but are not limited to, theaters, museums, art centers and educational facilities); and business and industrial complexes and offices at which the food services are managed by service providers with national or international operations);
- own, acquire, establish, and/or operate and license others to establish and operate businesses: (a) using the Proprietary Marks (but not the “ILLY CAFFÈ” mark) and other marks in connection with the operation of such businesses; (b) which businesses may be similar to ILLY Locations; and (c) which may be located within or outside the Territory (or Development Area, if applicable), provided, however, we may not operate or license others to operate an ILLY Location inside the Territory (or Development Area, if applicable) under the System (unless otherwise permitted above); and/or
- sell and distribute, directly or indirectly, and/or license others to sell and to distribute, directly or indirectly, any products (including Products bearing our Proprietary Marks

(but not the “ILLY CAFFÈ” mark)) from any location to any business or customer within or outside of the Territory (or Development Area, if applicable), including, without limitation, sales made to customers through restaurants, cafés, retail kiosks, grocery or convenience stores or other retail outlets, mail order, toll-free numbers, on the Internet and/or any other retail locations or distribution channels; provided, however, we may not operate or license others to operate an ILLY Location inside the Territory (or Development Area, if applicable) under the System and the Proprietary Marks (unless otherwise permitted above).

**ITEM 13**  
**TRADEMARKS**

We grant you the right to use certain Proprietary Marks under the Retail Location Agreement or the Franchise Agreement. We do not own the Proprietary Marks. ILLY ITALY is the owner of the Proprietary Marks, and we have the right to use the Proprietary Marks due to the License Agreement described below. ILLY ITALY owns/has applied for the following applications/registrations with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (the “USPTO”) on its Principal Register:

<b>Mark</b>	<b>Registration Number</b>	<b>Registration Date</b>
ILLY (and design)	2640278	October 22, 2002
ILLY (and design)	2815287	February 17, 2004
ILLY (typed drawing)	2700832	March 25, 2003
ILLY (typed drawing)	2815286	February 17, 2004
ILLY CAFFÈ TRIESTE 1933 (and design)	5288237	September 19, 2017
ILLY CAFFÈ TRIESTE 1933 (and design)	5225457	June 20, 2017

ILLY ITALY has filed all required affidavits and licensed rights to the Proprietary Marks to us. We have the right to use, and to license others to use, the Proprietary Marks in the United States under an exclusive, renewable Trademark and System License Agreement between us and ILLY ITALY, dated as of September 1, 2008 as assigned by a Consent to Assignment dated September 15, 2022 (“**License Agreement**”). Under the terms of this License Agreement, ILLY ITALY licenses us to use and sublicense the Proprietary Marks. This license will remain in effect for ten years and then automatically renew for ten-year renewal terms unless one party gives the other at least sixty days’ notice prior to the expiration of the then-current term. If the License Agreement is terminated, ILLY ITALY will assume our rights and obligations under all existing third-party agreements (including, but not limited to Retail Location Agreements and Franchise Agreements).

Your right to use the Proprietary Marks is limited to the uses that are authorized under the Retail Location Agreement or the Franchise Agreement, and any unauthorized use of the Proprietary Marks will infringe upon our rights. You may not use any Proprietary Mark: (1) as part of any corporate name or other business name; (2) with any prefix, suffix, or other modifying words, terms, designs, or symbols, or in any modified form; (3) for performing or selling any unauthorized services or products; (4) as part of any domain name, electronic address or search engine or in any other manner for a Website without our prior written approval (unless you operate under a

Retail Location Agreement, in which case we authorize you to use the Proprietary Marks within any official Website related to the Facility); or (5) in any other manner that we do not expressly authorize in writing. You must identify yourself as the independent owner or manager of your business and ILLY Location in the manner we specify (such as on invoices, order forms, receipts, and contracts). You must also give the trademark registration notices that we designate, and obtain any assumed business name registrations that applicable law requires. Your use of the Proprietary Marks is strictly limited to use in connection with coffee bar and restaurant services. You must not engage in any activities that would be detrimental or interfere with the operation, reputation, or goodwill of ILLY Locations, us, or the System.

There are no currently effective material determinations of the USPTO, the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, the trademark administrator of any state, or any court, and no pending infringement, opposition, or cancellation proceeding, or any pending material litigation, involving the Proprietary Marks. Other than the License Agreement, no agreement significantly limits our rights to use or license the Proprietary Marks in any state in a manner material to your ILLY Location. We do not know of any prior rights or infringing uses that could materially affect your use of the principal trademarks in any state.

You must promptly notify us of any unauthorized use of the Proprietary Marks, any challenge to the validity of the Proprietary Marks, or any challenge to ILLY ITALY's ownership of, right to use and to license others to use, or your right to use, the Proprietary Marks. We or ILLY ITALY, have the right to direct and control any administrative proceeding or litigation involving the Proprietary Marks, including any settlement. We or ILLY ITALY have the right, but not the obligation, to take action against uses by others that may constitute infringement of the Proprietary Marks. We or ILLY ITALY will defend you against any third party claim, suit, or demand arising out of your use of the Proprietary Marks. If we determine that you have used the Proprietary Marks in compliance with the Retail Location Agreement or the Franchise Agreement, we or ILLY ITALY will indemnify you with respect to such infringement claims, including to reimburse you for the cost of any judgment or settlement, as well as your out-of-pocket costs (except that you will bear the salary costs of your employees). If we determine that you have not used the Proprietary Marks in compliance with the Retail Location Agreement or the Franchise Agreement, you must bear the cost of defense, including the cost of any judgment or settlement, and you must promptly reimburse us for those amounts. If there is any litigation due to your use of the Proprietary Marks, you must sign all documents and do all things as may be necessary to carry out a defense or prosecution, including becoming a nominal party to any legal action.

If it becomes advisable at any time in our sole judgment for you to modify or discontinue using any Proprietary Mark or for you and the Approved Location to use one or more additional or substitute trade or service marks, you will have to immediately comply with our directions. Neither we nor our affiliates will have any obligation to reimburse you for any expenditures you make because of any discontinuance or modification.

You may not use any item bearing the Proprietary Marks without our prior written approval. You are obligated to require all marketing and promotional materials, signs, decorations, paper goods (including without limitation disposable food and beverage containers, bags, napkins, menus, and all forms and stationery used in your ILLY Location), any and all replacement trade dress products, and other items which we may be designate to bear our then-current Proprietary Marks, and logos in the form, color, location, and manner we prescribe.

**ITEM 14**  
**PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS, AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**

**Patents**

No current or pending patents are material to the operation of your ILLY Location.

**Copyrights**

We claim copyright protection covering various materials used in our business and the development and operation of ILLY Locations, including the Manuals, marketing, advertising and promotional materials, and similar materials. We have not registered these materials with the United States Registrar of Copyrights and we are not required to do so.

There are no currently effective determinations of the United States Copyright Office or any court, nor any pending litigation or other proceedings, regarding any copyrighted materials. No agreement limits our rights to use or allow you to use the copyrighted materials. We do not know of any superior prior rights or infringing uses that could materially affect your use of the copyrighted materials. No agreement requires us to protect or defend our copyrights or to indemnify you for any expenses or damages you incur in any judicial or administrative proceedings involving the copyrighted materials. If we require, you must immediately modify or discontinue using the copyrighted materials. Neither we nor our affiliates will have any obligation to reimburse you for any expenditures you make because of any discontinuance or modification.

**Confidential Information**

Under the Retail Location Agreement or the Franchise Agreement, you may never communicate, disclose, or use for any person's benefit any of the confidential information, knowledge, or know-how concerning the operation of your ILLY Location that may be communicated to you or that you may learn by virtue of your operation of an ILLY Location. You may divulge confidential information only to those of your employees who must have access to it in order to operate your ILLY Location. Any and all information, knowledge, know-how, and techniques that we designate as confidential will be deemed confidential for purposes of the Retail Location Agreement or the Franchise Agreement. However, this will not include: information that you can show came to your attention before we disclosed it to you; or that at any time became a part of the public domain, through publication or communication by others having the right to do so; or which you are legally compelled to disclose. In the Retail Location Agreement or the Franchise Agreement, you agree to treat as confidential at all times our confidential information and will grant access to such information to your employees only on a need-to-know basis.

In addition, we may require you, your Managers / Key Personnel, and certain of your other staff to sign a Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement. Every one of these agreements must provide that the person signing will maintain the confidentiality of information that they receive in their employment or affiliation with you or your ILLY Location. These agreements must be in a form that we find satisfactory, and must include, among other things, specific identification of our company as a third-party beneficiary with the independent right to enforce the covenants. Our current form for this Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement is attached to the Retail Location Agreement as Exhibit E or to the Franchise Agreement as Exhibit H.

## **Confidential Manuals**

In order to protect our reputation and goodwill and to maintain high standards of operation under our Proprietary Marks, you must conduct your business according to the Manuals. We will allow you access to our Manuals for the term of the Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement.

You must always treat in a confidential manner the Manuals, any other manuals we create (or that we approve) for use with your ILLY Location, and the information contained in the Manuals. You must use best efforts to maintain this information as secret and confidential. You may not copy, duplicate, record, or otherwise reproduce the Manuals and the related materials, or any part (other than printing such materials that are provided electronically), nor may you otherwise let any unauthorized person have access to these materials. The Manuals will always be our sole property. You must always keep the Manuals in a secure place.

We may periodically revise the contents of the Manuals, and you must make corresponding revisions to your copy of the Manuals and comply with each new or changed standard. If there is ever a dispute as to the contents of the Manuals, our master copy of the Manuals (maintained at our home office) will be controlling.

## **ITEM 15** **OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE** **ACTUAL OPERATION OF THE FRANCHISE BUSINESS**

### **Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement**

The Retail Location Agreement and Franchise Agreement require that you, or one of your Managers, devote commercially reasonable efforts to the management of your ILLY Location. The person involved in active management of your ILLY Location must successfully complete our training program.

The Retail Location Agreement and Franchise Agreement do not require you to participate personally in the direct operation of your ILLY Location, although we encourage and recommend your active participation.

We require your owner(s) or an affiliated company to sign a Guarantee, Indemnification and Acknowledge Agreement, the form of which is attached to the Retail Location Agreement as Exhibit B or the Franchise Agreement as Exhibit C. We may require certain of your principals, supervisors, managers and others to sign a Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement, the form of which is attached to the Franchise Agreement as Exhibit H and to the Retail Location Agreement as Exhibit E. We do not impose any other restrictions on your principals or managers.

### **Development Agreement**

If you enter into a Development Agreement with us, you or one of your Managers must devote commercially reasonable efforts to the development of the ILLY Locations identified in your Development Schedule. We may require you to employ one or more district managers (who must be reasonably acceptable to us) to supervise the day-to-day operations of your ILLY Locations. The individual(s) supervising the day-to-day operations must complete training courses as we reasonably require.

We require your owner(s) (and may require certain other individuals and entities) to sign a Guarantee, Indemnification and Acknowledge Agreement, the form of which is attached to the Development Agreement as Exhibit B. We may require certain of your principals, supervisors, managers and others to sign a Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement, the form of which is attached to the Development Agreement as Exhibit C. We do not impose any other restrictions on your principals or managers.

**ITEM 16**  
**RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT THE FRANCHISEE MAY SELL**

You may sell and provide only Products that conform to our standards and specifications. You also will have certain obligations to offer for sale particular items. We have the right, without limit, to change the types of authorized products and services.

You may offer and sell Products only from your ILLY Location, only according to the requirements of the Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement and the procedures and standards set out in the Manuals, and only to retail customers (for consumption on the premises or for carry-out consumption) and delivery customers and catering customers in the Territory. **“Delivery customers”** means customers that purchase Products for delivery to (and consumption in) their home or office or other locations (including the Facility, if applicable) and **“catering customers”** means customers for whom catering services are provided at their homes, offices, and other locations (including the Facility, if applicable).

You may not offer, sell, or distribute Products through any means other than from your ILLY Location, including selling, distributing, or otherwise providing, any Products at wholesale, or for resale or distribution by any third party, or through satellite locations or sales or mail order catalogs, temporary locations, carts or kiosks, the Internet, or through any other electronic or print media. All sales will be counted in “Net Sales.”

You must honor all credit and debit card payment systems that we specify. You must comply with the then current Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI/DSS) as those standards may be revised by the PCI Security Standards Council, LLC (see [www.pcisecuritystandards.org](http://www.pcisecuritystandards.org)) or successor organization. Among other things, you must implement the security requirements that the PCI Security Standards Council (or its successor) requires of a merchant that accepts payment by credit and/or debit cards.

**ITEM 17**  
**RENEWAL, TERMINATION, TRANSFER, AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**THE FRANCHISE RELATIONSHIP**

These tables list certain important provisions of the Retail Location Agreement, Franchise Agreement and Development Agreement. You should read these provisions in the Agreements attached to this Disclosure Document.

*Retail Location Agreement*

Provision	Section in Retail Location Agreement	Summary
a Length of the term	§2.1	5 – 10 years

Provision	Section in Retail Location Agreement	Summary
b Renewal or extension of the term	§2.2	Your renewal rights permit you to remain as a franchisee after the initial term of your Retail Location Agreement expires. If you wish to do so, and you satisfy the required pre-conditions for renewal, we will offer you the right to obtain one additional 5-year term. You must sign our then-current Retail Location Agreement for the renewal term, and this new agreement may have different terms and conditions (including e.g. higher royalty fees) from the agreement that covered your initial term.
c Requirements for you to renew or extend	§2.2	Notice, satisfaction of monetary obligations, compliance with Retail Location Agreement, release, sign new Retail Location Agreement, pay renewal fee, and others. Your new Retail Location Agreement may have terms that are materially different terms and conditions from your original contract.
d Termination by you	§15.1	In the event of bankruptcy, under certain conditions.
e Termination by us without cause	Not Applicable	
f Termination by us with cause	§15	For default under agreement, bankruptcy, abandonment, and other grounds; see § 15 of the Retail Location Agreement. (Under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, we may be unable to terminate the agreement merely because you make a bankruptcy filing.)
g “Cause” defined – curable defaults	§15.3	Failure to pay amounts owed to us (after 10 days’ notice); breach of personal covenants (after 15 days’ notice); sale of products not previously approved by us (after 15 days’ notice); unauthorized or improper use of Proprietary Marks (after 15 days’ notice); default under other agreements with us (including franchise, retail location and development agreements); and any other default not specified in §§ 15.1 and 15.2 of the Retail Location Agreement (after 30 days’ notice).

Provision	Section in Retail Location Agreement	Summary
h “Cause” defined – non-curable defaults	§§15.1 and 15.2	Bankruptcy, abandonment, unauthorized transfer, failure to open or conduct training on time, loss of beer, wine, or liquor license that is not reinstated within seven days or the second such occurrence, threat or danger to public health or safety, and others. (Under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, we may be unable to terminate merely because you make a bankruptcy filing.)*
i Your obligations on termination/non-renewal	§16	Cease operating your ILLY Location, payment of amounts due, and others.
j Assignment of contract by us	§14.1	We may transfer without your notice or consent, so long as our obligations to you under the Retail Location Agreement are reasonably likely to be performed by the transferee.
k “Transfer” by you – defined	§14.2	Includes transfer of (A) the Retail Location Agreement, (B) your rights and obligations under the Retail Location Agreement, or (C) any material asset you use in the operation of your ILLY Location.
l Our approval of transfer by you	§14.2	We have the right to approve transfers.
m Conditions for our approval of transfer	§14.2	Payment of a transfer fee, transferee's execution of the then-current form of retail location agreement, transferor's execution of general releases, and others.
n Our right of first refusal to acquire your business	Not Applicable	
o Our option to purchase your business	§16.10	We have the right to purchase certain assets, such as equipment, signs, and fixtures.
p Your death or disability	Not Applicable	

Provision	Section in Retail Location Agreement	Summary
q Non-competition covenants during the term of the franchise	§§17.2 and 17.3	Includes prohibition on engaging in a Competitive Business. A “ <b>Competitive Business</b> ” is considered to be a retail business in which the sale of brand name coffee and/or coffee related beverages and products comprise twenty percent (20%) or more of the business’ Net Sales in any month.
r Non-competition covenants after the franchise is terminated or expires	Not Applicable	
s Modification of the agreement	§23.2	Must be in writing signed by both parties.
t Integration / merger clause	§23.1	Only the terms of the franchise agreement are binding (subject to state law). Any representations or promises outside of the disclosure document and franchise agreement may not be enforceable.
u Dispute resolution by arbitration or mediation	§§25.2 and 25.5	Before bringing any action in court, the parties must first submit the dispute to non-binding mediation (except that either party can go to court to seek injunctive relief).
v Choice of forum	§25.3	Subject to state law, you must bring any action against us in a federal or state court where our principal place of business is located (currently, New York). We may bring any action against you in a federal or state court where our principal place of business is located (currently, New York).
w Choice of law	§25.1	Subject to state law, the law of the State in which we maintain our principal place of business when the dispute arises (currently, New York); unless the covenants under the Retail Location Agreement would not be enforceable in that state and the ILLY Location is located outside of that state, in which case the laws of the state where the ILLY Location is located apply to those covenants.

Franchise Agreement

Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
a Length of the franchise term	§2.1	5 years
b Renewal or extension of the term	§2.2	Your renewal rights permit you to remain as a franchisee after the initial term of your Franchise Agreement expires. If you wish to do so, and you satisfy the required pre-conditions to renewal, we will offer you the right to obtain one additional 5-year term. You must sign our then-current Franchise Agreement for the renewal term, and this new agreement may have different terms and conditions (including e.g. higher royalty fees and/or marketing contributions) from the agreement that covered your initial term.
c Requirements for you to renew or extend	§2.2	Notice, satisfaction of monetary obligations, compliance with Franchise Agreement, release, sign new Franchise Agreement, pay renewal fee, and others; see §§ 2.2.1–2.2.10 in Franchise Agreement.  Your new Franchise Agreement may have terms that are materially different terms and conditions from your original contract.
d Termination by you	Not Applicable	
e Termination by us without cause	Not Applicable	
f Termination by us with cause	§15	For default under agreement, bankruptcy, abandonment, and other grounds; see § 15 of the Franchise Agreement. (Under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, we may be unable to terminate the agreement merely because you make a bankruptcy filing.)

Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
g “Cause” defined – curable defaults	§15.3	Failure to pay amounts owed to us (after 10 days’ notice); breach of personal covenants (after 15 days’ notice); sale of products not previously approved by us (after 15 days’ notice); unauthorized or improper use of Proprietary Marks (after 15 days’ notice); defaults under other agreements with us (including franchise, retail location and development agreements); and any other default not specified in §§ 15.1 and 15.2 of the Franchise Agreement (after 30 days’ notice).
h “Cause” defined – non-curable defaults	§§15.1 and 15.2	Bankruptcy, abandonment, conviction of felony, failure to open or conduct training on time, loss of beer, wine, or liquor license that is not reinstated within seven days or the second such occurrence, threat or danger to public health or safety, and others. (Under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, we may be unable to terminate merely because you make a bankruptcy filing.)*
i Your obligations on termination/ non-renewal	§16	Cease operating your ILLY Location, payment of amounts due, and others; see §§ 16.1 – 16.11 of the Franchise Agreement.
j Assignment of contract by us	§14.1	There are no limits on our right to assign the Franchise Agreement.
k “Transfer” by you – defined	§14.3	Includes transfer of: (A) the Franchise Agreement, (B) yourself; (C) your rights and obligations under the Franchise Agreement, or (D) any material asset you use in the operation of your ILLY Location.
l Our approval of transfer by you	§14.3	We have the right to approve transfers.
m Conditions for our approval of transfer	§14.4	Release, signature of new agreement, payment of transfer fee, and others.
n Our right of first refusal to acquire your business	§14.5	We can match any offer.
o Our option to purchase your business	§16.4.1	Upon termination or expiration, we have the right to take over your lease or acquire the real property if you own it.

Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
p Your death or disability	§§14.6, 14.7 and 14.8	Your estate must transfer your interest to a third party we have approved, within a year after death or 6 months after the onset of disability.
q Non-competition covenants during the term of the franchise	§§17.2 and 17.3	Includes prohibition on engaging in a Competitive Business. A “ <b>Competitive Business</b> ” is considered to be a retail business in which the sale of brand name coffee and/or coffee related beverages and products comprise twenty percent (20%) or more of the business’ Net Sales in any month.
r Non-competition covenants after the franchise is terminated or expires	§17.3	Includes a 2 year prohibition similar to “q” (above), within 1 mile of your ILLY Location, or any other ILLY Location then-operating under the System, with the exception of “ <b>Excluded Existing Businesses</b> ” listed on Exhibit A to the Franchise Agreement.
s Modification of the agreement	§23.2	Must be in writing signed by both parties.
t Integration / merger clause	§23.1	Only the terms of the franchise agreement are binding (subject to state law). Any representations or promises outside of the disclosure document and franchise agreement may not be enforceable.
u Dispute resolution by arbitration or mediation	§§25.2 and 25.5	Before bringing any action in court, the parties must first submit the dispute to non-binding mediation (except that we can go to court to seek injunctive relief).
v Choice of forum	§25.3	Subject to state law, you must bring any action against us in a federal or state court where our principal place of business is located (currently, New York). We may bring any action against you in a federal or state court where our principal place of business is located (currently, New York).

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
w Choice of law	§25.1	Subject to state law, the law of the State in which we maintain our principal place of business when the dispute arises (currently, New York); unless the covenants under the Franchise Agreement would not be enforceable in that state and the ILLY Location is located outside of that state, in which case the laws of the state where the ILLY Location is located apply to those covenants.

*Development Agreement*

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Development Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
a Length of the term	§4	The last date specified in the Development Schedule.
b Renewal or extension of the term	Not Applicable	
c Requirements for you to renew or extend	Not Applicable	
d Termination by you	Not Applicable	
e Termination by us without cause	Not Applicable	
f Termination by us with cause	§6	For default under agreement, bankruptcy, failure to meet Development Schedule, and other grounds; see §6 of the Development. (Under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, we may be unable to terminate the agreement merely because you make a bankruptcy filing.)
g “Cause” defined – curable defaults	§6.3	All other defaults not specified in §§6.1 and 6.2 of the Development Agreement. Section 6.3 of the Development Agreement provides that you will have 30 days within which to cure these defaults.

Provision	Section in Development Agreement	Summary
h “Cause” defined – non-curable defaults	§§6.1 and 6.2	Bankruptcy, failure to meet Development Schedule, and others, including default beyond cure period under any other agreement with us. (Under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, we may be unable to terminate merely because you make a bankruptcy filing.)
i Your obligations on termination/ non-renewal	§6.7	After termination of the Development Agreement, you will have no rights to develop any additional ILLY Locations for which Retail Location Agreements or Franchise Agreements have not already been signed.
j Assignment of contract by us	§7.1	There are no limits on our right to assign the Development Agreement.
k “Transfer” by you – defined	§7.2	Includes a transfer of: (A) the Development Agreement, (B) your rights and obligations under the Development Agreement, or (C) any material asset you use in the operation of any ILLY Location.
l Our approval of transfer by you	§7.2	We have the right to approve transfers.
m Conditions for our approval of transfer	§7.2	Payment of a transfer fee, transferee’s execution of the then-current form of development agreement, transferor’s execution of general releases, and others.
n Our right of first refusal to acquire your business	Not Applicable	
o Our option to purchase your business	Not Applicable	
p Your death or disability	Not Applicable	
q Non-competition covenants during the term	§§8.2 and 8.3	Includes prohibition on engaging in a Competitive Business. A “ <b>Competitive Business</b> ” is considered to be a retail business in which the sale of brand name coffee and/or coffee related beverages and products comprise twenty percent (20%) or more of the business’ Net Sales in any month.

Provision	Section in Development Agreement	Summary
r Non-competition covenants after the franchise is terminated or expires	§8.3	Includes a 2 year prohibition similar to “q” (above) located within the Development Area, with 3 miles of the Development Area, and within 1 mile of any ILLY Location then-operating under the System, with the exception of “ <b>Excluded Existing Businesses</b> ” listed on Exhibit A to the Development Agreement.
s Modification of the agreement	§13	Must be in writing signed by both parties.
t Integration / merger clause	§13	Only the terms of the franchise agreement are binding (subject to state law). Any representations or promises outside of the disclosure document and franchise agreement may not be enforceable.
u Dispute resolution by arbitration or mediation	§§15.2 and 15.5	Before bringing any action in court, the parties must first submit the dispute to non-binding mediation (except that we can go to court to seek injunctive relief).
v Choice of forum	§15.3	Subject to state law, you must bring any action against us in a federal or state court where our principal place of business is located (currently, New York). We may bring any action against you in a federal or state court where our principal place of business is located (currently, New York).
w Choice of law	§15.1	Subject to state law, the law of the State in which we maintain our principal place of business when the dispute arises (currently, New York).

**ITEM 18**  
**PUBLIC FIGURES**

We do not use any public figures to promote the System.

**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 our management by contacting Jack Edwards, President and CEO at 800 Westchester Avenue, Suite 440-S, Rye Brook, New York 10573 or (914) 253-4462, the Federal Trade Commission, and the appropriate state regulatory agencies.

**ITEM 20**  
**OUTLETS AND FRANCHISEE INFORMATION**

**Table No. 1**  
**Systemwide Outlet Summary - US ONLY**  
**For years 2021 to 2023<sup>(Note 1)</sup>**

Outlet Type	Year	Outlets at the Start of the Year <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	Outlets at the End of the Year <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	Net Change
Franchised Outlets <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	2021	14	13	-1
	2022	13	16	+3
	2023	16	17	0
Company-Owned Outlets	2021	3	2	-1
	2022	2	1	-1
	2023	1	0	-1
<b>Total Outlets</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-2</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>+2</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-1</b>

**Table No. 2**  
**Transfers of Outlets from Franchisees to New Owners**  
**(other than to us)**  
**For years 2021 to 2023<sup>(Note 1)</sup>**

State <sup>(Note3)</sup>	Year	Number of Transfers
<b>Total</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>0</b>

**Table No. 3**  
**Status of Franchised Outlets**  
**For years 2021 to 2023**<sup>(Note 1)</sup>

State <sup>(Note2)</sup>	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Terminations	Non-Renewals	Reacquired by Us	Ceased Operations – Other Reasons	Outlets at End of the Year
CA	2021	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	2022	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	2023	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
CO	2021	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
FL	2021	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
	2022	4	1	1	0	0	0	4
	2023	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
GA	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
HI	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2023	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
IL	2021	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2022	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2023	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
MI	2021	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2022	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2023	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
NJ	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
	2023	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
NY	2021	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
	2022	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2023	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
NV	2021	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2022	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2023	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
PA	2021	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2022	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2023	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
VA	2021	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	2022	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	2023	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Totals (Note 2)</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>

**Table No. 4**  
**Status of Company-Owned Outlets**  
**For years 2021 to 2023<sup>(Note 1)</sup>**

State <sup>(Note 3)</sup>	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Outlets Reacquired from Franchisee	Outlets Closed	Outlets Sold to Franchisee	Outlets at End of the Year
CA	2021	3	0	0	1	0	2
	2022	2	0	0	1	0	1
	2023	1	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Notes to Tables 1-4:

1. The numbers for 2021-2023 are as of the end of our fiscal year for each year, which is December 31 of each year.
2. States not listed had no activity during the relevant period.
3. There is one licensed ILLY coffee bar in the United States. Please refer to Exhibit E. The unit count does not include a unit operated by a license in New York because that unit operates under a different contractual arrangement than our standard franchise program. LEGENDS – needs to be renewed.

**Table No. 5**  
**Projected Openings As Of December 31, 2023**

State	Retail Location Agreements/Franchise Agreements Signed But Outlet Not Opened	Projected New Franchised Outlet in the Next Fiscal Year	Projected New Company-Owned Outlet in the Next Fiscal Year
Georgia	1	2	0
District of Columbia	0	1	0
Maryland	0	1	
Illinois	0	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

Our current franchised locations are listed in **Exhibit E**.

Exhibit E also lists our franchisees that have had a Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement terminated, canceled or not renewed or who otherwise voluntarily or involuntarily ceased to do business with us during the most recently completed fiscal year (year ended December 31, 2023), or who failed to communicate with us within 10 weeks from the date of issuance of this Disclosure Document. If you buy this franchise, your contact information may be disclosed to other buyers when you leave the System.

There are no currently effective confidentiality agreements between us and any former or current franchisees. We do not know of any trademark-specific organization associated with our System. No independent franchisee organization has asked to be included in this Disclosure Document.

## **ITEM 21** **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Attached as **Exhibit F** are our audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, December 31, 2022, and December 31, 2021. Our fiscal year ends on December 31 each year.

## **ITEM 22** **CONTRACTS**

The following contracts are attached as exhibits to this Disclosure Document:

- Retail Location Agreement
  - (A) Retailer-Specific Information;
  - (B) Guarantee, Indemnification and Acknowledgment;
  - (C) Authorization Agreement for Prearranged Payments (Direct Debit)
  - (D) ADA Certification;
  - (E) Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement
  - (F) Optional – Hotel Addendum
- Franchise Agreement
  - (A) Approved Location and Territory;
  - (B) Site Selection Addendum;
  - (C) Guarantee, Indemnification and Acknowledgment;
  - (D) List of Principals;
  - (E) Authorization Agreement for Prearranged Payments (Direct Debits);
  - (F) ADA Certification;
  - (G) Lease Rider;
  - (H) Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement
- Development Agreement
  - (A) Development Area and Development Schedule
  - (B) Guarantee, Indemnification and Acknowledgment
  - (C) Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement
- Equipment Loan Agreement

## **ITEM 23** **RECEIPTS**

The last two pages of this Disclosure Document (**Exhibit L**) are identical pages acknowledging receipt of this entire document (including the exhibits). Please sign and return to us one copy; please keep the other copy along with this Disclosure Document.

**EXHIBIT A-1**

**RETAIL LOCATION AGREEMENT**

**ILLY CAFFÈ  
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Exhibits:

- A Retailer-Specific Information
- B Guarantee, Indemnification and Acknowledgement
- C Authorization Agreement for Prearranged Payments (Direct Debits)
- D ADA Certification
- E Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement
- F Hotel Addendum

**ILLY CAFFÈ  
RETAIL LOCATION AGREEMENT**

THIS RETAIL LOCATION AGREEMENT (the “**Agreement**”) is made and entered into on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the “**Effective Date**”), by and between:

- **illy caffè North America, Inc.** a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 800 Westchester Avenue, Suite 440-S, Rye Brook, NY 10573 (“**Franchisor**”); and
- \_\_\_\_\_ a  
[resident of] [corporation organized in] [limited liability company organized in] \_\_\_\_\_  
and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_  
 (“**Retailer**”).

RECITALS:

A. WHEREAS, Franchisor is a Delaware company that is part of an Italian corporate family internationally known and appreciated for the production and marketing of coffee, coffee related products and accessories under the trademark “ILLY.” Capitalizing on the consumer awareness and the image and reputation of the “ILLY” products, Franchisor and its affiliates, as the result of the expenditure of time, skill, effort and money, have developed and own a format and system (the “**System**”) relating to the establishment and operation of coffee outlet businesses (the “**Retail Locations**,” the expression “**the Retail Location**” refers to the Retail Location operated by Retailer at the Approved Location) that operate under the Proprietary Marks (defined below) in buildings that are designed using and which bear Franchisor’s interior and exterior trade dress, use equipment, furnishings and promotional items according to Franchisor’s specifications, and specialize in the sale of “ILLY” products and specialty beverages and items prepared according to Franchisor’s proprietary recipes, formulae and techniques (together, the “**ILLY Products**”), as well as such other food and beverage items, related products and accessories as Franchisor may periodically specify (“**Additional Products**”). Together, ILLY Products and Additional Products will be referred to as “**Products**.”

B. WHEREAS, the distinguishing characteristics of the System include, without limitation, a specially-designed building or facility, distinctive interior and exterior design and accessories; Products; procedures for operations; quality and uniformity of products and services offered; procedures for management and inventory control; training and assistance; and marketing and promotional programs; all of which may be changed, improved, and further developed by Franchisor from time to time.

C. WHEREAS, Franchisor identifies the System by means of certain trade names, service marks, trademarks, logos, emblems, and indicia of origin, including but not limited to the marks “ILLY CAFFÈ” and “ILLY” and such other trade names, service marks, and trademarks as are now designated (and may hereinafter be designated by Franchisor in writing) for use in connection with the System (collectively, the “**Proprietary Marks**”).

D. WHEREAS, Franchisor and its affiliates continue to develop, use, and control the use of the Proprietary Marks to identify for the public the source of products and services marketed under the Proprietary Marks and under the System, and to represent the System’s high standards of quality, appearance, and service.

E. WHEREAS, Retailer is a \_\_\_\_\_, which operates, or has the right to operate within, a certain facility described on **Exhibit A** (the “**Facility**”).

F. WHEREAS, as a component of Retailer’s management of the Facility, Retailer wishes to enter into this agreement for the purpose of operating one of the Retail Locations under the System within

the Facility, and to receive the training, expertise, know-how, and other assistance provided by Franchisor in connection therewith.

G. WHEREAS, Retailer understands and acknowledges the importance to Franchisor and its affiliates, of Franchisor's high standards of quality, cleanliness, appearance, and service and the necessity of operating the business franchised under this Agreement in conformity with Franchisor's standards and specifications.

#### AGREEMENT:

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties, in consideration of the undertakings and commitments of each party to the other set forth in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, agree as follows:

## 1 GRANT

1.1 *Rights, Obligations.* Upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Franchisor hereby grants to Retailer the right, and Retailer accepts the obligation, to: (a) operate the Retail Location under the System in the format specified by Franchisor; (b) use the Proprietary Marks and the System, only in connection with the Retail Location, as Franchisor may periodically change or improve the Proprietary Marks and the System; and (c) do these things only at the address listed at the Approved Location (as defined in **Section 1.2**).

1.2 *Approved Location.* The address of the "**Approved Location**" under this Agreement is specified in **Exhibit A** to this Agreement. Retailer shall not relocate the Retail Location without Franchisor's prior written consent. Franchisor shall have the right to grant or withhold approval of the Approved Location under this **Section**. Retailer acknowledges and agrees that approval of Retailer's proposed location, under this **Section**, does not constitute any assurance, representation, or warranty of Franchisor of any kind, that the Approved Location will be profitable or successful.

1.3 *Territory and Franchisor's Reserved Rights.* Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, during the term of this Agreement, Franchisor shall not establish or operate, nor license any other person to establish or operate, a Retail Location at any location within the territory specified in **Exhibit A** (the "**Territory**"). Franchisor retains all other rights, and may, among other things, on any terms and conditions Franchisor deems advisable, and without granting Retailer any rights therein (and, in each case, despite their proximity to the Approved Location and/or the Territory, and despite their actual or threatened impact on sales of the Retail Location) do all of the following:

1.3.1 Own, acquire, establish, and/or operate and license others to establish and operate, Retail Locations under the System at any location outside the Territory;

1.3.2 Own, acquire, establish, and/or operate, and license others to establish and operate, Retail Locations under the Proprietary Marks at Reserved Facilities (as defined below) at any location within or outside the Territory. As used in this Agreement, "**Reserved Facilities**" shall mean: airports; hotels that are operated as part of, or in connection with, a national or international hotel and lodging chain or brand; department stores; supermarkets and grocery stores that are operated as part of, or in connection with a retail chain or brand; cultural institutions (examples include, but are not limited to, theaters, museums, art centers and educational facilities); and business and industrial complexes and offices at which the food services are managed by service providers with national or international operations;

1.3.3 Own, acquire, establish, and/or operate and license others to establish and operate businesses: (a) using the Proprietary Marks (but not the "ILLY CAFFÈ" mark) and other marks in connection with the operation of such businesses; (b) which businesses may be

similar to Retail Locations; and (c) which may be located within or outside the Territory (but this clause shall not allow Franchisor to operate or license others to operate a Retail Location inside the Territory under the System, unless permitted pursuant to **Section 1.4.2**); and/or

- 1.3.4 Sell and distribute, directly or indirectly, and/or license others to sell and to distribute, directly or indirectly, any products (including products bearing the Proprietary Marks (but not the “ILLY CAFFÈ” mark)) from any location and to any business or customer within or outside of the Territory, including without limitation through restaurants, cafes, retail kiosks, grocery or convenience stores or other retail outlets, and any other distribution channels (including without limitation, through retail, wholesale, mail order, toll free numbers, or the Internet); provided that this clause shall not allow Franchisor to operate or license others to operate a Retail Location inside the Territory under: (x) the System; and (y) the Proprietary Marks, unless permitted pursuant to **Section 1.4.2**.

- 1.4 *Limits on Where Retailer Can Sell.* Retailer shall offer and sell Products only from the Retail Location, only in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and the procedures and standards set forth in the Manuals, and only to: (a) retail customers for consumption on the Retail Location’s premises; (b) retail customers for personal carry-out consumption of Products sold at the Retail Location; (c) delivery to customers located in the Territory; and (d) to catering customers located in the Territory; provided that all such activities shall be conducted only in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and the procedures set forth in the Manuals and all applicable laws. As used in this Agreement, the term “**delivery customers**” means customers that purchase Products for delivery to (and consumption in) their home or office or other locations (including the Facility), and “**catering customers**” means customers for whom catering services are provided at their homes, offices, and other locations (including the Facility). Retailer shall not engage in any other type of sale of, or offer to sell, or distribution of Products, including but not limited to, selling, distributing, or otherwise providing, any Products at wholesale, or for resale or distribution by any third party, or through satellite locations, sales or mail order catalogs, temporary locations, carts or kiosks, the Internet, or through any other electronic or print media.

## **2 TERM AND RENEWAL**

- 2.1 *Term.* The term of this Agreement will start on the Effective Date and, unless this Agreement is earlier terminated in accordance with its provisions, will expire five (5) years from the Effective Date.

- 2.2 *Renewal.* Retailer may, at its option, renew this Agreement for one (1) additional term of five (5) years. The grant of an additional term shall be subject to the following conditions, all of which must be met before renewal:

- 2.2.1 Retailer shall give Franchisor written notice of Retailer’s election to renew no fewer than six (6) months nor more than twelve (12) months before the end of the initial term;

- 2.2.2 Retailer shall remodel and refurbish the Retail Location to comply with Franchisor’s then-current standards in effect for new Retail Locations to the extent applicable, so long as such remodeling and refurbishment is consistent with the requirements of the Facility and is consistent with other Franchisor Retail Locations. Retailer shall complete all required remodeling and refurbishment within such period as Franchisor may specify as a condition of the renewal.

- 2.2.3 Retailer shall not be in material default of any provision of this Agreement, any amendment to this Agreement, any successor to this Agreement, or any other agreement between Retailer and Franchisor or its subsidiaries and affiliates related to the Retail Location; and, in Franchisor’s reasonable judgment, Retailer must have substantially complied with all the

material terms and conditions of this Agreement, such other agreements related to the Retail Location, as well as the operating standards that Franchisor has prescribed during the term of this Agreement;

- 2.2.4 Retailer must have satisfied all monetary obligations owed by Retailer to Franchisor and Franchisor's subsidiaries and affiliates, and to approved suppliers and distributors, and must have timely met those obligations in all material respects throughout the term of this Agreement, excepting only those obligations that are subject to a bona fide dispute, which Retailer shall use good faith efforts to resolve prior to renewal;
- 2.2.5 Retailer shall execute Franchisor's then-current form of retail location agreement, which agreement shall supersede this Agreement in all respects (except with respect to the renewal provisions of the new retail location agreement, which shall not supersede this **Section 2**), and Retailer acknowledges that the terms, conditions, and provisions of which, and the obligations of the parties thereto, may differ substantially from the terms, conditions, provisions and obligations in this Agreement, including, without limitation, a higher percentage royalty fee and marketing contribution;
- 2.2.6 Retailer shall pay, in lieu of an initial fee, a renewal fee equal to fifty percent (50%) of the then-current initial fee, but not less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000);
- 2.2.7 Retailer shall execute a general release, in a form prescribed by Franchisor, of any and all claims against Franchisor and its current and former subsidiaries and affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, agents, and employees;
- 2.2.8 Retailer shall confirm (through documentation acceptable to Franchisor) to Franchisor that Retailer has the right to remain in possession of the premises of the Retail Location for the duration of the renewal term, or shall obtain approval by Franchisor of a new site for the Retail Location for the duration of the renewal term; and
- 2.2.9 Retailer and its personnel shall comply with Franchisor's then-current qualification and training requirements.

### **3 FRANCHISOR'S DUTIES**

- 3.1 *Training.* At least 30 days before the date of opening of the Retail Location, Franchisor (directly or through a provider designated by Franchisor) shall provide to Retailer, its owners and/or its employees which Franchisor designates (provided that any such person must be effectively employed by Retailer or under contract with Retailer for the Retail Location), such training programs as Franchisor may designate, to be conducted at such time(s) and location(s) designated by Franchisor. Franchisor shall also provide such ongoing training as it may periodically deem appropriate. Franchisor shall be responsible for the cost of instruction and materials (except as set forth in **Section 6.3**). Retailer shall be responsible for all costs of its attendees at such training (including travel, lodging, food, and other expenses).
- 3.2 *Standard Layout.* Franchisor shall make available to Retailer a standard layout and plan for the construction of a Retail Location and for the exterior and interior design and layout, fixtures, furnishings, equipment, and signs. Retailer understands and acknowledges that Franchisor has the right to modify the prototype architectural plans and specifications as Franchisor periodically deems appropriate.
- 3.3 *Opening Assistance.* Franchisor shall have the right (but not the obligation) to provide a representative to be present at the opening of the Retail Location. Franchisor will provide such

additional on-site pre-opening and opening supervision and marketing assistance as Franchisor deems advisable.

- 3.4 *Manuals.* Franchisor shall provide Retailer with access to Franchisor's confidential operations manuals (the "**Manuals**"), in the manner and as described in **Section 8**.
- 3.5 *Marketing Materials.* Franchisor shall review and shall have the right, acting reasonably, to approve or disapprove all marketing and promotional materials that Retailer proposes to use in connection with the operation of the Retail Location (other than marketing and/or promotional materials related to the Facility generally), pursuant to **Section 11**.
- 3.6 *Opening Marketing Program.* On Retailer's request, Franchisor may, as it deems appropriate, assist Retailer in developing and conducting the Opening Marketing Program (as described in **Section 11.4**), which program shall be conducted at Retailer's expense.
- 3.7 *Inspection Before Opening.* Franchisor shall have the right to inspect the Retail Location before it first opens for business. Retailer shall not open the Retail Location or otherwise start operations without Franchisor's prior written approval.
- 3.8 *Periodic Assistance.* Franchisor will provide periodic assistance to Retailer in the marketing, management, and operation of the Retail Location as Franchisor determines at the time(s) and in the manner agreed to by Franchisor and Retailer, acting reasonably.
- 3.9 *Delegation.* Retailer acknowledges and agrees that any designee, employee, or agent of Franchisor, or an independent contractor may perform any duty or obligation imposed on Franchisor by this Agreement, as Franchisor may direct.
- 3.10 *Franchisor's Decision-Making.* In fulfilling its obligations pursuant to this Agreement, and in conducting any activities or exercising any rights pursuant to this Agreement, Franchisor (and its affiliates) shall have the right: (a) to take into account, as it sees fit, the effect on, and the interests of, other Retail Locations and systems and in which Franchisor has an interest and on Franchisor's (and its affiliates') own activities; (b) to share market and product research, and Franchisor's proprietary and non-proprietary business information, with other Retail Locations and systems in which Franchisor (or its affiliates) has an interest, or with Franchisor's affiliates; (c) to introduce proprietary items or operational equipment used by the System into other systems in which Franchisor has an interest; and/or (d) to allocate resources and new developments between and among systems, and/or Franchisor's affiliates, as Franchisor sees fit. Retailer understands and agrees that all of Franchisor's obligations under this Agreement are subject to this **Section**, and that nothing in this **Section** shall in any way affect Retailer's obligations under this Agreement.
- 3.11 *Products.* Franchisor shall use its best efforts to ensure that Products Franchisor produces, packages, manufactures, sells and distributes are in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations including, without limitation, as they relate to food quality and health and safety. Franchisor shall use its best efforts to ensure that these Products bear truthful and accurate labeling that complies with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Retailer shall be solely responsible for ensuring it is at all times operating the Retail Location in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations concerning food safety, menus, and caloric information.
- 3.12 *Marketing Funds.* If created, Franchisor shall administer the "ILLY" System Marketing Fund and any Regional Marketing Fund, in the manner set forth in **Section 11**.

## 4 FEES; SALES REPORTING

- 4.1 *Initial Fee.* Retailer shall pay Franchisor an initial fee of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) (the “**Initial Fee**”), which shall be due and payable at the time that this Agreement is signed. Payment of the Initial Fee shall be non-refundable in consideration of administrative and other expenses incurred by Franchisor in granting these rights and for Franchisor’s lost or deferred opportunity to grant such rights to others.
- 4.2 *Royalty Fee.* For each month during the term of this Agreement, Retailer shall: (a) pay Franchisor a continuing royalty fee in an amount equal to six percent (6%) of the Net Sales of the Retail Location (“**Royalty Fees**”); and (b) report to Franchisor in writing (or electronically) its Net Sales in a form specified by Franchisor (a “**Sales Report**”). As used in this Agreement, the term “**Net Sales**” means all revenue from the sale of all Products, and all other income of the Retail Location of every kind and nature related to, derived from, or originating from the Retail Location, including but not limited to: (a) revenues from delivery and catering services; and (b) proceeds of any business interruption insurance policies, whether at retail or wholesale (whether such sales are permitted or not), whether for cash, check, or credit, and regardless of collection in the case of check or credit. Net Sales will also include amounts Retailer earns from the sale of any online group-bought deals (e.g., Groupon or Living Social) and the sale of any gift cards or gift certificates, calculated using Franchisor’s then-current guidelines, which may be based on the redeemed value or sale price of the deals, cards, or certificates. “Net Sales” excludes certain costs or adjustments, such as any customer refunds, sales taxes, and/or other taxes Retailer collects from customers and transmits to the appropriate taxing authorities, but no deduction shall be made for any other cost and expenses.
- 4.3 *Due Date.* All payments required by **Section 4.2** based on the Net Sales for the preceding month, and the Sales Report required by **Section 4.2** for the Net Sales for the preceding month, shall be paid and submitted so as to be received by Franchisor on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of each month.
- 4.3.1 Retailer shall deliver to Franchisor any and all reports, statements and/or other information required under **Section 10**, at the time and in the format reasonably requested by Franchisor. Retailer shall establish an arrangement for electronic funds transfer or deposit of any payments required under this **Section 4**.
- 4.3.2 Retailer agrees to sign and return to Franchisor Franchisor’s current form of Authorization Agreement for ACH Payments (Direct Debits for Royalty, Marketing Fund Contribution, and Other Fees), a copy of which is attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit C**, and Retailer shall comply with the payment and reporting procedures specified by Franchisor in the Manuals.
- 4.3.3 Retailer expressly acknowledges and agrees that Retailer’s obligations for the full and timely payment of Royalty Fees and marketing contributions due under Section 11 or otherwise (and all other amounts provided for in this Agreement) shall be absolute, unconditional, fully earned, and due upon Retailer’s generation of Net Sales.
- 4.3.4 Retailer agrees that it shall not, for any reason, delay or withhold the payment of all or any part of those or any other payments due under this Agreement, put the same in escrow or set-off the same against any claims or alleged claims Retailer may allege against Franchisor, the System Marketing Fund, or others, excepting only those obligations that are subject to a bona fide dispute, which Retailer shall use good faith efforts to resolve on a timely basis by providing Franchisor with notice in writing of the basis for any such dispute. Retailer shall not, on grounds of any alleged non-performance by Franchisor or others, withhold payment of any fee (including without limitation Royalty Fees or marketing contributions) nor withhold or delay submission of any reports due under this Agreement (including but not limited to Sales Reports).

- 4.4 *Adjustments to Amounts of Royalty and Marketing Expenditures.* In the event that and for so long as Retailer's liquor license for the Retail Location prohibits the payment of money to third parties based on revenues collected from the sale of alcoholic beverages, then, in such event:
- 4.4.1 Retailer shall provide a copy of the liquor license and ABC Code to Franchisor;
  - 4.4.2 The term "Net Sales" as defined in Section 4.2 shall exclude revenues collected by Retailer from the sale of alcoholic beverages at the Retail Location;
  - 4.4.3 The royalty fee set forth in Section 4.2 shall be increased to an amount as designated by Franchisor; and
  - 4.4.4 Retailer shall include in the reports furnished to Franchisor pursuant to Section 10.3 such information as Franchisor shall reasonably require concerning Retailer's sale of alcoholic beverages at the Retail Location.
- 4.5 *No Subordination.* Retailer shall not subordinate to any other obligation its obligation to pay Franchisor the Royalty Fee and/or any other fee or charge payable to Franchisor, whether under this Agreement or otherwise.
- 4.6 *Payment Method.* All payments due under this Agreement shall be paid in United States Dollars and shall be deemed fully earned and non-refundable upon receipt.
- 4.7 *Late Payment.* Any payment or report not actually received by Franchisor (or the appropriate marketing fund) on or before such date shall be deemed overdue. If any payment is overdue, Retailer shall pay Franchisor, in addition to the overdue amount, interest on such amount from the date it was due until paid, at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, but not more than the maximum rate permitted by law (if any). Entitlement to such interest shall be in addition to any other remedies Franchisor may have.
- 4.8 *Purchase of Products.* Retailer will pay Franchisor and its affiliates for any Product and other items purchased from them in accordance with such payment and credit terms as may be periodically established. Any credit terms are contingent on Retailer and its affiliates being in compliance with this Agreement and all other agreements entered into with Franchisor or its affiliates.
- 4.9 *Other Funds Due.* Retailer shall pay to Franchisor, within fifteen (15) days of any written request by Franchisor that is accompanied by reasonable substantiating material, any monies that Franchisor has paid, or has become obligated to pay, on behalf of Retailer, by consent or otherwise under this Agreement.

## **5 RETAIL LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION**

- 5.1 *Establishing the Retail Location.* Retailer shall at its own expense construct, equip and establish the Retail Location in compliance with this Agreement and have it open and in operation no later than six (6) months after the Effective Date of this Agreement (or such longer period as is agreed to by the parties in the event of delay caused by the Retail Location landlord or Facility owner or management, as applicable). Time is of the essence. Retailer acknowledges and agrees that any site selection assistance or approval provided by Franchisor shall not be construed or interpreted as a guarantee of success for the Approved Location (or any other site), nor shall any location recommendation or approval made by Franchisor be deemed a representation that any particular location is available for use as a Retail Location. The specific site of the Retail Location within the Facility, including any relocation of the Retail Location pursuant to **Section 5.4**, is subject to the approval of Franchisor. Franchisor's approval of the location may be conditioned upon the inclusion

in any lease for the premises of a provision permitting the sale of liquor, wine, and beer from the premises.

5.2 *Preparing the Site.* Retailer agrees that, promptly after obtaining possession of the Approved Location, Retailer shall do all of the following things:

5.2.1 Employ a qualified, licensed architect or engineer to prepare, for Franchisor's approval, preliminary plans and specifications for site improvement and construction of the Retail Location based upon prototype design and image specifications furnished by Franchisor as described in **Section 3.2**. Retailer understands and acknowledges that every detail of the Retail Location is important to Retailer, Franchisor, and other retailers in the System in order to develop and maintain high operating standards, to increase the demand for the services and products, and to protect Franchisor's reputation and goodwill. Franchisor acknowledges and agrees that plans and specifications for Retail Locations situated in locations such as the Facility sometimes require adjustments from Franchisor's standard requirements, and Franchisor and Retailer agree to each act reasonably and in good faith to resolve such matters, provided that Franchisor shall have no obligation to accept or approve any adjustment that Franchisor reasonably believes shall detract from the quality standards or image of the System.

5.2.2 Obtain all zoning classifications and clearances which may be required by state or local laws, ordinances, or regulations or which may be necessary or advisable owing to any restrictive covenants relating to the Approved Location. In addition, Retailer shall obtain all required permits and licenses (such as liquor licenses and building, utility, health and sign permits). After having obtained such approvals, clearances, licenses, and permits, Retailer shall submit to Franchisor, for Franchisor's approval, final plans for construction based upon the preliminary plans and specifications. Once approved by Franchisor, such final plans shall not thereafter be changed or modified without Franchisor's prior written consent.

5.2.3 Purchase or lease, or cause to be purchased or leased, equipment, fixtures, furniture and signs as required under this Agreement (including but not limited to the specifications provided by Franchisor in writing, whether in the Manuals or otherwise).

5.2.4 Otherwise complete development of and have the Retail Location ready to open and commence the conduct of its business in accordance with **Section 6.2**.

5.3 *Construction or Renovation.* In connection with any construction or renovation and equipping of the Retail Location, Retailer, at its expense, shall comply, to Franchisor's satisfaction, with all of the following requirements:

5.3.1 Retailer shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, codes and regulations, including, without limitation, the applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (the "**ADA**") (and/or similar rules governing public accommodations or commercial facilities for persons with disabilities), regarding the construction, design and operation of the Retail Location. In connection therewith, Retailer acknowledges and agrees that:

5.3.1.1 Any standard layout and plans that Franchisor provides to Retailer, do not meet and are not meant to address the requirements of any federal, state or local law, code or regulation (including without limitation those concerning the ADA and/or similar rules governing public accommodations or commercial facilities for persons with disabilities), nor shall such plans contain the requirements of, or be used for, construction drawings or other documentation necessary to obtain permits or authorization to build a specific Retail Location, compliance with all of which shall be Retailer's responsibility and at Retailer's expense. Retailer shall,

pursuant to **Section 5.2**, adapt, at Retailer's expense, the standard specifications to the site for Retailer's Retail Location, subject to Franchisor's approval.

- 5.3.1.2 Franchisor's approval of preliminary and final plans, as described in **Section 5.2** shall be limited to conformance with Franchisor's standard image specifications and layout and shall not relate to Retailer's obligations with respect to any federal, state, and local laws, codes and regulations including, without limitation, the applicable provisions of the ADA regarding the construction, design and operation of the Retail Location, which subjects shall be Retailer's sole responsibility.
- 5.3.1.3 If Retailer receives any complaint, claim, or other notice related to the Retail Location alleging a failure to comply with the ADA, Retailer agrees that it shall provide Franchisor with a copy of such notice within five (5) days after receipt thereof.
- 5.3.2 Retailer shall obtain all permits and certifications required for the lawful construction and operation of the Retail Location and shall, upon Franchisor's written request, certify in writing to Franchisor that all such permits and certifications have been obtained.
- 5.3.3 Retailer shall employ a qualified, licensed general contractor who is reasonably acceptable to Franchisor to construct the Retail Location and to complete all improvements. Retailer shall obtain and maintain in force during the entire period of construction the insurance required under **Section 13**; and Retailer shall deliver to Franchisor, upon Franchisor's written request, such proof of such insurance, as Franchisor shall require. Retailer acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor shall not be liable for the unsatisfactory performance of any contractor retained by Retailer.
- 5.3.4 Retailer shall complete the construction and/or remodeling, equipment, fixture, furniture and sign installation and decorating of the Retail Location in full and strict compliance with plans and specifications for the Retail Location that Franchisor has specified or approved in writing (including, without limitation, any exterior design decorations and other signage as Franchisor may require in connection with the opening of the Retail Location), as well as all applicable ordinances, building codes and permit requirements.
- 5.3.5 Before opening for business, Retailer shall comply with all pre-opening requirements set forth in this Agreement, the Manuals, and/or otherwise specified by Franchisor in writing.
- 5.3.6 Before opening the Retail Location, and after any renovation, Retailer shall execute and deliver to Franchisor an ADA Certification in the form attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit D**, to certify to Franchisor that the Retail Location and any proposed renovations comply with the ADA.
- 5.4 *Relocation.* Retailer agrees not to relocate the Retail Location without Franchisor's prior written consent. Franchisor shall have the right to grant or to withhold its approval as to any proposed relocation and, if Franchisor's approval is granted, Retailer understands that Franchisor's approval will not be deemed to be a guarantee, representation, or assurance by Franchisor that the Retail Location will be profitable or successful. Franchisor acknowledges that a temporary relocation of the Approved Location within the Facility may be necessary due to Facility renovation.

## 6 RETAILER'S DUTIES

- 6.1 *Importance of Following Standards.* Retailer understands and acknowledges that every detail of the Retail Location is important to Retailer, Franchisor, and other retailers in order to develop and maintain high operating standards, to increase the demand for the Products, and to protect Franchisor's reputation and goodwill.
- 6.2 *Opening.* In connection with the opening of the Retail Location:
- 6.2.1 Retailer shall conduct, at Retailer's expense, such pre-opening and opening promotional and marketing activities as Franchisor may require, as set forth in **Section 11**.
  - 6.2.2 Retailer shall give Franchisor prior written notice at least fifteen (15) days before the date on which Retailer proposes to first open the Retail Location for business. Retailer shall not open the Retail Location for business prior to obtaining Franchisor's written authorization and Franchisor shall have the right to have a representative of Franchisor present during the opening of the Retail Location.
  - 6.2.3 Retailer shall not open the Retail Location until Franchisor has determined that all construction has been substantially completed, and that the construction conforms to Franchisor's standards including, but not limited to, materials, quality of work, signage, decor, paint, and equipment, and Franchisor has given Retailer written approval to open, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
  - 6.2.4 Retailer shall not open the Retail Location until the Managers/Key Personnel (as defined in **Section 6.3**) have successfully completed all training required by Franchisor, and Retailer has hired and trained to Franchisor's standards a sufficient number of employees as reasonably determined by Retailer to service the anticipated level of the Retail Location's customers.
  - 6.2.5 In addition, Retailer shall not open the Retail Location until the Initial Fee and all other amounts due to Franchisor under this Agreement or any other related agreements have been paid.
  - 6.2.6 Within thirty (30) days after the Retail Location first opens for business and if Franchisor is able to obtain such information from contractors, suppliers and the owner(s) of the Facility, Retailer must give Franchisor a full written breakdown of all costs associated with the development and construction of the Retail Location, which must be in such form as Franchisor may reasonably find acceptable or as it may otherwise reasonably require.
- 6.3 *Training.* At least 30 days before the opening of the Retail Location, Retailer (or, if Retailer is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership, one of Retailer's owners who is designated to supervise the operation of the Retail Location) and/or such key personnel that Franchisor designates (the "**Managers/Key Personnel**") shall attend and successfully complete, to Franchisor's satisfaction, the training program offered by Franchisor, pursuant to **Section 3.1**. Once open, the Retail Location shall at all times be operated under the active management of either Retailer or the Managers/Key Personnel who have successfully completed (to Franchisor's satisfaction) Franchisor's training program. The Retail Location must (1) employ two or more employees who have successfully completed Franchisor's required initial training programs to Franchisor's satisfaction; and (2) have a trained employee in the Retail Location during the operating hours. If any required attendee does not satisfactorily complete such training, Franchisor may require that a replacement person attend and successfully complete, to Franchisor's satisfaction, the initial training program.

- 6.3.1 If Retailer or any Managers/Key Personnel who attended the initial training ceases in active management or employment at the Retail Location, the Retailer must: (1) notify the Franchisor in writing within seven (7) days after the employees' departure; and (2) identify to the Franchisor in writing a replacement employee (and include all information we require) within twenty-one (21) days after the previous employee's departure. The replacement employee must attend and successfully complete the initial training program to the Franchisor's reasonable satisfaction.
- 6.3.2 The Retailer and its employees may also be required to attend such refresher courses, seminars, and other additional training programs as Franchisor may reasonably specify from time to time and for which Franchisor may require Retailer to pay fees.
- 6.3.3 If Retailer requests that Franchisor provide additional on-site training, and Franchisor is able to do so, then Retailer agrees that it shall pay Franchisor's then-current per diem charges and out-of-pocket expenses, which shall be as set forth in the Manuals or otherwise in writing.
- 6.3.4 The cost of all training (instruction and required materials and instructors, and Franchisor's instructors' salaries, travel, and entertainment expenses) shall be borne by Franchisor, except as specified above in this **Section 6.3**. All other expenses incurred in connection with training, including without limitation the costs relating to transportation, lodging, meals, wages, and worker's compensation insurance for Retailer and its employees, shall be borne by Retailer.
- 6.4 *Use of the Premises.* Retailer shall use the Retail Location premises solely for the operation of the Retail Location; shall keep the Retail Location open and in normal operation for such hours and days as reasonably required by Franchisor or the Facility; and shall refrain from using or permitting the use of the Retail Location premises for any other purpose or activity at any time, without prior written consent of Franchisor. As used in this **Section**, the term "**premises**" shall include the grounds surrounding the Retail Location, if and to the extent that Retailer has control over any portion of the grounds surrounding the Retail Location.
- 6.5 *Staffing.* Retailer agrees to maintain a competent, conscientious, courteous, trained staff in numbers sufficient to promptly service customers and to maintain and promote the image and atmosphere required by Franchisor for the System as set forth in the Manuals, including at least one (1) manager on duty at all times and to take such steps as are necessary to ensure that its employees preserve good customer relations and comply with such dress and appearance code as Franchisor may prescribe.
- 6.6 *Health Standards and Notice of Violations.* Retailer shall meet and maintain the highest health standards and ratings applicable to the operation of the Retail Location. If Retailer receives a copy of a material warning, citation, certification and/or rating resulting from inspections conducted by any federal, state or local agency with jurisdiction over the Retail Location, Retailer shall furnish to Franchisor a copy of such notice if the circumstances that caused the warning, citation, or certificate and/or rating is not resolved within thirty (30) days thereof. After the third (3rd) warning, citation, certification and/or rating resulting from such inspection for the Retail Location, Retailer shall forward a copy of every warning, citation, certification and/or rating to Franchisor. Retailer will notify Franchisor within five (5) days of: (a) the commencement of any action, suit, or proceeding in respect of the Retail Location, and of the issuance of any order, writ, injunction, award, or decree of any court, agency, or other governmental instrumentality in respect of the Retail Location; or (b) the occurrence of any accident or injury in respect of the Retail Location that may adversely affect the operation of the Retail Location, or give rise to liability or a claim against Retailer in respect of its operations of the Retail Location or against Franchisor.

- 6.7 *Retail Location Condition and Maintenance.* Retailer shall at all times maintain the Retail Location in a high degree of sanitation, repair, and condition, and in connection therewith shall make such additions, alterations, repairs, and replacements thereto (but no others without Franchisor's prior written consent) as may be required for that purpose, including, without limitation, such periodic repainting or replacement of obsolete signs, furnishings, equipment, and décor as Franchisor may reasonably direct.
- 6.8 *Conformity to Standards.* To ensure that the highest degree of quality and service is maintained, Retailer shall operate the Retail Location in strict conformity with such methods, standards, and specifications as Franchisor may periodically prescribe in the Manuals or otherwise in writing. Retailer agrees:
- 6.8.1 To purchase and maintain for sale and/or provide in the Retail Location, at all times, the ILLY Products and such Additional Products as Franchisor periodically designates as mandatory Product offerings. Retailer shall comply with Franchisor's written standards and specifications for mandatory Products that may include, without limitation, purchasing and maintaining sufficient inventory of Products in accordance with Franchisor's standards and specifications and other requirements (such as for quality, brand, type, production specifications, freshness, and health and safety standards). Retailer shall replace any or all inventory to reflect the current required Product offerings for the System specified by Franchisor, which offerings Franchisor may change on a periodic basis.
- 6.8.2 To sell or offer for sale only such Products as have been expressly approved for sale in writing by Franchisor; to sell or offer for sale all such Products, utilizing the standards and techniques, as specified by Franchisor; to refrain from any deviation from Franchisor's standards and specifications, without Franchisor's prior written consent; and to discontinue selling and offering for sale any Products that Franchisor has disapproved, in writing, at any time (provided that Retailer shall have a period of sixty (60) days to do so). Franchisor has the right to disapprove, in writing, any Product for sale or offer for sale at the Retail Location. If Retailer deviates or proposes to deviate from Franchisor's standards and specifications, whether or not such deviation is approved by Franchisor, such deviation shall become the property of Franchisor, except where such deviation is proprietary to Retailer and so designated by Retailer in writing prior to its use in the Retail Location.
- 6.8.3 To maintain in sufficient supply and to use at all times only such ingredients, supplies and materials as have been expressly approved for sale in writing by Franchisor and as conform to Franchisor's written standards and specifications, and to refrain from deviating therefrom by the use or offer of any non-conforming items without Franchisor's specific prior written consent.
- 6.8.4 To permit Franchisor or its agents, at any reasonable time, to remove samples of Products, without payment, in amounts reasonably necessary for testing by Franchisor or an independent laboratory to determine whether the samples meet Franchisor's then-current standards and specifications. In addition to any other remedies it may have under this Agreement, Franchisor may require Retailer to bear the cost of such testing if the supplier of the item has not previously been approved by Franchisor or if the sample fails to conform to Franchisor's specifications.
- 6.8.5 To purchase and install, at Retailer's expense, all fixtures, furnishings, equipment, decor, and signs as Franchisor specifies; and to refrain from installing or permitting to be installed on or about the Retail Location premises, without Franchisor's prior written consent, any fixtures, furnishings, equipment, decor, signs, or other items not previously approved as meeting Franchisor's standards and specifications.

- 6.8.6 To refrain from installing or permitting to be installed any vending machine, ATM, game or coin operated device, unless specifically approved in writing, in advance, by Franchisor.
- 6.8.7 To fully and faithfully comply with all applicable governing authorities, laws and regulations, which by this reference are made part of this Agreement as if incorporated in this Agreement. Retailer shall immediately close the Retail Location and terminate operations at the Retail Location if: (a) any Product sold at the Retail Location shows that it was adulterated or deviates from the standards Franchisor sets for Products; or (b) Retailer fails to maintain the Products, Retail Location premises, equipment, personnel, or operation of the Retail Location in accordance with any applicable law or regulations. In the event of such closing, Retailer shall immediately notify Franchisor in writing and Retailer shall destroy all contaminated or adulterated products and eliminate the source thereof, and remedy any unsanitary, unsafe, or other condition or other violation of the applicable law or regulation. Retailer shall not reopen the Retail Location until after Franchisor has given Retailer its written authorization.
- 6.8.8 To obtain and maintain without interruption all licenses required to dispense alcoholic beverages, and shall serve all alcoholic beverages in strict compliance with all laws and regulations. Retailer acknowledges and agrees that the System requires restrictions (as set forth in the Manuals or otherwise in writing) on the operation of the dispensing of alcoholic beverages including, but not limited to, the types of beverages served, and hours of operation, and that such restrictions may adversely affect the profitability of the Retail Location and/or discourage certain patrons from frequenting the Retail Location. Retailer specifically accepts any current or future restrictions imposed by Franchisor on the sale of alcoholic beverages, and acknowledges the subordinate role of the sale of alcohol in the System's overall image and marketing activities. Retailer shall ensure that all employees serving alcoholic beverages and Managers/Key Personnel complete, in advance of their employment, a recognized approved course on alcohol awareness training intervention procedures, or any course designated by Franchisor in the Manuals, and retain their certification in an active status throughout their period of employment by Retailer.
- 6.9 *Purchases and Approved Suppliers.* Retailer shall purchase all Products, supplies, materials, and other products, and equipment, fixtures, furnishings, signs, décor, supplies, and services required for the establishment and operation of the Retail Location solely from suppliers that Franchisor has designated or approved in writing. Any supplier used by Retailer in its operations other than the operation of the Retail Location (a "**Retailer Supplier**") shall be deemed to be so approved. In determining whether it will approve any particular supplier, Franchisor shall consider various factors, including but not limited to whether the supplier can demonstrate, to Franchisor's continuing reasonable satisfaction, the ability to meet Franchisor's then-current standards and specifications for such items; who possess adequate quality controls and capacity to supply Retailer's needs promptly and reliably; whose approval would enable the System, in Franchisor's sole opinion, to take advantage of marketplace efficiencies; and who have been approved in writing by Franchisor prior to any purchases by Retailer from any such supplier, and have not thereafter been disapproved. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "**supplier**" shall include, but not be limited to, manufacturers, distributors, resellers, and other vendors. Retailer recognizes that Franchisor shall have the right to appoint only one manufacturer, distributor, reseller, and/or other vendor for any particular item. Retailer acknowledges that these requirements are in addition to, and in no way limit the terms of, **Section 6.10** regarding ILLY Products.
- 6.9.1 Retailer shall comply with Franchisor's specifications for ordering and purchasing Products, which may include without limitation, placement of some or all purchase orders through Franchisor or designated vendors, billing and payment activities to be conducted directly between Retailer and Franchisor and/or designated vendors, specifications as to Product delivery methods. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in circumstances where Retailer is able to obtain Additional Products, or ingredients thereof in accordance with Franchisor's

specifications, from Retailer Suppliers, Retailer shall have the right to obtain such Additional Products or ingredients thereof from such Retailer Supplier and on terms and conditions to which such Retailer Supplier and Retailer shall have agreed unless Franchisor notifies Retailer that a certain Retailer Supplier is no longer an approved supplier.

- 6.9.2 Franchisor, its affiliates, and/or designees may establish commissaries and/or distribution facilities and arrangements, and Franchisor may designate these as approved or required manufacturers, suppliers or distributors.
- 6.9.3 If Retailer wishes to purchase any Products or any items (except for ILLY Products, as described in **Section 6.10**) from an unapproved supplier, Retailer shall first submit to Franchisor a written request for such approval. Retailer shall not purchase from any supplier until, and unless, such 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 that samples from the supplier be delivered, either to Franchisor or to an independent laboratory designated by Franchisor for testing. A charge not to exceed the reasonable cost of the inspection and the actual cost of the test shall be paid by Retailer or the supplier. Franchisor may also require that the supplier comply with such other requirements as Franchisor may deem appropriate, including for example, payment of reasonable fees for services that Franchisor may render to such suppliers, such as continuing inspection fees and administrative costs, and fees for design and supervision services, or other payment to Franchisor by the supplier on account of their dealings with Retailer or other retailers, with all such fees and payments to be for use by Franchisor without restriction (unless otherwise instructed by the supplier). Franchisor reserves the right, at its option, to periodically re-inspect the facilities and products 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.
- 6.9.4 Nothing in the foregoing shall be construed to require Franchisor to approve any particular supplier, nor to require Franchisor to make available to prospective suppliers, standards and specifications for formulas, which Franchisor shall have the right to deem confidential.
- 6.9.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Retailer acknowledges and agrees that, at Franchisor's sole option, Franchisor may establish one or more strategic alliances or preferred vendor programs with one or more nationally or regionally-known suppliers who are willing to supply all or some Retail Locations with some or all of the products and/or services that Franchisor requires for use and/or sale in the development and/or operation of Retail Locations. In this event, Franchisor may limit the number of approved suppliers with whom Retailer may deal, designate sources that Retailer must use for some or all products and services, and/or refuse any of Retailer's requests if Franchisor believes that this action is in the best interests of the System or the network of Retail Locations. Franchisor shall have unlimited discretion to approve or disapprove of the suppliers who may be permitted to sell products and services to Retailer.
- 6.9.6 Retailer acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor and its affiliates shall have the right to collect and retain, and shall be the sole owner of all manufacturing allowances, marketing allowances, rebates, credits, monies, payments or benefits offered by manufacturers, suppliers and distributors for the Retail Location to Retailer or to Franchisor or its affiliates based upon Retailer's purchases related to the Retail Location of products and services from manufacturers, suppliers and distributors pursuant to agreements between Franchisor and such manufacturers, suppliers and distributors (collectively, "**Allowances**"). These Allowances may be based on System-wide purchases of food, beverages, equipment, paper goods, smallwares, and other items. Retailer assigns to Franchisor or its designee all of Retailer's right, title, and interest in and to any and all such

Allowances related to the Retail Location and authorizes Franchisor or its designee to collect and retain any or all such Allowances related to the Retail Location without restriction (unless otherwise instructed by the supplier).

- 6.10 *ILLY Products.* Retailer acknowledges and agrees that the ILLY coffee beans, coffee and other ILLY Products are designed and manufactured using recipes, formulae, standards and specifications of Franchisor and/or its affiliates, and are proprietary to Franchisor and/or its affiliates. In order to maintain the high standards of quality and uniformity associated with ILLY Products, Retailer agrees to purchase ILLY Product items only from Franchisor, or its affiliates or other designee(s) and to pay them a commercially reasonable price in accordance with the terms and conditions agreed in writing between the parties. In connection with the handling, transport and delivery of any ILLY Products purchased from or through Franchisor, its affiliates or designee(s), Retailer acknowledges that any action or inaction by any third party (e.g., an independent carrier) in connection with the handling, transport and delivery of the ILLY Products shall not be attributable to, nor constitute negligence of, Franchisor.
- 6.11 *Use of the Marks.* Retailer shall require all marketing and promotional materials, signs, decorations, paper goods (including without limitation disposable food and beverage containers, bags, napkins, menus, and all forms and stationery used in the Retail Location), any and all replacement trade dress products, and other items that may be designated by Franchisor to bear Franchisor's then-current Proprietary Marks, and logos in the form, color, location, and manner then-prescribed by Franchisor.
- 6.12 *Inspections.* Retailer grants Franchisor and its agents the right to enter upon the Retail Location premises at any time during any business hours for the purpose of conducting inspections, for among other purposes, preserving validity of the Proprietary Marks, and verifying Retailer's compliance with this Agreement and the policies and procedures outlined in the Manuals. Retailer shall cooperate with Franchisor's representatives in such inspections by rendering such assistance as they may reasonably request; and, upon notice from Franchisor or its agents and without limiting Franchisor's other rights under this Agreement, Retailer shall take such steps as may be necessary to correct immediately any deficiencies detected during any such inspection. In exercising its rights under this **Section**, Franchisor shall take such steps as are necessary so as not to unreasonably interfere with the business operations of the Facility or of Retailer at the Retail Location. If Retailer fails or receives an unsatisfactory score on any inspection performed by or on behalf of Franchisor, Franchisor may charge Retailer all costs and expenses relating to any follow up inspection to confirm that Retailer has corrected all deficiencies identified in the initial inspection.
- 6.13 *Guarantees.* Retailer shall ensure that the form of guarantee attached in **Exhibit B** that is designated by Franchisor (either the parent company guarantee or a guarantee of individuals responsible of the operation of the Retail Location) will be executed by the appropriate parties (as determined by Franchisor) so that Franchisor has an appropriate guarantee of Retailer's performance its obligations under this Agreement.
- 6.14 *Uniforms.* To promote a uniform System image, Retailer shall require all of its Retail Location personnel to dress, during business hours, in the attire designated by Franchisor. Retailer shall purchase such attire only from approved suppliers.
- 6.15 *Incentive/Convenience Programs.* Retailer shall offer for sale, and will honor for purchases by customers, any incentive, promotional, or convenience programs that Franchisor may periodically institute, and Retailer shall do so in compliance with Franchisor's standards and procedures for such programs.
- 6.16 *Prices.* Franchisor may set maximum and minimum prices on such menu items, products, and services. If Franchisor imposes a maximum price on a particular menu item, product, or service, Retailer may charge any price for such menu item, product, or service, up to and including the

maximum price set by Franchisor. If Franchisor imposes a minimum price on a particular menu item, product, or service, Retailer may charge any price for such menu item, product, or service, down to and including the minimum price set by Franchisor. Such price restrictions shall be consistent and competitive with prices charged for similar quality products and services in the market where the Retail Location is situated, as reasonably determined by Franchisor. Franchisor's rights under this **Section** are subject to any applicable law.

- 6.17 *Gift Cards, Loyalty, and Incentive Programs.* Retailer must participate in Franchisor's gift card, loyalty, and incentive programs. Retailer agrees to offer for sale, and to honor for purchase by customers, all gift cards and other loyalty, incentive, and/or convenience programs that Franchisor may periodically institute (including but not limited to loyalty programs that Franchisor or a third party vendor operate, as well as mobile payment applications); and Retailer agrees to do all of those things in compliance with Franchisor's standards and procedures for such programs. For this purpose, Retailer must purchase the software, hardware, and other items needed to sell and process gift cards, and to contract with the supplier of gift cards and gift card processing services, as Franchisor may specify in writing in the Manuals or otherwise. Retailer must also pay such monthly and per-swipe transaction fees as may be required by the vendors of the gift card system. Retailer agrees not to sell, issue, or redeem coupons, gift certificates and gift cards other than gift cards Franchisor approves in writing.
- 6.18 *Modifications to the System.* Retailer recognizes and agrees that Franchisor may periodically change or modify the System, the Proprietary Marks, and the Manuals at any time and without prior notice to the Retailer, and that Retailer will accept and use for the purpose of this Agreement any such change in the System, including new or modified trade names, service marks, trademarks (including the primary "ILLY CAFFÈ" name and mark) or copyrighted materials, new products, new equipment or new techniques, as if they were part of this Agreement at the time this Agreement was executed. Retailer will make such expenditures and such changes or modifications as Franchisor may reasonably require pursuant to this **Section** and to **Section 7**. Further to the above, the Retailer understands and agrees that due to changes in competitive circumstances, presently unforeseen changes in the needs of customers, and/or presently unforeseen technological innovations, the Franchisor's System must not remain static, in order that it best serve the interests of the Franchisor, its franchisees and, and the System. Accordingly, Retailer expressly understands and agrees that the Franchisor may from time to time change the components of the System, including but not limited to: altering the products, programs, services, methods, standards, forms, policies and procedures of the System, adding to, deleting from or modifying the programs, products and services that Retail Locations are authorized to offer.

## **7 PROPRIETARY MARKS**

- 7.1 *Franchisor's Representations.* Franchisor represents with respect to the Proprietary Marks that:
- 7.1.1 Franchisor (and/or an affiliate of Franchisor) is the owner of all right, title, and interest in and to the Proprietary Marks.
- 7.1.2 Franchisor has the right to use and to license to Retailer the right to use, and license others to use, the Proprietary Marks in the manner contemplated by this Agreement.
- 7.2 *Retailer's Agreement.* With respect to Retailer's use of the Proprietary Marks, Retailer agrees that:
- 7.2.1 Retailer shall use only the Proprietary Marks designated by Franchisor, and shall use them only in the manner authorized and permitted by Franchisor.

- 7.2.2 Retailer shall use the Proprietary Marks only for the operation of the Retail Location and only at the location authorized under this Agreement, or in Franchisor-approved marketing for the business conducted at or from that location.
- 7.2.3 Unless Franchisor otherwise directs Retailer, in writing, to do so, Retailer shall operate and advertise the Retail Location only under the name “ILLY CAFFÈ” without prefix or suffix.
- 7.2.4 During the term of this Agreement and any renewal of this Agreement, Retailer shall identify itself (in a manner reasonably acceptable to Franchisor) as the owner or manager of the Retail Location, and an independent franchisee of the Franchisor, in conjunction with any use of the Proprietary Marks, 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 locations on the premises of the Retail Location as Franchisor may designate in writing.
- 7.2.5 Retailer’s right to use the Proprietary Marks is limited to such uses as are authorized under this Agreement, and any unauthorized use thereof shall constitute an infringement of the rights of Franchisor.
- 7.2.6 Retailer shall not use the Proprietary Marks to incur any obligation or indebtedness on behalf of Franchisor.
- 7.2.7 Retailer shall not use the Proprietary Marks, or names that might be confused with the Proprietary Marks, as part of its corporate or other legal name, or as part of any e-mail address, domain name, or other identification of Retailer in any electronic medium.
- 7.2.8 Retailer shall execute any documents deemed necessary by Franchisor to obtain protection for the Proprietary Marks or to maintain their continued validity and enforceability.
- 7.2.9 Retailer shall not directly or indirectly engage in any activities that would be detrimental to or interfere with the operation, reputation, or goodwill of the Retail Location, Franchisor or the System. Retailer acknowledges and agrees that such activities include, without limitation, making, posting, and/or transmitting disparaging comments about the Proprietary Marks, the Retail Location, Franchisor, its affiliates, its other franchisees, and/or the System, in an advertisement, letter, e-mail, Internet chat room, teleconference, website, social or professional networking site, or any other such medium. However, nothing in this **Section** will preclude Retailer from honestly answering questions posed by prospective franchisee seeking information about the Retail Location, Franchisor, or the System.
- 7.2.10 With respect to litigation involving the Proprietary Marks, the parties agree that:
- 7.2.10.1 Retailer shall promptly notify Franchisor of any suspected infringement of the Proprietary Marks, any known challenge to the validity of the Proprietary Marks, or any known challenge to Franchisor’s ownership of, or Retailer’s right to use, the Proprietary Marks licensed under this Agreement. Retailer acknowledges that Franchisor shall have the sole right to direct and control any administrative proceeding or litigation involving the Proprietary Marks, including any settlement thereof. Franchisor shall also have the sole right, but not the obligation, to take action against uses by others that may constitute infringement of the Proprietary Marks.
- 7.2.10.2 If Retailer has used the Proprietary Marks in accordance with this Agreement, Franchisor shall defend Retailer at Franchisor’s expense against any third party

claim, suit, or demand involving the Proprietary Marks arising out of Retailer's use thereof. If Retailer has not used the Proprietary Marks in accordance with this Agreement, Franchisor will defend Retailer, at Retailer's expense, against such third party claims, suits, or demands. Retailer shall promptly notify Franchisor of any suspected unauthorized use of, or any challenge to the validity or ownership of the Proprietary Marks, or its right to use and to license others to use, or Retailer's right to use, the Proprietary Marks licensed under this Agreement.

7.2.10.3 If Franchisor undertakes the defense or prosecution of any litigation relating to the Proprietary Marks, Retailer shall execute any and all documents and do such acts and things as, in the opinion of counsel for Franchisor, are necessary to carry out such defense or prosecution, including becoming a nominal party to any legal action. Except to the extent that such litigation is the result of Retailer's use of the Proprietary Marks in a manner inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, Franchisor agrees to indemnify and hold Retailer harmless with respect to such infringement claims, including to reimburse Retailer for its out-of-pocket litigation costs in doing such acts and things, except that Retailer shall bear the salary costs of its employees, and Franchisor shall bear the costs of any judgment or settlement. To the extent that such litigation is the result of Retailer's use of the Proprietary Marks in a manner inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, Retailer shall reimburse Franchisor for the cost of such litigation (or, upon Franchisor's written request, pay Franchisor's legal fees directly), including attorneys' fees, as well as the cost of any judgment or settlement.

7.3 *Retailer's Acknowledgements.* Retailer expressly understands and acknowledges that:

- 7.3.1 Franchisor (or its affiliate) is the owner of all right, title, and interest in and to the Proprietary Marks and the goodwill associated with and symbolized by them.
- 7.3.2 The Proprietary Marks are valid and serve to identify the System and those who are authorized to operate under the System.
- 7.3.3 Neither Retailer nor any principal of Retailer or other person acting on Retailer's behalf shall directly or indirectly contest the validity of Franchisor's ownership of the Proprietary Marks, nor shall Retailer, directly or indirectly, seek to register the Proprietary Marks with any government agency, except with Franchisor's express prior written consent.
- 7.3.4 Retailer's use of the Proprietary Marks does not give Retailer any ownership interest or other interest in or to the Proprietary Marks, except the license granted by this Agreement.
- 7.3.5 Any and all goodwill arising from Retailer's use of the Proprietary Marks shall inure solely and exclusively to the benefit of Franchisor, 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 Retailer's use of the System or the Proprietary Marks.
- 7.3.6 The right and license of the Proprietary Marks granted under this Agreement to Retailer is non-exclusive, and Franchisor thus has and retains the rights, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, among others: (a) to use the Proprietary Marks itself in connection with selling Products and services; (b) to grant other licenses for the Proprietary Marks, in addition to those licenses already granted to existing retailers; and (c) to develop and establish other systems using the same or similar Proprietary Marks, or any other

proprietary marks, and to grant licenses or franchises thereto without providing any rights therein to Retailer.

- 7.4 *Change to Marks.* Franchisor reserves the right to substitute different Proprietary Marks for use in identifying the System and the businesses operating under the System (including without limitation, the primary “ILLY CAFFÈ” name and mark, i.e., Franchisor may rebrand the System, including your Retail Location) if the current Proprietary Marks no longer can be used, or if Franchisor, exercising its right to do so, determines that substitution of different Proprietary Marks will be beneficial to the System. In such circumstances, the use of the substituted proprietary marks shall be governed by the terms of this Agreement.

## **8 CONFIDENTIAL OPERATING MANUALS**

- 8.1 *Retailer to Abide by Manuals.* In order to protect the reputation and goodwill of Franchisor and to maintain high standards of operation under Franchisor’s Proprietary Marks, Retailer shall conduct its business in accordance with the Manuals, which Retailer shall receive access to from Franchisor for the term of this Agreement for Retailer’s use only in connection with the Retail Location during the term of this Agreement.
- 8.2 *Format of the Manuals.* Franchisor shall have the right to provide the Manual in any format it determines is appropriate, including without limitation paper format or by making the Manuals available to Retailer in electronic form (such as through an internet website) provided that all Manuals shall be in English. If Franchisor elects to provide the Manuals electronically, Retailer shall immediately, at Franchisor’s option, destroy or return to Franchisor any and all copies of the Manuals and shall keep all access codes and passwords thereto strictly confidential.
- 8.3 *Manuals as Franchisor’s Property.* The Manuals shall at all times remain the sole property of Franchisor and shall promptly be returned upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- 8.4 *The Manuals are Proprietary and Confidential.* The Manuals contain proprietary information of Franchisor and Retailer shall at all times both during the term of this Agreement and subsequent to the expiration and/or termination of this Agreement treat the Manuals, any other manuals created for or approved for use in the operation of the Retail Location, and the information contained therein, as confidential, and shall use best efforts to maintain such information as secret and confidential. Retailer shall not make any unauthorized use or disclosure of any portion of the Manuals. At all times that the Manuals are not in use by authorized personnel, Retailer shall maintain the Manuals in a locked receptacle at the premises of the Retail Location (or password protected if provided electronically), and shall only grant authorized personnel, as defined in the Manuals, access to the key or lock combination of such receptacle (or the password). Retailer shall not at any time copy, duplicate, record, or otherwise reproduce (other than printing such materials that are provided electronically) the foregoing materials, in whole or in part, nor otherwise make the same available to any unauthorized person. Access to any electronic version of the Manuals shall also be subject to Franchisor’s reasonable requirements with respect to security and other matters, as described in **Section 12**.
- 8.5 *Which Copy of the Manuals Controls.* Retailer shall at all times maintain the Manuals at the Retail Location and ensure that the Manuals are kept current and up to date; and, in the event of any dispute as to the contents of the Manuals, the terms of the master copy of the Manuals maintained by Franchisor at Franchisor’s home office shall be controlling.
- 8.6 *Revisions to the Manuals.* Franchisor may periodically revise the contents of the Manuals from time-to-time in its sole discretion, and Retailer expressly agrees to make corresponding revisions to its copy of the Manuals and to comply with each new or changed standard.

## 9 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- 9.1 *Confidentiality.* Retailer shall not, during the term of this Agreement or thereafter, communicate, divulge, or use for the benefit of any other person, persons, partnership, entity, association, or corporation any confidential information, knowledge, recipes, or know-how concerning the methods of operation of the Retail Location that may be communicated to Retailer or of which Retailer may be apprised by virtue of Retailer's operation under the terms of this Agreement. Retailer shall divulge such confidential information only to such of its employees as must have access to it in order to operate the Retail Location. Any and all information, knowledge, know-how, recipes, and techniques which Franchisor designates as confidential shall be deemed confidential for purposes of this Agreement, except information which Retailer can demonstrate came to its attention before disclosure thereof by Franchisor; or which, at or after the time of disclosure by Franchisor to Retailer, had become or later becomes generally known to the public, through publication or communication by others; or which Retailer is legally compelled to disclose. Retailer covenants to treat as confidential at all times Franchisor's confidential information and shall grant access to such information to its employees only on a need-to-know basis.
- 9.2 *Consequences of Breach.* Retailer acknowledges that any failure to comply with the requirements of this **Section 9** will cause Franchisor irreparable injury, and Retailer agrees to pay all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by Franchisor in obtaining specific performance of, or an injunction against violation of, the requirements of this **Section 9**.
- 9.3 *Retailer-Developed Concepts.* Retailer agrees to disclose to Franchisor all ideas, concepts, methods, techniques and products conceived or developed by Retailer, its affiliates, owners or employees during the term of this Agreement relating to the development and/or operation of the Retail Location. Retailer hereby grants to Franchisor and agrees to procure from its affiliates, owners or employees a perpetual, non-exclusive, and worldwide right to use any such ideas, concepts, methods, techniques and products in all food and beverage service businesses operated by Franchisor or its affiliates, retailers and designees. Franchisor shall have no obligation to make any payments to Retailer with respect to any such ideas, concepts, methods, techniques or products. Ideas, concepts, methods, techniques and products developed by Retailer that are proprietary to Retailer and are so designated by Retailer prior to being used at the Retail Location shall be excluded from this **Section**. Retailer agrees that it will not use or allow any other person or entity to use any such concept, method, technique or product without obtaining Franchisor's prior written approval.

## 10 ACCOUNTING AND RECORDS

- 10.1 *Accounting Records.*
- 10.1.1 With respect to the operation and financial condition of the Retail Location, Retailer shall adopt, until otherwise specified by Franchisor, a fiscal year that coincides with Franchisor's then-current fiscal year (which is currently a calendar year), as specified by Franchisor in the Manuals or otherwise in writing.
- 10.1.2 Retailer shall maintain during the term of this Agreement, and, for not less than five (5) years following the termination, expiration, transfer, or non-renewal of this Agreement, full, complete, and accurate books, records, and accounts with respect to the operation and financial condition of the Retail Location prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and in the form and manner periodically prescribed by Franchisor in the Manuals or otherwise in writing, or (if approved by Franchisor) in a form and manner consistent with Retailer's general commercial practices. These accounting records for the Retail Location should be separate from the operational records of any other business operations of Retailer and its affiliates. They should include, but not be limited to: (a) daily

cash reports; (b) cash receipts journal, point of sale system reports, and general ledger; (c) cash disbursements and weekly payroll journal and schedule; (d) supplier's invoices (paid and unpaid); (e) dated daily and weekly cash register journals and point of sale system reports; (f) operational schedules and weekly inventory records; (g) records of promotion and coupon redemption; (h) records of all other sales not evidenced by the cash receipts (such as wholesale and catering sales); and (i) such other records as Franchisor may reasonably request.

- 10.1.3 Franchisor has the right to specify a common chart of accounts in the Manuals, and, if Franchisor does so, Retailer agrees to use that chart of accounts in accounting for all fiscal transactions of the Retail Location and preparing and submitting Retailer's financial statements to Franchisor.
- 10.2 *Additional Information.* Retailer shall also submit to Franchisor, for review or auditing, to the extent required by Franchisor and completed, compiled or maintained by Retailer in respect of the operations of the Retail Location exclusively, such other forms, reports, records, information, and data relating exclusively to the operations of the Retail Location, as and when Franchisor may reasonably designate, in the form and format, and at the times and places reasonably required by Franchisor, upon request and as periodically specified in the Manuals or otherwise in writing, including, without limitation, in electronic format. Retailer shall submit any records required by Franchisor so that Franchisor can comply with any reporting obligations imposed on Franchisor by applicable tax authorities. The reporting requirements of this **Section** shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, the electronic reporting required under **Section 12**.
- 10.3 *Franchisor's Right to Inspect Books and Records.* Franchisor or its designated agents shall have the right at all reasonable times to examine, copy, and/or personally review or audit, at Franchisor's expense, all books, records, and sales and income tax returns of Retailer pertaining to the Retail Location. Franchisor shall also have the right, at any time, to have an independent audit made of the books of Retailer pertaining to the Retail Location at Franchisor's sole cost and expense. If an inspection should reveal that any payments have been understated in any report to Franchisor, then Retailer shall immediately pay Franchisor the amount understated upon demand, in addition to interest from the date such amount was due until paid, at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, but not more than the maximum rate permitted by law (if any). If an inspection is necessitated because Retailer fails to timely provide Sales Reports or if an inspection discloses an understatement in any report by Retailer of three percent (3%) or more, Retailer shall, in addition, reimburse Franchisor for any and all costs and expenses connected with the inspection (including, without limitation, travel, lodging and wages expenses, and reasonable accounting and legal costs). These remedies shall be in addition to any other remedies Franchisor may have.
- 10.4 *PCI Compliance and Credit Cards.* Retailer agrees to comply with all of Franchisor's policies regarding acceptance of payment by credit and/or debit cards, including for example minimum purchase requirements for a customer's use of a credit card (Franchisor may set these requirements in the Manuals). Retailer agrees to comply with Franchisor's requirements concerning data collection and protection, as specified in **Section 12**. Retailer agrees to comply with the then-current Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards as those standards may be revised and modified by the PCI Security Standards Council, LLC (see [www.pcisecuritystandards.org](http://www.pcisecuritystandards.org)), or any successor organization or standards that Franchisor may reasonably specify. Among other things, Franchisor agrees to implement the enhancements, security requirements, and other standards that the PCI Security Standards Council (or its successor) requires of a merchant that accepts payment by credit and/or debit cards.

## 11 MARKETING

- 11.1 *Retailer's Marketing Activities.* Recognizing the value of marketing and promotion, and the importance of the standardization of marketing and promotion programs to the furtherance of the goodwill and public image of the System, Retailer must perform the marketing and promotion activities Franchisor requires each year in conjunction with the launch of new products by Franchisor, with communication campaigns or otherwise required by Franchisor. Retailer and Franchisor agree as follows:
- 11.2 *Materials From Franchisor.* Franchisor shall provide Retailer with an initial supply of such promotional and advertising materials (such as graphic design, copy and instructions) as Franchisor deems appropriate, acting reasonably. Thereafter, Franchisor may periodically make available certain marketing, advertising and promotional materials for purchase by Retailer at a reasonable price for Retailer's use.
- 11.3 *Franchisor's Review and Right to Approve All Proposed Marketing.* For all proposed advertising, marketing, and promotional plans relating to the Retail Location exclusively, Retailer shall submit samples of such plans and materials to Franchisor (by means described in **Section 22**), for Franchisor's review and prior written approval. If written approval is not received by Retailer from Franchisor within fourteen (14) days of the date of receipt by Franchisor of such samples or materials, Franchisor shall be deemed to have disapproved them. Retailer acknowledges and agrees that any and all copyright in and to advertising, marketing materials, and promotional plans developed by or on behalf of Retailer with respect to the Retail Location shall be the sole property of Franchisor, and Retailer agrees to execute such documents (and, if necessary, use reasonable commercial efforts to require its independent contractors to execute such documents) as may be deemed reasonably necessary by Franchisor to give effect to this provision.
- 11.4 *Opening Marketing Program.* Upon Retailer's request, Franchisor and Retailer shall develop and agree upon an appropriate pre-opening and opening marketing and promotional program(s) to be conducted in conjunction with the Retail Location's initial opening (the "**Opening Marketing Program**"). Retailer must spend at least Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) on the Opening Marketing Program. The Opening Marketing Program is subject to the provisions of **Section 11.3**.
- 11.5 *Local Advertising; Additional Marketing Expenditure Encouraged.* In connection with its advertising and marketing of the Retail Location exclusively, Retailer shall only use such advertising and marketing materials as have been provided by Franchisor, or that have been approved by Franchisor pursuant to **Section 11.3**. Retailer understands and acknowledges that Retailer may, and is encouraged by Franchisor to spend additional funds for local advertising and promotion of a local nature that will focus on disseminating marketing directly related to the Retail Location. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Retailer may at its own expense obtain listings for the Retail Location in the local trade or business telephone directories, including "yellow" and "white" pages and any online directories designated by Franchisor.
- 11.6 *Rebates.* Retailer acknowledges that periodic rebates, giveaways and other promotions and programs are an integral part of the System. Accordingly, Retailer, at its sole cost and expense, shall periodically issue and offer such rebates, giveaways, discounts, incentives and promotions in accordance with any reasonable marketing programs established by Franchisor, and further shall honor rebates, giveaways and other promotions issued by other retailers as long as all of the above do not contravene regulations and laws of appropriate governmental authorities.
- 11.7 *Considerations As to Charitable Efforts.* Retailer acknowledges and agrees that certain associations between Retailer and/or the Retail Location, and/or the Proprietary Marks and/or the System, on the one hand, and certain political, religious, cultural or other types of groups, organizations, causes, or activities, on the other, however well-intentioned and/or legal, may create an unwelcome, unfair, or unpopular association with, and/or an adverse effect on, the reputation of

Franchisor or the good will associated with the Proprietary Marks. Accordingly, Retailer shall not, in connection with the Retail Location exclusively, without the prior written approval of Franchisor, engage in any activities with, or donate any money, products, services, goods, or other items to, any charitable, political or religious organization, group, or activity, if such action is taken, or may be perceived by the public to be taken, in the name of, in connection or association with Retailer, the Proprietary Marks, the Retail Location, the Franchisor, or the System.

## 12 TECHNOLOGY

- 12.1 *Computer Systems and Software.* Retailer acknowledges that its computer hardware and software at the Retail Location (the “**Computer System**”) must be compatible and have the ability to track the information on sales as required by Franchisor. Franchisor will work with Retailer to determine what computer changes, additions, and/or updates are necessary to accomplish this goal. To the extent possible, Retailer shall grant Franchisor unimpeded independent access to Retailer’s Computer System and Required Software. Retailer agrees to promptly make changes (at its expense) to its computer system requested by Franchisor in writing to permit compatibility with Franchisor’s computer system. In the event the Franchisor chooses to provide to, or arrange for the provision of, any Computer System, any required software or point-of-sale system to Retailer, the Retailer shall promptly reimburse the Franchisor for such amounts.
- 12.2 *Data Requirements and Usage.* Franchisor may periodically specify in the Manuals or otherwise in writing the information that Retailer shall collect and maintain on the Computer System at the Retail Location, and Retailer shall provide to Franchisor such reports as Franchisor may reasonably request from the data so collected and maintained provided they can be formatted to relate to the operation of the Retail Location exclusively. Retailer shall download daily, or in such other intervals as Franchisor may require, all information and materials Franchisor may require in connection with the operation of the Retail Location, and shall display such information and materials in the manner Franchisor may prescribe, including, without limitation, to employees of the Retail Location or on the media wall display at the Retail Location. All data pertaining to, derived from, or displayed at the Retail Locations (including without limitation data pertaining to or otherwise about Retail Location customers) is and shall be the exclusive property of Franchisor, and Franchisor hereby grants a royalty-free non-exclusive license to Retailer to use said data during the term of this Agreement. In connection with any use of data in the Retail Location:
- 12.2.1 Retailer shall abide by all applicable laws pertaining to the privacy of consumer, employee, and transactional information (“**Privacy Laws**”).
- 12.2.2 Retailer shall comply with Franchisor’s standards and policies pertaining to Privacy Laws. If there is a conflict between Franchisor’s standards and policies pertaining to Privacy Laws and actual applicable law, Retailer shall: (a) comply with the requirements of the Privacy Laws; (b) within fifteen (15) days of acquiring knowledge of any conflict, Retailer shall give Franchisor written notice of said conflict; and (c) promptly and fully cooperate with Franchisor and Franchisor’s counsel in determining the most effective way, if any, to meet Franchisor’s standards and policies pertaining to Privacy Laws within the bounds of applicable law. Notwithstanding the above, Franchisor acknowledges that Retailer, in connection with other operations of the Facility, may be subject to its own corporate policies and standards with respect to privacy issues, and in the event Retailer becomes aware of any conflict between Franchisor’s standards with respect to privacy issues and Retailer’s corporate policies and standards, Retailer shall so advise Franchisor of the conflict and the parties shall cooperate, as necessary to best comply with both parties’ polices and standards so as to ensure compliance with applicable Privacy Laws.
- 12.3 *Website Use.* Franchisor authorizes Retailer to use, or authorizes third parties to use, the Proprietary Marks, and any photographs and/or other representations of the Retail Location within

any official Website related to the Facility. Unless described in this **Section** or otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor, Retailer shall neither establish nor permit any other party to establish a Website relating in any manner whatsoever to the Retail Location or referring to the Proprietary Marks. Franchisor shall have the right, but not the obligation, to provide one or more references or webpage(s), as Franchisor may periodically designate, within Franchisor's Website, or any other website, including social media sites. Franchisor is and remains the sole and exclusive owner of all intellectual property rights concerning the trademarks, trade names, design rights, copyrights, data, and the contents of the Website(s) provided to Retailer in accordance with this Agreement. The term "**Website**" means one or more related documents, designs, pages, or other communications that can be accessed through electronic means, including, but not limited to, the Internet, World Wide Web, webpages, microsites, social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Tik Tok, YouTube, Pinterest, etc.), blogs, vlogs, applications to be installed on mobile devices (e.g., smartphones or tablets), and other applications, etc. However, if Franchisor approves, in writing, a separate Website for the Retail Location (which Franchisor is not obligated to approve), then each of the following provisions shall apply:

- 12.3.1 Retailer specifically acknowledges and agrees that any Website owned or maintained by or for the benefit of Retailer shall be deemed "marketing" under this Agreement, and will be subject to (among other things) Franchisor's approval under **Section 11.3**.
  - 12.3.2 Before establishing any Website, Retailer shall submit to Franchisor, for Franchisor's prior written approval, a sample of the proposed Website domain name, format, visible content (including, without limitation, proposed screen shots), and non-visible content (including, without limitation, meta tags) in the form and manner Franchisor may reasonably require;
  - 12.3.3 Retailer shall not use or modify such Website without Franchisor's prior written approval as to such proposed use or modification.
  - 12.3.4 In addition to any other applicable requirements, Retailer shall comply with the standards and specifications for Websites that Franchisor may periodically prescribe in the Manuals or otherwise in writing.
  - 12.3.5 If required by Franchisor, Retailer shall establish such links to Franchisor's Website and others as Franchisor may request in writing.
  - 12.3.6 If Franchisor requires Retailer to do so, Retailer must make periodic updates to the Website to reflect information such as specials and other promotions at the Retail Location.
  - 12.3.7 Franchisor may require Retailer to make Franchisor the sole administrator (or co-administrator) of any social networking pages that Retailer maintains or that are maintained on Retailer's behalf, and Franchisor will have the right (but not the obligation) to exercise all of the rights and privileges that an administrator may exercise.
- 12.4 *Extranet*. If Franchisor establishes an extranet (Franchisor is not required to do so or to maintain an extranet), then Retailer agrees to comply with Franchisor's requirements (as set forth in the Manuals or otherwise in writing) with respect to connecting to and utilizing the extranet in connection with the operation of the Retail Location. Retailer will purchase and maintain such computer software and hardware (including but not limited to telecommunications capacity) as may be required to connect to and utilize the extranet.
- 12.5 *Online Ordering System*. If established, Retailer agrees to participate in Franchisor's online ordering system on such terms and conditions that Franchisor may specify in the Manuals, and to pay the fees for such online ordering system that Franchisor and/or its vendor reasonably specify.

12.6 *Electronic Identifiers; E-Mail.* Other than as specifically permitted in this **Section 12** or as directed in writing by Franchisor, Retailer shall not use the Proprietary Marks or any abbreviation or other name associated with Franchisor and/or the System as part of any e-mail address, domain name, and/or other identification of Retailer or the business in any electronic medium. Retailer agrees not to transmit or cause any other party to transmit advertisements or solicitations by e-mail, text message, or other electronic media without first obtaining Franchisor's written consent as to: (a) the content of such electronic advertisements or solicitations; and (b) Retailer's plan for transmitting such advertisements. In addition to any other provision of this Agreement, Retailer shall be solely responsible for compliance with any laws pertaining to sending electronic communication including but not limited to the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003 (known as the "**CAN-SPAM Act of 2003**") and the Federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act. (As used in this Agreement, the term "**electronic communication**" is agreed to include all methods for sending communication electronically, whether or not currently invented or used, including without limitation e-mails, text messages, and faxes.)

### 13 **INSURANCE**

13.1 *Insurance and Coverage.* Before commencing any activities or operations under this Agreement, Retailer agrees to procure and maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement (and for such period thereafter as is necessary to provide the coverage required under this Agreement for events having occurred during the term of this Agreement), at Retailer's sole cost and expense, for the benefit of Franchisor, the following insurance policy or policies in connection with the Retail Location or other facilities on premises, or by reason of the construction, operation, or occupancy of the Retail Location or other facilities on premises. Such policy or policies shall be written by an insurance company or companies reasonably acceptable to Franchisor, with an A.M. Best rating of at least A-/VIII, that are reputable, meet such additional qualifications (including, without limitation, rating standards) as Franchisor may periodically specify, and are licensed and admitted to do business in the state in which the Retail Location is located, and shall include, at a minimum (except as additional coverages and higher policy limits may reasonably be periodically specified by Franchisor in the Manuals or otherwise in writing to reflect inflation, identification of new risks, changes in the law or standards of liability, higher damage awards and other relevant changes in circumstances), the following:

13.1.1 Comprehensive general liability insurance, written on an occurrence basis, extended to include contractual liability, products liability and completed operations, and personal and advertising injury, with a combined bodily injury and property damage limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in the aggregate.

13.1.2 Business automobile liability insurance, including a combined single bodily injury and property damage coverage for all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles, with limits of liability not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for both bodily injury and property damage. Such policy shall have the contractual exclusion removed, unless Retailer provides separate evidence that contractual liability for automobile exposure is otherwise insured. Such policy shall also have a drive other car endorsement with employees of the Retail Location as additional insured.

13.1.3 Statutory workers' compensation insurance meeting all applicable state requirements and employer's liability insurance with minimum limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), as well as such other disability benefits type insurance as may be required by statute or rule of the state in which the Retail Location is located. Such policy shall contain an "Alternate Employer Endorsement" including Franchisor as the alternate employer.

- 13.1.4 Commercial umbrella liability insurance with limits which bring the total of all primary underlying coverages (comprehensive general liability, business auto liability, and employers liability) to not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) total limit of liability. Such umbrella liability will provide at a minimum those coverages and endorsements required in the underlying policies.
- 13.1.5 Property insurance providing coverage for direct physical loss or damage to real and personal property for all-risk perils, including the perils of flood and earthquake. Appropriate coverage shall also be provided for boiler and machinery exposures and business interruption/extra expense exposures. The policy or policies shall value property (real and personal) on a new replacement cost basis without deduction for depreciation and the amount of insurance shall not be less than ninety percent (90%) of the full replacement value of the Retail Location, its furniture, fixtures, equipment, and stock (real and personal property). Any deductibles contained in such policy shall be subject to review and approval by Franchisor.
- 13.1.6 Business interruption insurance to cover at least Retailer's obligations with respect to leases, royalties, marketing fund obligations, fixed costs, and other recurring expenses for a period of not less than six (6) months following an interruption to the business' operation.
- 13.1.7 Any other insurance coverage that is required by federal, state, or local law.
- 13.2 *Endorsements.* All policies listed in **Section 13.1** shall contain: (a) a waiver of subrogation rights as between Franchisor (and its insurance carriers) and Retailer (and its insurance carriers); and (b) such other endorsements as Franchisor may periodically provide in the Manuals. In addition, the policies provided under **Sections 13.1.1** and **13.1.4** shall contain endorsements to provide that the coverages shall be primary and that any insurance carried by any additional insured shall be excess and non-contributory over any insurance carried by Franchisor.
- 13.3 *Notices to Franchisor.* In the event of cancellation, material change, or non-renewal of any policy, thirty (30) days' advance written notice must be provided to Franchisor in the manner provided in **Section 22**.
- 13.4 *Construction Coverages.* In connection with all significant construction, reconstruction, or remodeling of the Retail Location during the term of this Agreement, Retailer will cause the general contractor, its subcontractors, and any other contractor, to effect and maintain at general contractor's and all other contractor's own expense, such insurance policies and bonds with such endorsements as are set forth in the Manuals, all written by insurance or bonding companies approved by Franchisor, having a rating as set forth in **Section 13.1**.
- 13.5 *Other Insurance Does Not Impact Retailer's Obligation.* Retailer's obligation to obtain and maintain the foregoing policy or policies in the amounts specified shall not be limited in any way by reason of any insurance that may be maintained by Franchisor, nor shall Retailer's performance of that obligation relieve it of liability under the indemnity provisions set forth in **Section 19.4**. Additionally, the requirements of this **Section 13** shall not be reduced, diminished, eroded, or otherwise affected by insurance that Retailer carries (and/or claims made under that insurance) for other businesses, included but not limited to other Retail Locations operated by Retailer (and/or its affiliates) under the System.
- 13.6 *Additional Named Insured.* All policies required under this Agreement (with the exception of worker's compensation insurance) shall: (a) list Franchisor, its employees, agents, servants, contractors, and affiliated entities collectively as additional named insureds; and (b) contain a provision that Franchisor, although named as an insured, shall nevertheless be entitled to recover under said policies on any loss occasioned to Franchisor or its servants, agents, or employees by reason of the negligence of Retailer or its servants, agents, or employees.

- 13.7 *Certificates of Insurance.* At least thirty (30) days before the time any insurance is first required to be carried by Retailer, and thereafter at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of any such policy, Retailer shall deliver to Franchisor, certificates of insurance evidencing the proper coverage with limits not less than those required under this Agreement. All certificates shall expressly provide that no less than thirty (30) days' prior written notice shall be given Franchisor in the event of material alteration to, cancellation, or non-renewal of the coverages evidenced by such certificates.
- 13.8 *Proof of Coverage.* In addition to its obligations under **Section 13.7**, on the first anniversary of the Effective Date, and on each subsequent anniversary thereof during the term of this Agreement and any renewal of this Agreement, Retailer shall provide Franchisor with proof of insurance evidencing the proper coverage with limits not less than those required under this Agreement, in such form as Franchisor may reasonably require.
- 13.9 *Franchisor's Right to Procure Insurance for Retailer.* If Retailer does not obtain and maintain the insurance coverages and amounts required by Franchisor, Franchisor may purchase such insurance on Retailer's behalf and Retailer shall immediately reimburse Franchisor for such premium(s) paid.
- 13.10 *Changes.* Franchisor shall have the right to periodically make such changes in minimum policy limits and endorsements as it may determine.

#### **14 TRANSFER OF INTEREST**

- 14.1 *By Franchisor.* Franchisor has the right to transfer or assign this Agreement to any person or legal entity, without prior notice to, or consent of, Retailer, provided that Franchisor's obligations to Retailer under this Agreement are reasonably likely to be performed by such transferee. This Agreement will be binding on and inure to the benefit of Franchisor and any successors and assigns of Franchisor.
- 14.2 *By Retailer.* Other than to an affiliate controlled by or under common control with Retailer (an "**Affiliate**"), neither Retailer nor any party that directly or indirectly owns any interest in this Agreement, in Retailer, and/or in the Retail Location, may (without the prior written consent of Franchisor) sell, assign, transfer, convey, pledge, encumber, merge, create a security interest in, and/or give away (collectively, "**transfer**") any direct or indirect interest in: (a) this Agreement; (b) the rights and obligations of Retailer under this Agreement; or (c) any material asset of Retailer utilized in the operation of the Retail Location (except, that it shall not be a violation of this Agreement in the event that any of the above are pledged as part of the general collateral assignment or security interest given in connection with any financing by owner of the Facility provided such general collateral assignment or security interest in the Facility does not grant any specific transfer of this Agreement, the rights and obligations of Retailer under this Agreement, or any material asset of Retailer utilized in the operation of the Retail Location, or confer any right to operate the Retail Location, and it is hereby acknowledged that the transfer of any such rights shall require the written assumption by any transferee of all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the prior consent of Franchisor). Franchisor shall not unreasonably withhold its consent for such transfer; provided, however, that Franchisor shall have the right, including for a transfer to an Affiliate, to require conditions such as payment of a transfer fee (currently, Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000), transferee's execution of the then-current form of retail location agreement, transferor's execution of general releases, and/or such other reasonable conditions as Franchisor may deem necessary or desirable. Any purported transfer not having Franchisor's prior written consent as required by this **Section** shall be null and void and shall also constitute a material breach of this Agreement, for which Franchisor may immediately terminate this Agreement without opportunity to cure, pursuant to **Section 15**.

- 14.3 *Consent to Transfer.* Franchisor's consent to a transfer shall not constitute a waiver of any claims it may have against the transferring party arising prior to the transfer, nor shall it be deemed a waiver of Franchisor's right to demand exact compliance with any of the terms of this Agreement by the transferor with respect to any claims prior to the transfer or transferee.

## 15 DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

- 15.1 *Automatic.* Retailer or Franchisor, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be in default under this Agreement, and all rights granted in this Agreement shall automatically terminate upon written notice to the other, if the defaulting party becomes insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or if a petition in bankruptcy is filed by the defaulting party or such a petition is filed against and not opposed by the defaulting party; or if the defaulting party is adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent; or if a bill in equity or other proceeding for the appointment of a receiver of the defaulting party or other custodian for the defaulting party's business or assets is filed and consented to by the defaulting party; or if a receiver or other custodian (permanent or temporary) of the defaulting party'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 applicable law should be instituted by the defaulting party, or against the defaulting party and are uncontested; or if a material final judgment under laws relating to bankruptcy or insolvency remains unsatisfied or of record for thirty (30) days or longer (unless an appeal or a supersedeas bond is filed); or if the defaulting party is dissolved; or if execution is levied against the defaulting party's business or property; or if suit to foreclose any lien or mortgage against, in the case of Retailer, the Retail Location premises or equipment or, in the case of Franchisor, its personal or real property, is instituted against the defaulting party and not dismissed within thirty (30) days; or if the real or personal property of the Retail Location or of Franchisor, as the case may be, shall be sold after levy thereupon by any sheriff, marshal, or constable.
- 15.2 *With Notice.* Retailer shall be deemed to be in default and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement and all rights granted under this Agreement, without affording Retailer any opportunity to cure the default, effective immediately upon the delivery of written notice to Retailer by Franchisor (in the manner set forth under **Section 22**), upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
- 15.2.1 If Retailer fails to construct and open the Retail Location within the time limits and requirements as provided in **Section 5.1**, or fails to complete the training program to Franchisor's reasonable satisfaction as provided in **Section 6.3**;
- 15.2.2 If Retailer at any time ceases to operate or otherwise abandons the Retail Location for five (5) consecutive business days (other than for renovation, of which Retailer shall provide written notice to Franchisor) on which the Facility is open for business during its regular business hours, or loses the right to manage the Facility, or otherwise forfeits the right to do or transact business in the jurisdiction where the Retail Location is located; provided, however, that if, through no fault of Retailer, the premises of the Retail Location are damaged or destroyed by an event such that repairs or reconstruction to the damaged or destroyed portions of the Facility cannot be completed within one hundred and eighty (180) days thereafter, then Retailer shall have thirty (30) days after such event in which to relocate the Retail Location to another site within the Facility;
- 15.2.3 If Franchisee or any Principal is convicted of an indictable criminal offense, a crime involving moral turpitude, or any other crime or offense that Franchisor believes is reasonably likely to have an adverse effect on the System, the Proprietary Marks, the goodwill associated therewith, or Franchisor's interest therein;

- 15.2.4 If a threat or danger to public health or safety results from the construction, maintenance, or operation of the Retail Location;
  - 15.2.5 If Retailer transfers any rights or obligations under this Agreement or any interest to any third party in a manner that is contrary to the terms of **Section 14**;
  - 15.2.6 If, contrary to the terms of **Sections 8** or **9**, Retailer discloses, divulges, or otherwise misuses the contents of the Manuals or other confidential information provided to Retailer by Franchisor;
  - 15.2.7 If Retailer knowingly maintains false books or records, or submits any false reports (including, but not limited to, information provided as part of Retailer's application for a Retail Location) to Franchisor;
  - 15.2.8 If Retailer commits three (3) or more defaults under this Agreement for which Franchisor has notified Retailer of its default under this Agreement in any fifty-two (52) week period, whether or not each such default has been cured after notice; and/or
  - 15.2.9 If, on three (3) or more occasions during any twelve (12) month period during the term of the Agreement, any amounts Franchisor is to receive from Retailer by direct debit or otherwise are rejected due to insufficient or unavailable funds.
  - 15.2.10 If Retailer loses any wine, beer, or liquor license required with respect to the operation of the Retail Location and such license is not reinstated within seven days or on the second such occurrence regardless of the cause or the length of the license suspension.
- 15.3 *With Notice and Opportunity to Cure.* Retailer shall be deemed to be in default and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement and all rights granted under this Agreement, after the cure periods described below, upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
- 15.3.1 If Retailer defaults in the payment of any monies owed to Franchisor when such monies become due and payable and Retailer fails to pay such monies within ten (10) days after receiving written notice of default, then this Agreement shall terminate without further notice to Retailer effective immediately upon the expiration of the ten (10) day period.
  - 15.3.2 If Retailer fails to comply with the covenants in **Section 17** or fails to timely obtain execution of the covenants required under **Section 17.5** and Retailer does not cure such default within fifteen (15) days after receiving written notice of default or, in circumstances where such default cannot reasonably be cured within such fifteen-day (15) period, Retailer does not initiate and diligently proceed to remedy such default within such fifteen-day (15) period.
  - 15.3.3 If Retailer sells products not previously approved by Franchisor, or purchases any product from a supplier not previously approved by Franchisor, and Retailer does not cure such default within fifteen (15) days after receiving written notice of default or, in circumstances where such default cannot reasonably be cured within such fifteen-day (15) period, Retailer does not initiate and diligently proceed to remedy such default within such fifteen-day (15) period.
  - 15.3.4 If Retailer makes any unauthorized or improper use of the Proprietary Marks, or if Retailer or one of its Key Personnel / Certified Managers fails to utilize the Proprietary Marks solely in the manner and for the purposes directed by Franchisor, or directly or indirectly contests the validity of Franchisor's ownership of the Proprietary Marks or its right to use and to license others to use the Proprietary Marks and Retailer does not cure such default within fifteen (15) days after receiving written notice of default or, in circumstances where such

default cannot reasonably be cured within such fifteen-day (15) period, Retailer does not initiate and diligently proceed to remedy such default within such fifteen-day (15) period.

- 15.3.5 Except as otherwise provided in this **Section 15**, upon any other default by Retailer or Franchisor of its obligations under this Agreement, the non-defaulting party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of termination setting forth the nature of such default at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of termination; provided, however, that the defaulting party may avoid termination by immediately initiating a remedy to cure such default, curing it to the non-defaulting party's satisfaction, and by promptly providing proof thereof to the non-defaulting party, all within the thirty (30) day period. If any such default is not cured within the specified time, or within a different amount of time agreed between the parties in circumstances where the specified time is not reasonable given the nature of the default this Agreement shall terminate without further notice effective immediately upon the expiration of the thirty (30) day period.
- 15.3.6 If Retailer is in default under the terms of any other retail location agreement or other contract between Retailer (and/or its affiliates) and Franchisor (and/or its affiliates), that will also constitute a default under **Section 15.3.7**.
- 15.4 **Bankruptcy.** If, for any reason, this Agreement is not terminated pursuant to this **Section 15**, and this Agreement is assumed, or assignment of the same to any person or entity who has made a *bona fide* offer to accept an assignment of the Agreement is contemplated, pursuant to the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "**Code**"), then notice of such proposed assignment or assumption, setting forth: (a) the name and address of the proposed assignee; and (b) all of the terms and conditions of the proposed assignment and assumption, shall be given to Franchisor or Retailer, as the case may be, within twenty (20) days after receipt of such proposed assignee's offer to accept assignment of the Agreement; and, in any event, within ten (10) days before the date application is made to a court of competent jurisdiction for authority and approval to enter into such assignment and assumption.
- 15.4.1 Franchisor, in the event that the insolvency or bankruptcy of Retailer has triggered the application of this **Section 15.4**, shall thereupon have the prior right and option, to be exercised by notice given at any time before the effective date of such proposed assignment and assumption, to accept an assignment of the Agreement to Franchisor itself upon the same terms and conditions and for the same consideration, if any, as in the *bona fide* offer made by the proposed assignee, less any brokerage commissions which may be payable by Retailer out of the consideration to be paid by such assignee for the assignment of the Agreement; and
- 15.4.2 In the event that the insolvency or bankruptcy of Franchisor has triggered the application of this **Section 15.4**, all rights and license granted under or pursuant to this Agreement by Franchisor to Retailer are, and shall otherwise be deemed to be, for purposes of Section 365(n) of the Code, licenses to rights to "intellectual property" as defined under the Code. The parties agree that Retailer, as licensee of such rights under this Agreement, shall retain and may fully exercise all of its rights and elections under the Code. The parties further agree that, in the event of commencement of bankruptcy proceedings by or against Franchisor under the Code, Retailer shall be entitled to retain all of its rights under this Agreement.
- 15.5 **Damages.** Retailer shall pay Franchisor all damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor as a result of any default of Retailer under this Agreement (in addition to other remedies that Franchisor may have).
- 15.6 **Statutory Limitations.** If any valid, applicable law or regulation of a competent governmental authority with jurisdiction over this Agreement requires a notice or cure period prior to termination

longer than set forth in this **Section 15**, this Agreement shall be deemed amended to conform to the minimum notice or cure period required by the applicable law or regulation.

## 16 OBLIGATIONS UPON TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION

Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, all rights granted under this Agreement to Retailer shall terminate, and:

- 16.1 *Cease Operation.* Retailer shall immediately cease to operate the Retail Location, and shall not thereafter, directly or indirectly, represent to the public or hold itself out as a present or former retailer of Franchisor.
- 16.2 *Stop Using Proprietary Marks and Materials.* Retailer shall immediately and permanently cease to use, in any manner whatsoever, any confidential methods, procedures and techniques associated with the System, all intellectual property associated with the System including the marks “ILLY CAFFÈ” and “ILLY” and any and all other Proprietary Marks and distinctive forms, slogans, signs, symbols, and devices associated with the System. In particular, Retailer shall cease to use, without limitation, all signs, marketing materials, displays, stationery, forms, and any other articles that display the Proprietary Marks.
- 16.3 *Cancel Assumed Names.* Retailer shall take such action as may be necessary to cancel any assumed name or equivalent registration that contains any and all of the Proprietary Marks, and/or any other service mark or trademark of Franchisor, and Retailer shall furnish Franchisor with evidence satisfactory to Franchisor of compliance with this obligation within five (5) days after termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 16.4 *Premises.* In connection with the Retail Location:
  - 16.4.1 Retailer shall make such modifications or alterations to the premises operated under this Agreement (including, without limitation, changing the telephone number) immediately upon termination or expiration of this Agreement as may be necessary to distinguish the appearance of the premises from that of other Retail Locations, and shall make such specific additional changes thereto as Franchisor may reasonably request for that purpose, which include, without limitation:
    - 16.4.1.1 removing coating material from the bar counter and replacing it with a new coating made of a different material and with a different design and shape;
    - 16.4.1.2 filling up any holes and shelves in the counter so the surface of the counter becomes a regular surface;
    - 16.4.1.3 destroying (and giving evidence to Franchisor of destruction) or return to Franchisor any and all: (a) materials bearing the “PATTERN” decoration; (b) chandeliers with “ILLY” cups; (c) signs bearing Proprietary Marks or any representation of those marks; (d) “ILLY” art collections; (e) panels with photos of “In Principio” collection of Sebastiao Salgado; (f) panels or mosaics with images of Xanti Schawinsky; (g) panels or paintings with images of James Rosenquist (“ILLY” trademark and Coffee Flowers Idea); (h) “wall of memories” wall images, (i) “Storytelling” wall images; (j) giant cups; (k) lists/selections of the cities with “ILLY” locations; (l) “ILLY” franchising chain members’ plaques; (m) environmental signage (all printed writing on walls or on furniture); (n) cabinet showcase; (o) “ILLY” products for tasting or selling; (p) related fixed or movable promotional materials; (q) any products or promotional material

bearing the Proprietary Marks purchased by Retailer during this Agreement; and (r) Manuals.

16.4.1.4 removing any and all cups bearing the Proprietary Marks, "ILLY" art collection cups, and "ILLY" espresso cups;

16.4.1.5 removing three (3) kilo tins; and

16.4.1.6 making any additional aesthetic modifications necessary in Franchisor's sole and absolute discretion so the premises no longer resembles a Retail Location or the Proprietary Marks.

16.4.2 If Retailer fails or refuses to comply with all of the requirements of this **Section 16.4**, Franchisor (or its designee) shall have the right to enter upon the premises of the Retail Location, without being guilty of trespass or any other tort, for the purpose of making or causing to be made such changes as may be required, at the expense of Retailer, which expense Retailer agrees to pay upon demand.

16.5 *Phone Numbers and Directory Listings.* In addition, Retailer shall cease use of the Retail Location's telephone numbers and any domain names, websites, e-mail addresses, social media accounts, and any other identifiers, whether or not authorized by Franchisor, used by Retailer in the operation of the Retail Location exclusively, and shall promptly execute such documents or take such steps necessary to remove reference to the Proprietary Marks in connection with the Retail Location from all trade or business telephone directories, including "yellow" and "white" pages. Retailer hereby authorizes Franchisor to instruct issuers of any internet domain name services, and other providers to transfer any such telephone numbers, domain names, websites, social media accounts, addresses, and any other identifiers exclusively related to Retail Location to Franchisor upon termination of this Agreement, without need for any further approval from Retailer. Without limiting the foregoing, if requested by Franchisor, Retailer shall provide, during the term or upon termination of this Agreement, written confirmation of Franchisor's rights under this **Section**. Retailer agrees that it shall sign such documents and do such things (without cost to Retailer) that may be reasonably requested by Franchisor in order to implement this **Section**.

16.6 *No Use of the Marks in Other Businesses.* Retailer agrees, if it continues to operate or subsequently begins to operate any other business, not to use any reproduction, counterfeit copy, or colorable imitation of the Proprietary Marks, either in connection with such other business or the promotion thereof, which is likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception, or which is likely to dilute Franchisor's rights in and to the Proprietary Marks, and further agrees not to utilize any designation of origin, description, trademark, service mark, representation, or trade dress that suggests or represents a present or past association or connection with any or all of Franchisor, the System, the Products and the Proprietary Marks.

16.7 *Pay All Sums Due.* Retailer shall promptly pay all sums owing to Franchisor and its subsidiaries and affiliates (regardless whether those obligations arise under this Agreement or otherwise). In the event of termination for any default of Retailer, such sums shall include all damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor as a result of the default.

16.8 *Pay Damages.* Retailer shall pay Franchisor all damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor as a result of any default of Retailer under this Agreement and/or subsequent to the termination or expiration of this Agreement in obtaining injunctive or other relief for the enforcement of any provisions of this **Section 16**.

16.9 *Return Confidential Information.* Retailer shall immediately return to Franchisor the Manuals and all other manuals, records, and instructions containing confidential information (including without

limitation any copies thereof, even if such copies were made in violation of this Agreement), all of which are acknowledged to be the property of Franchisor.

- 16.10 *Franchisor's Option to Buy Certain Assets.* Franchisor shall have the option (but not the obligation), which Franchisor may exercise at any time within thirty (30) days after expiration, termination, or default under the prime lease, to purchase from Retailer any or all of the furnishings, equipment, signs, fixtures, supplies, or inventory of Retailer related to the operation of the Retail Location, at the lesser of Retailer's cost or fair market value. The cost of Franchisor's proprietary furnishings, equipment, signs, and fixtures shall be determined based upon a five (5) year straight-line depreciation of original costs. For equipment that is five (5) or more years old, the parties agree that fair market value shall be deemed to be ten percent (10%) of the equipment's original cost. If Franchisor elects to exercise any option to purchase provided in this Agreement, it shall have the right to set off all amounts due from Retailer. If Franchisor exercises this option to purchase, Retailer shall, at Franchisor's option, assign the liquor and all other transferable licenses and permits used in connection with the ownership or operation of the Retail Location to Franchisor or its designee.

## 17 COVENANTS

- 17.1 *Retailer's or Manager's Commercially Reasonable Efforts.* Retailer covenants that during the term of this Agreement, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor, Retailer (or a manager who meets the requirements of **Section 6.3**) shall devote commercially reasonable efforts to the management and operation of the Retail Location.
- 17.2 *No Injurious Conduct.* Retailer specifically acknowledges that, pursuant to this Agreement, Retailer will receive valuable specialized training and confidential information, including, without limitation, information regarding the operational, sales, promotional, and marketing methods and techniques of Franchisor and the System. Retailer covenants that during the term of this Agreement, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor, Retailer shall not, either directly or indirectly, for itself, or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any person, persons, partnership, corporation, or entity:
- 17.2.1 Do or perform, directly or indirectly, any act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Proprietary Marks and the System.
- 17.2.2 Unless released in writing by the employer, employ or seek to employ any Key Personnel / Certified Managers who is at that time employed by Franchisor or by any other retailer, franchisee, master franchisee, or developer of Franchisor or development agent, or otherwise directly or indirectly induce such person to leave his or her employment.
- 17.3 *In-Term Covenant.* Retailer covenants that, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor:
- 17.3.1 Retailer shall not, during the term of this Agreement, either directly or indirectly, for itself, or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any person, persons, partnership, corporation, or entity, own, maintain, operate, engage in, or have any interest in any Competitive Business (as defined in **Section 17.3.2**); or any other business to manufacture, sell or otherwise distribute, market or advertise products that would compete with the products offered by Retail Locations within the Territory.
- 17.3.2 A "**Competitive Business**" shall be considered to be a retail business in which the sale of brand name coffee and/or coffee related beverages and products comprise twenty percent (20%) or more of the business' Net Sales in any month.

- 17.4 *Publicly-Held Entities.* **Section 17.3** shall not apply to ownership by Retailer of less than five percent (5%) beneficial interest in the outstanding equity securities of any publicly-held corporation. As used in this Agreement, the term “**publicly-held corporation**” shall be deemed to refer to a corporation which has securities that have been registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 17.5 *Personal Covenants.* Retailer shall require and obtain execution of a confidentiality agreement, the form of which is attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit E**, from manager, supervisor, or a person in a managerial position with Retailer, who has supervisory responsibilities related to the Retail Location. Failure by Retailer to obtain execution of a covenant required by this **Section** shall constitute a default under **Section 15.3.4**.
- 17.6 *Construction.* The parties agree that each of the foregoing covenants shall be construed as independent of any other covenant or provision of this Agreement. If all or any portion of a covenant in this **Section 17** is held unreasonable or unenforceable by a court or agency having valid jurisdiction in an unappealed final decision to which Franchisor is a party, Retailer expressly agrees to be bound by any lesser covenant subsumed within the terms of such covenant that imposes the maximum duty permitted by law, as if the resulting covenant were separately stated in and made a part of this **Section 17**.
- 17.7 *Reduction in Scope.* Retailer understands and acknowledges that Franchisor shall have the right to reduce the scope of any covenant set forth in this **Section 17**, without Retailer’s consent, effective immediately upon receipt by Retailer of written notice thereof; and Retailer agrees that it shall comply forthwith with any covenant as so modified, which shall be fully enforceable notwithstanding the provisions of **Section 23**.
- 17.8 *Claims Not a Defense.* Retailer expressly agrees that the existence of any claims it 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 17**. Retailer agrees to pay all costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees) incurred by Franchisor in connection with the enforcement of this **Section 17**.
- 17.9 *Defaults.* Each party acknowledges that any violation of the terms of this **Section 17** would result in irreparable injury to the other party for which no adequate remedy at law may be available, and each of Retailer and Franchisor accordingly consents to the issuance of an injunction prohibiting any conduct in violation of the terms of this **Section 17**.

## **18 TAXES, PERMITS, AND INDEBTEDNESS**

- 18.1 *Payment of Taxes.* Retailer shall promptly pay when due all taxes levied or assessed, including, without limitation, unemployment, payroll, and sales taxes, and all accounts and other indebtedness of every kind incurred by Retailer in the conduct of the Retail Location.
- 18.2 *Taxes.* If a withholding tax is required by applicable law to be withheld and paid to the appropriate governmental tax authority having jurisdiction in the Territory in respect of any of the payments due to Franchisor under this Agreement, Retailer shall be entitled to deduct from such payments the appropriate amount required to be withheld, provided that:
- 18.2.1 Retailer properly and timely remits any taxes withheld in the name of Franchisor, along with all required documentation, to the appropriate governmental tax authority;
- 18.2.2 concurrently with any payments due to Franchisor under this Agreement, Retailer provides to Franchisor: (a) a statement disclosing the amount withheld, the date of payment thereof to such governmental tax authority and the payment in respect of which

such amount was withheld; and (b) as soon as the particular governmental tax authority makes the necessary documents available, all withholding tax receipts or other similar official government certifications evidencing all taxes withheld from payments due hereunder and the proper and timely remittance of those taxes to the government in the name of Franchisor; and

- 18.2.3 Retailer cooperates with Franchisor and provides Franchisor with any other information or documentation reasonably requested from time to time by Franchisor and available to Retailer in order to enable Franchisor to adequately support any foreign tax credit claimed by Franchisor that is attributable to taxes withheld by Retailer from payments due to Franchisor.
- 18.3 *Retailer's Right to Contest Liabilities.* In the event of any bona fide dispute as to Retailer's liability for taxes assessed or other indebtedness, Retailer may contest the validity or the amount of the tax or indebtedness in accordance with procedures of the taxing authority or applicable law; however, in no event shall Retailer permit a tax sale or seizure by levy of execution or similar writ or warrant, or attachment by a creditor, to occur against the premises of the Retail Location, or any improvements thereon.
- 18.4 *Compliance with Law.* Retailer 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 Retail Location, including, without limitation, licenses to do business, health certificates, beer, wine or liquor licenses, food handler's permits, fictitious name registrations, sales tax permits, and fire clearances. To the extent that the requirements of said laws are in conflict with the terms of this Agreement, the Manuals, or other instructions of Franchisor, Retailer shall: (a) comply with said laws; and (b) immediately provide written notice describing the nature of such conflict to Franchisor.

## **19 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AND INDEMNIFICATION**

- 19.1 *Independent Contractor Relationship.* The parties acknowledge and agree that: (a) this Agreement does not create a fiduciary relationship between them; (b) that Retailer shall be an independent contractor; (c) Retailer is the only party that is in day-to-day control of the Retail Location, and neither this Agreement nor any of the systems, guidance, processes, or requirements under which Retailer operates alter that fact; (d) nothing in this Agreement is intended to make either party an agent, legal representative, subsidiary, joint venturer, partner, employee, or servant of the other for any purpose whatsoever; and (e) neither this Agreement nor Franchisor's course of conduct is intended nor may be construed to state or imply that Franchisor is the employer of Retailer or Retailer's employees and/or independent contractors, nor vice versa.
- 19.2 *Notice of Status.* At all times during the term of this Agreement and any extensions of this Agreement, Retailer shall hold itself out to the public in connection with the Retail Location as an independent contractor operating the business pursuant to this Agreement with Franchisor. Retailer agrees to take such action as may be necessary to do so, including, without limitation, exhibiting a notice of that fact in a conspicuous place within the Retail Location, the content of which Franchisor reserves the right to specify.
- 19.3 *No Contracts in Franchisor's Name.* It is understood and agreed that nothing in this Agreement authorizes Retailer to make any contract, agreement, warranty, or representation on Franchisor's behalf, or to incur any debt or other obligation in Franchisor's name; and that Franchisor shall in no event assume liability for, or be deemed liable under this Agreement as a result of, any such action; nor shall Franchisor be liable by reason of any act or omission of Retailer in its conduct of the Retail Location or for any claim or judgment arising therefrom against Retailer or Franchisor.

19.4 *Indemnification.* Retailer shall indemnify and hold the ILLY Parties (as defined below) harmless against any and all Damages (as defined below) arising directly or indirectly from any Asserted Claim (defined below) as well as from any breach of this Agreement by Retailer. Retailer's indemnity obligations shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

19.5 *Definitions.* As used in **Section 19.4**, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

19.5.1 **"Asserted Claim"** means any allegation, claim or complaint that is the result of, or in connection with, Retailer's exercise of its rights and/or carrying out of its obligations hereunder (including but not limited to any claim associated with Retailer's operations of the Retail Location or otherwise), notwithstanding any claim that any ILLY Party was or may have been negligent.

19.5.2 **"ILLY Parties"** means Franchisor, Franchisor's shareholders, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents.

19.5.3 **"Damages"** means all claims, demands, causes of action, suits, damages, liabilities, fines, penalties, assessments, judgments, losses, and expenses (including without limitation expenses, costs and lawyers' fees incurred for any indemnified party's primary defense or for enforcement of its indemnification rights).

## 20 FORCE MAJEURE

20.1 *Impact.* Neither party shall be responsible to the other for non-performance or delay in performance occasioned by causes beyond its control, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing: (a) acts of nature; (b) acts of war, terrorism, or insurrection; (c) strikes, lockouts, labor actions, boycotts, floods, fires, hurricanes, tornadoes, pandemics, epidemics, and/or other casualties; and/or (d) the inability, despite reasonable commercial efforts, of Franchisor and/or its affiliates, or any suppliers, to manufacture, purchase, and/or cause delivery of any ILLY Products used in the operation of the Retail Location.

20.2 *Transmittal of Funds.* The inability of either party to obtain and/or remit funds shall be considered within control of such party for the purpose of **Section 20.1**. If any such delay occurs, any applicable time period shall be automatically extended for a period equal to the time lost; provided, however, that the party affected makes reasonable efforts to correct the reason for such delay and gives to the other party prompt notice of any such delay; and further provided, however, that Retailer shall remain obligated to promptly pay all fees owing and due to Franchisor hereunder, without any such delay or extension.

## 21 APPROVALS AND WAIVERS

21.1 *Request for Approval.* Whenever this Agreement requires the prior approval or consent of Franchisor, Retailer shall make a timely written request to Franchisor therefor, and such approval or consent must be obtained in writing. Franchisor shall act reasonably in determining whether to grant such approval or consent, shall not unreasonably withhold or delay transmission of such approval or consent and, failing a response within fifteen (15) days, or such other period as is otherwise set forth in this Agreement, to any request by Retailer for such approval or consent, shall be deemed denied and not approved on such matter in respect of which a request for approval or consent was sought.

21.2 *No Warranties or Guarantees.* Retailer acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor makes no warranties or guarantees upon which Retailer may rely, and assumes no liability or obligation to

Retailer, by providing any waiver, approval, consent, or suggestion to Retailer in connection with this Agreement, or by reason of any neglect, delay, or denial of any request therefor.

- 21.3 *No Waivers.* No delay, waiver, omission, or forbearance on the part of Franchisor to exercise any right, option, duty, or power arising out of any breach or default by Retailer or any other retailer under any of the terms, provisions, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement, and no custom or practice by the parties at variance with the terms of this Agreement, shall constitute a waiver by Franchisor to enforce any such right, option, duty, or power as against Retailer, or as to subsequent breach or default by Retailer. Subsequent acceptance by Franchisor of any payments due to it under this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver by Franchisor of any preceding or succeeding breach by Retailer of any terms, provisions, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement.

## **22 NOTICES**

Any and all notices required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered, sent by registered mail, sent by overnight courier, or by other means which affords the sender evidence of delivery, of rejected delivery, or attempted delivery to the respective parties at the addresses shown on the signature page of this Agreement, unless and until a different address has been designated by written notice to the other party. Any notice by a means which affords the sender evidence of delivery, rejected delivery, or attempted delivery shall be deemed to have been given at the date and time of receipt, rejected delivery, or attempted delivery.

## **23 ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT**

- 23.1 *Entire Agreement.* This Agreement and the exhibits referred to in this Agreement constitute the entire, full, and complete Agreement between Franchisor and Retailer concerning the subject matter hereof, and supersede all prior agreements, no other representations having induced Retailer to execute this Agreement. The parties acknowledge and agree that they relied only on the words printed in this Agreement in deciding whether to enter into this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Agreement shall disclaim or require Retailer to waive reliance on any representation that Franchisor made in the most recent disclosure document (including its exhibits and amendments) that Franchisor delivered to Retailer or its representative, subject to any agreed-upon changes to the contract terms and conditions described in that disclosure document and reflected in this Agreement (including any riders or addenda signed at the same time as this Agreement).
- 23.2 *Amendment.* Except for those permitted to be made unilaterally by Franchisor under this Agreement, no amendment, change, or variance from this Agreement shall be binding on either party unless mutually agreed to by the parties and executed by their authorized officers or agents in writing.

## **24 SEVERABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION**

- 24.1 *Severability.* Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Agreement, each portion, section, part, term, and/or provision of this Agreement shall be considered severable; and if, for any reason, any section, part, term, and/or provision in this Agreement is determined to be invalid and contrary to, or in conflict with, any existing or future law or regulation by a court or agency having valid jurisdiction, such shall not impair the operation of, or have any other effect upon, such other portions, sections, parts, terms, and/or provisions of this Agreement as may remain otherwise intelligible; and the latter shall continue to be given full force and effect and bind the parties; and said invalid portions, sections, parts, terms, and/or provisions shall be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement.

- 24.2 *No Third Party Rights.* Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor shall be deemed, to confer upon any person or legal entity other than Retailer, Franchisor, and such of Retailer's and Franchisor's respective successors and assigns as may be contemplated (and, as to Retailer, permitted) by **Section 14**, any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement.
- 24.3 *Construction.* Retailer expressly agrees to be bound by any promise or covenant imposing the maximum duty permitted by law that is subsumed within the terms of any provision of this Agreement, as though it were separately articulated in and made a part of this Agreement, that may result from striking from any of the provisions of this Agreement any portion or portions that a court may hold to be unenforceable in a final decision to which Franchisor is a party, or from reducing the scope of any promise or covenant to the extent required to comply with such a court order.
- 24.4 *Headings.* All captions in this Agreement are intended solely for the convenience of the parties, and no caption shall be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any provision hereof.
- 24.5 *Survival.* All provisions of this Agreement which, by their terms or intent, are designed to survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement, shall so survive the expiration and/or termination of this Agreement.

## **25 APPLICABLE LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 25.1 *Choice of Law.* This Agreement takes effect upon its acceptance and execution by Franchisor, and shall be interpreted and construed exclusively under the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises ("**HQ State**"), which laws shall prevail in the event of any conflict of law (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of HQ State's choice-of-law rules); provided, however, that if the covenants in **Section 17** of this Agreement would not be enforceable under the laws of HQ State and the Retail Location is located outside of HQ State, then such covenants shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the state in which the Retail Location is located. Nothing in this **Section** is intended by the parties to subject this Agreement to any franchise or similar law, rule, or regulation of HQ State to which this Agreement would not otherwise be subject.
- 25.2 *Mediation.* Before any party may bring an action in court against the other, the parties must first meet to mediate the dispute (except as otherwise provided in **Section 25.5** relating to injunctions). Any such mediation shall be non-binding and shall be conducted by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its then-current rules for mediation of commercial disputes. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, this **Section** shall not bar either party from obtaining injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause it loss or damages, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, without having to engage in mediation; including, without limitation, claims involving the Proprietary Marks.
- 25.2.1 The non-binding mediation provided for hereunder shall be commenced by the party requesting mediation (the "**complainant**") providing written notice of the request for mediation (the "**request**") to the party with whom mediation is sought (the "**respondent**"). The request shall specify with reasonable particularity the matter or matters on which non-binding mediation is sought. A copy of the request shall be given by the complainant simultaneously to Franchisor if Franchisor is not a complainant or respondent.
- 25.2.2 Non-binding mediation commenced hereunder shall be concluded within sixty (60) days of the issuance of the request or such longer period as may be agreed upon by the parties in writing. All aspects of the mediation process shall be treated as confidential, shall not be

disclosed to others, and shall not be offered or admissible in any other proceeding or legal action whatever. Complainant and respondent shall each bear its own costs of mediation, and each shall bear one-half the cost of the mediator or mediation service.

- 25.3 *Litigation.* The parties agree that any action brought by Retailer against Franchisor in any court, whether federal or state, shall be brought within such state and in the judicial district in which Franchisor has its principal place of business. Any action brought by Franchisor against Retailer in any court, whether federal or state, may be brought within the state and judicial district in which Franchisor has its principal place of business. The parties agree that this **Section** shall not be construed as preventing either party from removing an action from state to federal court. Franchisor and Retailer hereby waive all questions of personal jurisdiction or venue for the purpose of carrying out this provision. Any such action shall be conducted on an individual basis, and not as part of a consolidated, common, or class action.
- 25.4 *Parties Rights Are Cumulative.* No right or remedy conferred upon or reserved to Franchisor or Retailer by this Agreement is intended to be, nor shall be deemed, exclusive of any other right or remedy herein or by law or equity provided or permitted, but each shall be cumulative of every other right or remedy.
- 25.5 *Injunctions.* Nothing contained in this Agreement shall bar Franchisor's or Retailer's right to obtain injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause it loss or damages, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining restraining orders and preliminary injunctions.
- 25.6 **WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. FRANCHISOR AND RETAILER IRREVOCABLY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, OR COUNTERCLAIM, WHETHER AT LAW OR IN EQUITY, BROUGHT BY EITHER OF THEM AGAINST THE OTHER, WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE OTHER PARTIES IN SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING.**
- 25.7 **MUST BRING CLAIMS WITHIN ONE YEAR. ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AND ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, THE RELATIONSHIP OF RETAILER AND FRANCHISOR, OR RETAILER'S OPERATION OF THE RETAIL LOCATION, BROUGHT BY ANY PARTY HERETO AGAINST THE OTHER, SHALL BE COMMENCED WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE OCCURRENCE OF THE FACTS GIVING RISE TO SUCH CLAIM OR ACTION, OR, IT IS EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED BY ALL PARTIES, SUCH CLAIM OR ACTION SHALL BE IRREVOCABLY BARRED.**
- 25.8 **WAIVER OF PUNITIVE DAMAGES. FRANCHISOR AND RETAILER HEREBY WAIVE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW ANY RIGHT TO OR CLAIM OF ANY PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES AGAINST THE OTHER, AND AGREE THAT IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE BETWEEN THEM EACH SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE RECOVERY OF ANY ACTUAL DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY IT.**
- 25.9 *Payment of Legal Fees.* Retailer shall pay to Franchisor all damages, costs and expenses (including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees) that Franchisor incurs subsequent to the termination or expiration of this Agreement in: (a) obtaining injunctive or other relief for the enforcement of any provisions of this Agreement (including without limitation **Sections 9 and 17** above); and/or (b) successfully defending a claim that Franchisor defrauded Retailer into signing this Agreement, that the provisions of this Agreement are not fair, were not properly entered into, and/or that the terms of this Agreement do not govern the parties' relationship.

## **26 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

- 26.1 *No Conflicting Obligations.* Each party represents and warrants to the other that there are no other agreements, court orders, or any other legal obligations that would preclude or in any manner restrict such party from: (a) negotiating and entering into this Agreement; (b) exercising its rights under this Agreement; and/or (c) fulfilling its responsibilities under this Agreement.

- 26.2 *Retailer's Responsibility for the Choice of the Approved Location.* Retailer acknowledges that it has sole and complete responsibility for the choice of the premises of the Approved Location.
- 26.3 *Retailer's Responsibility for Operation of the Retail Location.* Although Franchisor retains the right to establish and periodically modify System standards, which Retailer has agreed to maintain in the operation of the Retail Location, Retailer retains the right and sole responsibility for the day-to-day management and operation of the Retail Location and the implementation and maintenance of system standards at the Retail Location.
- 26.4 *Different Offerings to Others.* Retailer acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor may modify the terms under which Franchisor will offer franchises to other parties in any manner and at any time, which offers and agreements have or may have terms, conditions, and obligations that may differ from the terms, conditions, and obligations in this Agreement.
- 26.5 *Public Announcement.* Unless required under applicable law (including, without limitation, any applicable securities laws and/or rules and regulations of a securities exchange to which the disclosing party is a member), Retailer shall not make any announcement or press release concerning this Agreement or any of the matters dealt with in this Agreement without Franchisor's prior written consent.
- 26.6 *Authority to Sign.* The individual signing on behalf of the Retailer below represents and warrants to Franchisor that he or she has the authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and all related agreements on Retailer's behalf. Retailer represents and warrants to Franchisor that this Agreement has been duly authorized and executed by or on behalf of Retailer and constitutes the valid and binding obligation of Retailer, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- 26.7 *Fractional Franchise.* Retailer represents and warrants that it (or one of its current directors or officers, or a current director or officer of a parent or affiliate) has more than two (2) years of experience in operating various types of foodservice concepts. In addition, Retailer acknowledges and agrees that the parties have a reasonable basis to anticipate that the sales arising from Retailer's relationship with Franchisor will not exceed twenty percent (20%) of Retailer's total dollar volume in sales from all of its foodservice operations during the Retail Location's first year of operation.
- 26.8 *General Release.* If this Agreement is not the first contract between Retailer (and its affiliates) and Franchisor (and its affiliates), then Retailer agrees to the following: Retailer (on behalf of itself and its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates and their respective past and present members, officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members, managers, agents and employees, in their corporate and individual capacities) and all guarantors of Retailer's obligations under this Agreement (collectively, "**Retailer Releasers**") freely and without any influence forever release and covenant not to sue Franchisor, its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates and their respective past and present officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members, managers, agents and employees, in their corporate and individual capacities (collectively "**Franchisor Releasees**"), with respect to any and all claims, demands, liabilities and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, whether known or unknown, vested or contingent, suspected or unsuspected (collectively, "**claims**"), which any Retailer Releaser now owns or holds or may at any time have owned or held, including, without limitation, claims arising under federal, state and local laws, rules and ordinances and claims arising out of, or relating to this Agreement and all other agreements between any Retailer Releaser and any Franchisor Releasee, the sale of any franchise to any Retailer Releaser, the development and operation of the Retail Location and the development and operation of all other Retail Locations operated by any Retailer Releaser that are franchised by any Franchisor Releasee. Retailer expressly agrees that fair consideration has been given by Franchisor for this General Release and Retailer fully understands that this is a negotiated, complete and final release of all claims. This General Release does not release any claims arising from representations made in Franchisor's FDD and its exhibits or otherwise impair or affect any claims arising after the date of this Agreement.

26.9 *Retailer's Independence.* Retailer acknowledges and agrees that: (a) Retailer is the only party that employs its employees (even though Franchisor may provide Retailer with advice, guidance, and training); (b) Franchisor is not the employer of any of Retailer's employees, and Franchisor will not play any role in decisions regarding their employment (including but not limited to matters such as recruitment, hiring, scheduling, compensation, relations, labor matters, review, and/or dismissal); (c) the guidance that Franchisor provides and requirements under which Retailer will operate are intended to promote and protect the value of the brand and the Proprietary Marks; (d) when forming and in operating Retailer's business, Retailer had to adopt standards to operate that business, and that instead of developing and implementing Retailer's own standards (or those of another party), Retailer chose to adopt and implement Franchisor's standards for Retailer's business (including but not limited to Franchisor's System and the requirements under this Agreement); and (e) Retailer has made (and will remain responsible at all times for) all of the organizational and basic decisions about establishing and forming Retailer's entity, operating its business (including but not limited to adopting Franchisor's standards as Retailer's standards), and hiring employees, engaging professional advisors, and all other facets of Retailer's operation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have duly signed and delivered this Agreement in duplicate on the day and year first above written.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**

Franchisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Retailer Entity

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for Notices:

Address for Notices:

800 Westchester Avenue, Suite 440-S  
Rye Brook, NY 10573  
Telephone: (914) 253-4500  
Attn: President

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

with a copy to:

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attn: General Manager

ILLY CAFFÈ  
RETAIL LOCATION AGREEMENT  
EXHIBIT A

**RETAILER-SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

1. The Facility for the Approved Location is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. The address for the Approved Location is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. The Territory for the Retailer is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ILLY CAFFÈ  
RETAIL LOCATION AGREEMENT  
EXHIBIT B - 1

**PERSONAL GUARANTEE, INDEMNIFICATION, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

As an inducement to illy caffè North America, Inc. (“**Franchisor**”) to execute the ILLY CAFFÈ Retail Location Agreement between Franchisor and \_\_\_\_\_ (“**Retailer**”), dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the “**Agreement**”), the undersigned, jointly and severally, hereby unconditionally guarantee to Franchisor and Franchisor’s successors and assigns that all of Retailer’s monetary obligations under the Agreement will be punctually paid and performed and that all monetary obligations will be punctually paid and performed.

Upon demand by Franchisor, the undersigned each hereby jointly and severally agree to immediately make each payment required of Retailer under the Agreement and waive any right to require Franchisor to: (a) proceed against Retailer for any payment required under the Agreement; (b) proceed against or exhaust any security from Retailer; (c) pursue or exhaust any remedy, including any legal or equitable relief, against Retailer; or (d) give notice of demand for payment by Retailer. Without affecting the obligations of the undersigned under this Guarantee, Franchisor may, without notice to the undersigned, extend, modify, or release any indebtedness or obligation of Retailer, or settle, adjust, or compromise any claims against Retailer, and the undersigned each hereby jointly and severally waive notice of same and agree to remain and be bound by any and all such amendments and changes to the Agreement.

The undersigned each hereby jointly and severally agree to defend, indemnify and hold Franchisor harmless against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney’s fees, reasonable costs of financial and other investigation, court costs, and fees and expenses) resulting from, consisting of, or arising out of or in connection with any failure by Retailer to perform any obligation of Retailer under the Agreement, any amendment thereto, or any other agreement executed by Retailer referred to therein.

The undersigned each hereby jointly and severally acknowledge and expressly agree to be individually bound by all of the covenants contained in **Sections 7, 9, 14, 16, and 17** of the Agreement, as amended and supplemented, and acknowledge and agree that this Guarantee does not grant the undersigned any right to use the “ILLY CAFFÈ” and “ILLY” marks, logos or system licensed to Retailer under the Agreement.

This Guarantee shall terminate upon the termination or expiration of the Agreement, except that all obligations and liabilities of the undersigned which arose from events which occurred on or before the effective date of such termination shall remain in full force and effect until satisfied or discharged by the undersigned, and all covenants which by their terms continue in force after the expiration or termination of the Agreement shall remain in force according to their terms. Upon the death of an individual guarantor, the estate of such guarantor shall be bound by this Guarantee, but only for defaults and obligations hereunder existing at the time of death; and the obligations of the other guarantors will continue in full force and effect.

Unless specifically stated otherwise, the terms used in this Guarantee shall have the same meaning as in the Agreement, and shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with **Sections 24 and 25** of the Agreement (including, without limitation, the terms regarding governing law, jurisdiction and venue, waiver of punitive damages, waiver of jury trials, injunctive relief, and limitations on periods for bringing claims). This Guarantee shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises. In the event of any conflict of law, the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises shall prevail (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of such state’s conflict of law rules).

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each of the undersigned has signed this Guarantee as of the date of the Agreement.

GUARANTOR(S)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(In his/her individual capacity)

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(In his/her individual capacity)

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(In his/her individual capacity)

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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EXHIBIT B – 2

**CORPORATE GUARANTEE, INDEMNIFICATION, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

This GUARANTEE, INDEMNIFICATION, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the “**Guarantee**”), is by \_\_\_\_\_ (the “**Guarantor**”), in favor of illy caffè North America, Inc. (“**Franchisor**”), for its benefit and the benefit of the Indemnified Parties (as defined below).

**BACKGROUND:**

- A.** Franchisor and \_\_\_\_\_ (“**Retailer**”) have entered into that certain ILLY CAFFÈ Franchise Agreement, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the “**Agreement**”).
- B.** Guarantor is the sole parent company of Retailer and will derive direct and indirect economic benefits from the license of the Proprietary Marks and the System to Retailer pursuant to the Agreement.
- C.** As a condition to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement, Franchisor requires the irrevocable and unconditional guarantee by Guarantor of the due and punctual payment, observance and performance of all of the obligations and liabilities of Retailer under the Agreement.
- D.** Guarantor, in furtherance of its business objectives, is willing to provide such guaranty on the terms and conditions set forth in this Guarantee.

NOW THEREFORE, Guarantor and Franchisor, in consideration of the undertakings and commitments of each party to the other party set forth herein and in the Agreement, hereby mutually agree as follows:

- 1. Definitions.** In addition to terms defined elsewhere in this Guarantee, the following terms have the meanings assigned in this **Section 1**. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in this Guarantee shall have the meaning given to them in the Agreement.

“**Indemnified Parties**” means Franchisor and its current and prior shareholders, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents, individually and collectively, including their respective successors and assigns.

“**Guaranteed Documents**” means the Agreement, as amended and supplemented, and all other agreement executed by Retailer referred to therein.

- 2. Guarantee Obligations.** The Guarantor hereby irrevocably, absolutely, and unconditionally guarantees, as primary obligor and as a guarantor of payment and performance, to each of the Indemnified Parties, the due, complete and punctual payment of all amounts which are or may become due and payable by Retailer under the Guaranteed Documents, and the due, complete, and punctual performance of all other agreements and undertakings of Retailer under the Guaranteed Documents, in each case, in accordance with the terms thereof, together with all claims for damages arising from or in connection with the failure to punctually and completely pay or perform such obligations.

- 3. Guarantee Process.** Upon demand by Franchisor (or one of the Indemnified Parties), Guarantor hereby agrees to immediately make each payment required of Retailer under the Guaranteed Documents and waives any right to require Franchisor to: (a) proceed against Retailer for any payment required under the Guaranteed Documents; (b) proceed against or exhaust any security from Retailer; (c) pursue or exhaust any remedy, including any legal or equitable relief, against Retailer; or (d) give notice of demand for payment by Retailer. Without affecting the obligations of the undersigned under this Guarantee,

Franchisor may, without notice to Guarantor, extend, modify, or release any indebtedness or obligation of Retailer, or settle, adjust, or compromise any claims against Retailer, and Guarantor hereby waives notice of same and agrees to remain and be bound by any and all such amendments and changes to the Guaranteed Documents.

**4. Demand by Indemnified Parties.** Any demand by Franchisor or one of the Indemnified Parties under this Guarantee shall be conclusive, absent manifest error, as to the matters therein stated, including the amount due. Any Indemnified Party, including but not limited to Franchisor, may enforce this Guarantee.

**5. Indemnification.** Guarantor hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold Franchisor harmless against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees, reasonable costs of financial and other investigation, court costs, and fees and expenses) resulting from, consisting of, or arising out of or in connection with any failure by Retailer to perform any obligation of Retailer under the Guaranteed Documents.

**6. Acknowledgement.** Guarantor hereby acknowledges and expressly agrees to be bound by all of the covenants contained in **Sections 7, 9, 14, 16, and 17** of the Agreement, and acknowledges and agrees that this Guarantee does not grant Guarantor any right to use the "ILLY CAFFÈ" and "ILLY" marks, logos or system licensed to Retailer under the Agreement.

**7. Term and Termination.** This Guarantee shall terminate upon the termination or expiration of the Agreement, except that all obligations and liabilities of Guarantor which arose from events that occurred on or before the effective date of such termination shall remain in full force and effect until satisfied or discharged by Guarantor, and all covenants that by their terms continue in force after the expiration or termination of the Agreement shall remain in force according to their terms. The terms of this Guarantee shall be binding on Guarantor and any successors and/or assigns permitted under the terms of the Agreement.

**8. Waiver and Amendment.** This Guarantee and any provision of this Guarantee may be terminated, waived, amended, modified or supplemented only by an agreement or instrument in writing, specifying the provision (or, if applicable, the whole of this Guarantee) intended to be terminated, waived, amended, modified or supplemented, and executed by Guarantor and Franchisor. No failure on the part of any Indemnified Party or its agents to exercise, and no course of dealing with respect to, and no delay in exercising, any right, power or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise by any Indemnified Party or its agents, of any right, power or remedy hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy. The remedies herein are cumulative and are not exclusive of any remedies provided by law.

**9. Severability.** Should any of the provisions of this Guarantee be or become fully or in part invalid or unenforceable, the other provisions hereof shall remain enforceable and in full force and effect.

**10. Further Assurances.** Guarantor shall execute and deliver all such instruments and take all such actions as Franchisor may from time to time reasonably request in order to effectuate fully the purposes of this Guarantee.

**11. Reinstatement.** This Guarantee shall remain in full force and effect and continue to be effective should any petition be filed by or against Retailer or Guarantor for liquidation or reorganization, should Retailer or Guarantor become insolvent or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors or should a receiver or trustee be appointed for all or any significant part of Retailer's or Guarantor's assets, and shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, if at any time payment and performance of the obligations described in **Section 2**, or any part thereof, is, pursuant to applicable law, rescinded or reduced in amount, or must otherwise be restored or returned by Franchisor, whether as a "voidable preference", "fraudulent conveyance", or otherwise, all as though such payment or performance had not been made. In the event that any payment, or any part thereof, is rescinded, reduced, restored or returned, the obligations contained in this Guarantee shall be reinstated and deemed reduced only by such amount paid and not so rescinded, reduced, restored or returned.

**12. Choice of Law and Construction.** Unless specifically stated otherwise, the terms used in this Guarantee shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with **Sections 24** and **25** of the Agreement (including, without limitation, the terms regarding governing law, jurisdiction and venue, waiver of punitive damages, waiver of jury trials, injunctive relief, and limitations on periods for bringing claims). This Guarantee shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises. In the event of any conflict of law, the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises shall prevail (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of such state's conflict of law rules).

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Guarantor has caused this Guarantee to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

GUARANTOR:

\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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EXHIBIT C

**AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR ACH PAYMENTS**  
**(DIRECT DEBITS FOR ROYALTY, MARKETING FUND CONTRIBUTION, AND OTHER FEES)**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Person or Legal Entity)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (ID Number)

The undersigned depositor (“**Depositor**” or “**Retailer**”) hereby authorizes illy caffè North America, Inc. (“**Franchisor**”) to initiate debit entries and/or credit correction entries to the undersigned’s checking and/or savings account(s) indicated below and the depository designated below (“**Depository**” or “**Bank**”) to debit or credit such account(s) pursuant to Franchisor’s instructions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Depository  
\_\_\_\_\_ Branch

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Bank Transit/ABA Number  
\_\_\_\_\_ Account Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
This authorization is to remain in full and force and effect until sixty (60) days after Franchisor has received written notification from Retailer of its termination.

Printed Name of  
Depositor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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EXHIBIT D

**ADA CERTIFICATION**

illy caffè North America, Inc. ("**Franchisor**") and \_\_\_\_\_ ("**Retailer**") are parties to a retail location agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (the "**Retail Location Agreement**") for the operation of a Retail Location at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (the "**Retail Location**"). In accordance with **Section 5.3** of the Retail Location Agreement, Retailer certifies to Franchisor that, to the best of Retailer's knowledge, the Retail Location and its adjacent areas comply with all applicable federal, state and local accessibility laws, statutes, codes, rules, regulations and standards, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Retailer acknowledges that it is an independent contractor and the requirement of this certification by Franchisor does not constitute ownership, control, leasing or operation of the Retail Location. Retailer acknowledges that Franchisor has relied on the information contained in this certification. Furthermore, Retailer agrees to indemnify Franchisor and the officers, directors, and employees of Franchisor in connection with any and all claims, losses, costs, expenses, liabilities, compliance costs, and damages incurred by the indemnified party(ies) as a result of any matters associated with Retailer's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as the costs, including attorneys' fees, related to the same.

Retailer: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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RETAIL LOCATION AGREEMENT  
EXHIBIT E

**NON-DISCLOSURE AND NON-COMPETITION AGREEMENT**  
**(BETWEEN RETAILER AND ITS PERSONNEL)**

THIS NON-DISCLOSURE AND NON-COMPETITION AGREEMENT (“**Agreement**”) is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_ (the “**Retailer**”), and \_\_\_\_\_, who is an owner, manager, supervisor, member, partner, or a person in a managerial position with Retailer who has supervisory responsibilities related to the Approved Location (the “**Member**”).

RECITALS:

**WHEREAS**, illy caffè North America, Inc. (“**Franchisor**”) and its affiliates own a format and system (the “**System**”) relating to the establishment and operation of coffee outlet businesses (the “**Retail Locations**”) that operate under the Proprietary Marks in buildings that are designed using and bear Franchisor’s interior and exterior trade dress, use equipment, furnishings and promotional items according to Franchisor’s specifications, and specialize in the sale of “ILLY” products and specialty beverages and items prepared according to Franchisor’s proprietary recipes, formulae and techniques (together, the “**ILLY Products**”), as well as such other food and beverage items, related products and accessories as Franchisor may periodically specify (“**Additional Products**”) (Together, ILLY Products and Additional Products will be referred to as “**Products**”);

**WHEREAS**, Franchisor and Retailer have executed a retail location agreement (“**Retail Location Agreement**”) granting Retailer the right to operate a Retail Location at a location identified in the Retail Location Agreement (the “**Retail Location**”) and to produce and sell Products approved by Franchisor and use the Proprietary Marks in connection therewith under the terms and conditions of the Retail Location Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Member, by virtue of his or her position with Retailer, will gain access to certain of Franchisor’s Confidential Information (defined below), and must therefore be bound by the confidentiality and non-competition agreements as required by the Retail Location Agreement.

**IN CONSIDERATION** of these premises, the conditions stated herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Confidential Information. Member shall not, during the term of the Retail Location Agreement or thereafter, communicate, divulge, or use for the benefit of any other person, persons, partnership, entity, association, or corporation any confidential information, knowledge, or know-how concerning the methods of operation of the Retail Location that may be communicated to Member or of which Member may be apprised by virtue of Retailer’s operation of the Retail Location under the terms of the Retail Location Agreement. Any and all information, knowledge, know-how, and techniques that Franchisor designates as confidential shall be deemed confidential for purposes of this Agreement, except information that Retailer can demonstrate came to its attention before disclosure thereof by Franchisor; or that, at or after the time of disclosure by Franchisor to Retailer, had become or later becomes generally known to the public, through publication or communication by others.

2. Additional Covenants.

(a) Member specifically acknowledges that, pursuant to the Retail Location Agreement, and by virtue of its position with Retailer, Member will receive valuable specialized training and confidential

information, including, without limitation, information regarding the operational, sales, promotional, and marketing methods and techniques of Franchisor and the System.

(b) Member covenants and agrees that during the term of the Retail Location Agreement, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor, Member shall not, either directly or indirectly, for itself, or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any person, persons, partnership, corporation, or entity:

(i) Do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with Franchisor's Proprietary Marks and the System.

(ii) Unless released in writing by the employer, employ or seek to employ any Key Personnel / Certified Managers who is at that time employed by Franchisor, Retailer or by any other retailer, franchisee, master franchisee, or developer of Franchisor, or development agent, or otherwise directly or indirectly induce such person to leave his or her employment; or

(iii) Own, maintain, operate, engage in, or have any interest in any Competitive Business, or any other business to manufacture, sell or otherwise distribute, market or advertise products that would compete with the products offered by Retail Locations within the Territory. A "**Competitive Business**" shall be considered to be a retail business in which the sale of brand name coffee and/or coffee related beverages and products comprise twenty percent (20%) or more of the business' Net Sales in any month.

3. Injunctive Relief. Member acknowledges that any failure to comply with the requirements of this Agreement will cause Franchisor irreparable injury, and Member agrees to pay all court costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Franchisor in obtaining specific performance of, or an injunction against violation of, the requirements of this Agreement.

4. Severability. All agreements and covenants contained in this Agreement are severable. If any of them, or any part or parts of them, shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction for any reason, then the Member agrees that the court shall have the authority to reform and modify that provision in order that the restriction shall be the maximum necessary to protect Franchisor's and/or Retailer's legitimate business needs as permitted by applicable law and public policy. In so doing, the Member agrees that the court shall impose the provision with retroactive effect as close as possible to the provision held to be invalid.

5. Delay. No delay or failure by the Franchisor or Retailer to exercise any right under this Agreement, and no partial or single exercise of that right, shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right provided in this Agreement, and no waiver of any violation of any terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any succeeding violation of the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

6. Third-Party Beneficiary. Member hereby acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor is an intended third-party beneficiary of this Agreement with the right to enforce it, independently or jointly, with Retailer.

7. Any capitalized terms that are not defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings given to them in the Retail Location Agreement and shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with **Sections 24** and **25** of the Retail Location Agreement (including, without limitation, the terms regarding governing law, jurisdiction and venue, waiver of punitive damages, waiver of jury trials, injunctive relief, and limitations on periods for bringing claims). This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises. In the event of any conflict of law, the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises shall prevail (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of such state's conflict of law rules).

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Retailer and the Member attest that each has read and understands the terms of this Agreement, and voluntarily signed this Agreement on the date first written above.

RETAILER

MANAGER

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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EXHIBIT F

**HOTEL ADDENDUM**

THIS HOTEL ADDENDUM TO THE RETAIL LOCATION AGREEMENT (“**Addendum**”) is made and entered into on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the “**Effective Date**”), by and between:

• **illy caffè North America, Inc.**, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 800 Westchester Avenue, Suite 440-S, Rye Brook, NY 10573 (“**Franchisor**”); and

• a [resident of] [corporation organized in] [limited liability company organized in] \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ having offices at \_\_\_\_\_ (“**Retailer**”).

RECITALS:

A. Franchisor is a Delaware company that is part of a corporate family internationally known and appreciated for the production and marketing of coffee, coffee related products and accessories under the trademark “ILLY”. Capitalizing on the consumer awareness and the image and reputation of the “ILLY” products, Franchisor and its affiliates, as the result of the expenditure of time, skill, effort and money, have developed and own a System relating to the establishment and operation of coffee outlet businesses (the “**Retail Locations**,” the expression “**the Retail Location**” refers to the Retail Location operated by Retailer at the Approved Location) that operate under the Proprietary Marks in buildings that are designed using and which bear Franchisor’s interior and exterior trade dress, use equipment, furnishings and promotional items according to Franchisor’s specifications, and specialize in the sale of ILLY PRODUCTS, as well as such Additional Products as Franchisor may specify from time to time.

B. WHEREAS, Retailer is a \_\_\_\_\_, which operates a hotel (the “**Facility**”) and has entered into a Retail Location Agreement with Franchisor of even date herewith (the “**Retail Location Agreement**”) to develop and operate a Retail Location at a location within the Facility identified in the Retail Location Agreement (the “**Approved Location**”).

C. WHEREAS, Franchisor and Retailer wish to enter into this Addendum to modify the Retail Location Agreement to incorporate specific provisions to reflect that the Facility is a hotel.

D. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Addendum shall have the same meaning as in the Retail Location Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, Franchisor and Retailer, in consideration of the undertakings and commitments of each party to the other party set forth herein and in the Retail Location Agreement, hereby mutually agree as follows:

**I. TRANSFER OF INTEREST** The following new **Section 14.4** is added to **Section 14** of the Retail Location Agreement, “Transfer of Interest”:

14.4 *Transfer to Facility Owner.* In the event that Retailer will no longer be manager of the Facility or the Management Agreement is terminated, the owner of the Facility (or its replacement manager) may, upon thirty (30) days written notice, request that this

Agreement be transferred to the owner of the Facility, provided the following conditions are met: (a) the owner (or new manager) executes documentation acceptable to Franchisor evidencing the owner's (or new manager's) assumption of all of the obligations under this Agreement; (b) the owner (or new manager) cures, or reaches agreement with Franchisor on a timetable for curing, all defaults under this Agreement, if any, existing at the time of the assumption; (c) the owner (or new manager) agrees to indemnify Franchisor from any and all claims that may be asserted by the Retailer or any other party as a result of the owner's (or new manager's) assumption of the obligations under this Agreement; (d) the owner (or new manager) has personnel that satisfy the training requirements to operate the Approved Location, or reaches agreement with Franchisor concerning the timing for completion of such training; and (e) the Facility will continue to be operated as a first-class quality hotel after Retailer ceases to be manager of the Facility or the Management Agreement is terminated (it being agreed that if there is no change in brands under which the Facility is operated, the requirements of this clause (e) will be met).

**II. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION** The following new **Section 15.7** is added to **Section 15** of the Retail Location Agreement, "Default and Termination":

15.7 *Voluntary Termination by Retailer.* The parties acknowledge that Retailer is conferred the right to supervise, direct and control the management and operation of the Facility by virtue of a confidential management agreement (the "**Management Agreement**"). Retailer shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon the termination of the Management Agreement for any reason whatsoever. In that event, Franchisor shall have the right (but not the obligation) set forth in **Section 14.4** above, to approve the transfer of this Agreement to the owner or a replacement manager. In the event that this Agreement is not so transferred, the obligations upon termination set forth in **Section 16** below shall apply.

**III. GENERAL** This Addendum constitutes an integral part of the Retail Location Agreement between the parties hereto, and the terms of this Addendum shall be controlling with respect to the subject matter hereof. Except as modified or supplemented by this Addendum, the terms of the Retail Location Agreement are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have duly executed this Addendum on the date first above written.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Retailer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A-2**  
**FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

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FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

THIS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT (the “**Agreement**”) is made and entered into on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (the “**Effective Date**”), by and between:

- **illy caffè North America, Inc.**, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 800 Westchester Avenue, Suite 440-S, Rye Brook, NY 10573\_ (“**Franchisor**”); and
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ a [resident of] [corporation organized in] [limited liability company organized in] \_\_\_\_\_ and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_ (“**Franchisee**”).

RECITALS:

A. WHEREAS, Franchisor is a Delaware company that is part of an Italian corporate family internationally known and appreciated for the production and marketing of coffee, coffee related products and accessories under the trademark “ILLY.” Capitalizing on the consumer awareness and the image and reputation of the “ILLY” products, Franchisor and its affiliates, as the result of the expenditure of time, skill, effort and money, have developed and own a format and system (the “**System**”) relating to the establishment and operation of coffee outlet businesses (the “**Retail Locations**,” the expression “**the Retail Location**” refers to the Retail Location operated by Franchisee at the Approved Location) that operate under the Proprietary Marks (defined below) in buildings that are designed using and which bear Franchisor’s interior and exterior trade dress, use equipment, furnishings and promotional items according to Franchisor’s specifications, and specialize in the sale of “ILLY” products and specialty beverages and items prepared according to Franchisor’s proprietary recipes, formulae and techniques (together, the “**ILLY Products**”), as well as such other food and beverage items, related products and accessories as Franchisor may periodically specify (“**Additional Products**”). Together, ILLY Products and Additional Products will be referred to as “**Products**.”

B. WHEREAS, the distinguishing characteristics of the System include, without limitation, a specially-designed building or facility, distinctive interior and exterior design and accessories; Products; procedures for operations; quality and uniformity of products and services offered; procedures for management and inventory control; training and assistance; and marketing and promotional programs; all of which may be changed, improved, and further developed by Franchisor from time to time.

C. WHEREAS, Franchisor identifies the System by means of certain trade names, service marks, trademarks, logos, emblems, and indicia of origin, including but not limited to the marks “ILLY CAFFÈ” and “ILLY” and such other trade names, service marks, and trademarks as are now designated (and may hereinafter be designated by Franchisor in writing) for use in connection with the System (collectively, the “**Proprietary Marks**”).

D. WHEREAS, Franchisor and its affiliates continue to develop, use, and control the use of the Proprietary Marks to identify for the public the source of products and services marketed under the Proprietary Marks and under the System, and to represent the System’s high standards of quality, appearance, and service.

E. WHEREAS, Franchisee wishes to enter into this agreement for the purpose of operating a Retail Location under the System, to receive the training, expertise, know-how, and other assistance provided by Franchisor in connection therewith.

F. WHEREAS, Franchisee understands and acknowledges the importance to Franchisor and its affiliates, of Franchisor's high standards of quality, cleanliness, appearance, and service and the necessity of operating the business franchised under this Agreement in conformity with Franchisor's standards and specifications.

#### AGREEMENT:

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties, in consideration of the undertakings and commitments of each party to the other set forth in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, agree as follows:

## 1 GRANT

- 1.1 *Rights, Obligations.* Upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, Franchisor hereby grants to Franchisee the right, and Franchisee accepts the obligation, to: (a) operate the Retail Location under the System in the format specified by Franchisor; (b) use the Proprietary Marks and the System, only in connection with the Retail Location, as Franchisor may periodically change or improve the Proprietary Marks and the System; and (c) do these things only at the Approved Location (as defined in **Section 1.2**).
- 1.2 *Approved Location.* The street address of the location approved under this Agreement is specified in **Exhibit A** to this Agreement, and is referred to as the "**Approved Location**". If, when this Agreement is signed, Franchisee has not yet found a suitable location for the Retail Location that has been accepted by Franchisor in writing as the Approved Location, Franchisee shall lease, sublease, or acquire a site for the Retail Location, subject to Franchisor's approval, in accordance with the Site Selection Addendum attached as **Exhibit B** (the "**Site Selection Addendum**"). Franchisee shall not relocate the Retail Location without Franchisor's prior written consent. Franchisor shall have the right to grant or withhold approval of the Approved Location under this **Section**. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that approval of Franchisee's proposed location, under this **Section** or pursuant to the Site Selection Addendum, does not constitute any assurance, representation, or warranty of Franchisor of any kind, that the Approved Location will be profitable or successful.
- 1.3 *Territory and Franchisor's Reserved Rights.* Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, during the term of this Agreement, Franchisor shall not establish or operate, nor license any other person to establish or operate, a Retail Location at any location within the territory specified in **Exhibit A** (the "**Territory**"). Franchisor retains all other rights, and may, among other things, on any terms and conditions Franchisor deems advisable, and without granting Franchisee any rights therein (and, in each case, despite their proximity to the Approved Location and/or the Territory, and despite their actual or threatened impact on sales of the Retail Location) do all of the following:
  - 1.3.1 Own, acquire, establish, and/or operate and license others to establish and operate, Retail Locations under the System at any location outside the Territory;
  - 1.3.2 Own, acquire, establish, and/or operate, and license others to establish and operate, Retail Locations under the Proprietary Marks at Reserved Facilities (as defined below) at any location within or outside the Territory. As used in this Agreement, "**Reserved Facilities**" shall mean: airports; hotels that are operated as part of, or in connection with, a national or international hotel and lodging chain or brand; department stores; supermarkets and grocery stores that are operated as part of, or in connection with a retail chain or brand; cultural institutions (examples include, but are not limited to, theaters, museums, art centers and educational facilities); and business and industrial complexes and offices at which the food services are managed by service providers with national or international operations;

- 1.3.3 Own, acquire, establish, and/or operate and license others to establish and operate businesses: (a) using the Proprietary Marks (but not the “ILLY CAFFÈ” mark) and other marks in connection with the operation of such businesses; (b) which businesses may be similar to Retail Locations; and (c) which may be located within or outside the Territory (but this clause shall not allow Franchisor to operate or license others to operate a Retail Location inside the Territory under the System, unless permitted pursuant to **Section 1.3.2**); and/or
- 1.3.4 Sell and distribute, directly or indirectly, and/or license others to sell and to distribute, directly or indirectly, any products (including products bearing the Proprietary Marks (but not the “ILLY CAFFÈ” mark)) from any location and to any business or customer within or outside of the Territory, including without limitation through restaurants, cafes, retail kiosks, grocery or convenience stores or other retail outlets, and any other distribution channels (including without limitation, through retail, wholesale, mail order, toll free numbers, or the Internet), provided that this clause shall not allow Franchisor to operate or license others to operate a Retail Location inside the Territory under: (x) the System; and (y) the Proprietary Marks, unless permitted pursuant to **Section 1.3.2**.
- 1.4 *Limits on Where Franchisee Can Sell.* Franchisee shall offer and sell Products only from the Retail Location, only in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and the procedures and standards set forth in the Manuals, and only to: (a) retail customers for consumption on the Retail Location’s premises; (b) retail customers for personal carry-out consumption; (c) delivery to customers located in the Territory; and (d) to catering customers located in the Territory; provided that all such activities shall be conducted only in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and the procedures set forth in the Manuals and all applicable laws. As used in this Agreement, the term “**delivery customers**” means customers that purchase Products for delivery to (and consumption in) their home or office, and “**catering customers**” means customers for whom catering services are provided at their homes, offices, and other locations. Franchisee shall not engage in any other type of sale of, or offer to sell, or distribution of Products, including but not limited to, selling, distributing, or otherwise providing, any Products at wholesale, or for resale or distribution by any third party, or through satellite locations, sales or mail order catalogs, temporary locations, carts or kiosks, the Internet, or through any other electronic or print media.

## **2 TERM AND RENEWAL**

- 2.1 *Term.* The term of this Agreement will start on the Effective Date and, unless this Agreement is earlier terminated in accordance with its provisions, will expire five (5) years from the Effective Date.
- 2.2 *Renewal.* Franchisee may, at its option, renew this Agreement for one (1) additional term of five (5) years. The grant of an additional term shall be subject to the following conditions, all of which must be met before renewal:
- 2.2.1 Franchisee shall give Franchisor written notice of Franchisee’s election to renew no fewer than six (6) months nor more than twelve (12) months before the end of the initial term;
- 2.2.2 Franchisee shall remodel and refurbish the Retail Location to comply with Franchisor’s then-current standards in effect for new Retail Locations to the extent applicable. Franchisee shall complete all required remodeling and refurbishment within such period as Franchisor may reasonably specify as a condition of the renewal.
- 2.2.3 Franchisee shall not be in material default of any provision of this Agreement, any amendment to this Agreement, any successor to this Agreement, or any other agreement between Franchisee and Franchisor or its subsidiaries and affiliates; and, in Franchisor’s reasonable judgment, Franchisee must have substantially complied with all the material

terms and conditions of this Agreement, such other agreements, as well as the operating standards that Franchisor has prescribed during the term of this Agreement;

- 2.2.4 Franchisee must have satisfied all monetary obligations owed by Franchisee to Franchisor and Franchisor's subsidiaries and affiliates, to the System Marketing Fund (defined in **Section 11.2**) and/or the Market Co-op (defined in **Section 11.4**), and to approved suppliers and distributors, and must have timely met those obligations in all material respects throughout the term of this Agreement, excepting only those obligations that are subject to a bona fide dispute, which Franchisee shall use good faith efforts to resolve prior to renewal;
- 2.2.5 Franchisee shall execute Franchisor's then-current form of franchise agreement, which agreement shall supersede this Agreement in all respects (except with respect to the renewal provisions of the new franchise agreement, which shall not supersede this **Section 2**), and Franchisee acknowledges that the terms, conditions, and provisions of which, and the obligations of the parties thereto, may differ substantially from the terms, conditions, provisions and obligations in this Agreement, including, without limitation, a higher percentage royalty fee and marketing contribution;
- 2.2.6 Franchisee shall pay, in lieu of an initial franchise fee, a renewal fee equal to fifty percent (50%) of the then-current initial franchise fee, but not less than Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000);
- 2.2.7 Franchisee shall execute a general release, in a form prescribed by Franchisor, of any and all claims against Franchisor and its current and former subsidiaries and affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, agents, and employees;
- 2.2.8 Franchisee shall confirm (through documentation acceptable to Franchisor) to Franchisor that Franchisee has the right to remain in possession of the premises of the Retail Location for the duration of the renewal term, or shall obtain approval by Franchisor of a new location for the Retail Location for the duration of the renewal term;
- 2.2.9 Franchisee and its personnel shall comply with Franchisor's then-current qualification and training requirements; and
- 2.2.10 Franchisee shall be current with respect to its obligations to its lessor, suppliers, and any other parties with whom it does business.

### 3 FRANCHISOR'S DUTIES

- 3.1 *Training.* At least 30 days before the date of opening of the Retail Location, Franchisor (directly or through a provider designated by Franchisor) shall provide to Franchisee, its owners and/or its employees which Franchisor designates (provided that any such person must be effectively employed by Franchisee or under contract with Franchisee for the Retail Location), such training programs as Franchisor may designate, to be conducted at such time(s) and location(s) designated by Franchisor. Franchisor shall also provide such ongoing training as it may periodically deem appropriate. Franchisor shall be responsible for the cost of instruction and materials (except as set forth in **Section 6.3**). Franchisee shall be responsible for all costs of its attendees at such training (including travel, lodging, food, and other expenses).
- 3.2 *Standard Layout.* Franchisor shall make available to Franchisee a standard layout and plan for the construction of a Retail Location and for the exterior and interior design and layout, fixtures, furnishings, equipment, and signs. Franchisee understands and acknowledges that Franchisor has the right to modify the prototype architectural plans and specifications as Franchisor periodically

- deems appropriate. If Franchisee has entered into the Site Selection Addendum, Franchisor shall also provide the site selection assistance called for in the Site Selection Addendum.
- 3.3 *Opening Assistance.* Franchisor shall have the right (but not the obligation) to provide a representative to be present at the opening of the Retail Location. Franchisor will provide such additional on-site pre-opening and opening supervision and marketing assistance as Franchisor deems advisable.
- 3.4 *Manuals.* Franchisor shall provide Franchisee with access to Franchisor's confidential operations manuals (the "**Manuals**"), in the manner and as described in **Section 8**.
- 3.5 *Marketing Materials.* Franchisor shall review and shall have the right to approve or disapprove all marketing and promotional materials that Franchisee proposes to use, pursuant to **Section 11**.
- 3.6 *Marketing Funds.* If created, Franchisor shall administer the "ILLY" System Marketing Fund and any Regional Marketing Fund, in the manner set forth in **Section 11**.
- 3.7 *Opening Marketing Program.* Franchisor may, as it deems appropriate, assist Franchisee in developing and conducting the Opening Marketing Program (as described in **Section 11.8**), which program shall be conducted at Franchisee's expense.
- 3.8 *Inspection Before Opening.* Franchisor shall have the right to inspect the Retail Location before it first opens for business. Franchisee shall not open the Retail Location or otherwise start operations without Franchisor's prior written approval.
- 3.9 *Periodic Assistance.* Franchisor will provide periodic assistance to Franchisee in the marketing, management, and operation of the Retail Location as Franchisor determines at the time(s) and in the manner determined by Franchisor.
- 3.10 *Delegation.* Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that any designee, employee, or agent of Franchisor, or an independent contractor may perform any duty or obligation imposed on Franchisor by this Agreement, as Franchisor may direct.
- 3.11 *Franchisor's Decision-Making.* In fulfilling its obligations pursuant to this Agreement, and in conducting any activities or exercising any rights pursuant to this Agreement, Franchisor (and its affiliates) shall have the right: (a) to take into account, as it sees fit, the effect on, and the interests of, other franchised businesses and systems and in which Franchisor has an interest and on Franchisor's (and its affiliates') own activities; (b) to share market and product research, and Franchisor's proprietary and non-proprietary business information, with other franchised businesses and systems in which Franchisor (or its affiliates) has an interest, or with Franchisor's affiliates; (c) to introduce proprietary items or operational equipment used by the System into other systems in which Franchisor has an interest; and/or (d) to allocate resources and new developments between and among systems, and/or Franchisor's affiliates, as Franchisor sees fit. Franchisee understands and agrees that all of Franchisor's obligations under this Agreement are subject to this **Section**, and that nothing in this **Section** shall in any way affect Franchisee's obligations under this Agreement.
- 3.12 *Products.* Franchisor shall use its best efforts to ensure that Products Franchisor produces, packages, manufactures, sells and distributes are in compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations including, without limitation, as they relate to food quality and health and safety. Franchisor shall use its best efforts to ensure that these Products bear truthful and accurate labeling that complies with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Franchisee shall be solely responsible for ensuring it is at all times operating the Retail Location in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations concerning food safety, menus, and caloric information.

## 4 FEES; SALES REPORTING

- 4.1 *Initial Franchise Fee.* Franchisee shall pay Franchisor an initial franchise fee of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) (the “**Initial Franchise Fee**”), which shall be due and payable at the time that this Agreement is signed. Payment of the Initial Franchise Fee shall be non-refundable in consideration of administrative and other expenses incurred by Franchisor in granting this franchise and for Franchisor’s lost or deferred opportunity to franchise others.
- 4.2 *Royalty Fee.* For each month during the term of this Agreement, Franchisee shall: (a) pay Franchisor a continuing royalty fee in an amount equal to six percent (6%) of the Net Sales of the Retail Location (“**Royalty Fees**”); and (b) report to Franchisor in writing (or electronically) its Net Sales in a form specified by Franchisor (a “**Sales Report**”). As used in this Agreement, the term “**Net Sales**” means all revenue from the sale of all Products, and all other income of every kind and nature related to, derived from, or originating from the Retail Location, including but not limited to: (a) revenues from delivery and catering services; and (b) proceeds of any business interruption insurance policies, whether at retail or wholesale (whether such sales are permitted or not), whether for cash, check, or credit, and regardless of collection in the case of check or credit. Net Sales will also include amounts Franchisee earns from the sale of any online group-bought deals (e.g., Groupon or Living Social) and the sale of any gift cards or gift certificates, calculated using Franchisor’s then-current guidelines, which may be based on the redeemed value or sale price of the deals, cards, or certificates. “Net Sales” excludes certain amounts such as any customer refunds, sales taxes, and/or other taxes Franchisee collects from customers and transmits to the appropriate taxing authorities, but no deduction shall be made for any other costs and expenses.
- 4.3 *Due Date.* All payments required by **Section 4.2** and **Section 11** based on the Net Sales for the preceding month, and the Sales Report required by **Section 4.2** for the Net Sales for the preceding month, shall be paid and submitted so as to be received by Franchisor on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of each month.
- 4.3.1 Franchisee shall deliver to Franchisor any and all reports, statements and/or other information required under **Section 10**, at the time and in the format reasonably requested by Franchisor. Franchisee shall establish an arrangement for electronic funds transfer or deposit of any payments required under this **Section 4**.
- 4.3.2 Franchisee agrees to sign and return to Franchisor Franchisor’s current form of Authorization Agreement for ACH Payments (Direct Debits for Royalty, Marketing Fund Contribution, and Other Fees), a copy of which is attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit E**, and Franchisee shall comply with the payment and reporting procedures specified by Franchisor in the Manuals.
- 4.3.3 Franchisee expressly acknowledges and agrees that Franchisee’s obligations for the full and timely payment of Royalty Fees and marketing contributions due under **Section 11** or otherwise (and all other amounts provided for in this Agreement) shall be absolute, unconditional, fully earned, and due upon Franchisee’s generation of Net Sales.
- 4.3.4 Franchisee agrees that it shall not, for any reason, delay or withhold the payment of all or any part of those or any other payments due under this Agreement, put the same in escrow or set-off the same against any claims or alleged claims Franchisee may allege against Franchisor, the System Marketing Fund, or others. Franchisee shall not, on grounds of any alleged non-performance by Franchisor or others, withhold payment of any fee (including without limitation Royalty Fees or marketing contributions) nor withhold or delay submission of any reports due under this Agreement (including but not limited to Sales Reports).

- 4.4 *Adjustments to Amounts of Royalty and Marketing Expenditures.* In the event that and for so long as Franchisee's liquor license for the Retail Location prohibits the payment of money to third parties based on revenues collected from the sale of alcoholic beverages, then, in such event:
- 4.4.1 Franchisee shall provide a copy of the liquor license and ABC Code to Franchisor;
  - 4.4.2 The term "Net Sales" as defined in Section 4.2 shall exclude revenues collected by Franchisee from the sale of alcoholic beverages at the Retail Location;
  - 4.4.3 The royalty fee set forth in Section 4.2 shall be increased to an amount determined by Franchisor; and
  - 4.4.4 Franchisee shall include in the reports furnished to Franchisor pursuant to Section 10.3 such information as Franchisor shall reasonably require concerning Franchisee's sale of alcoholic beverages at the Retail Location.
- 4.5 *No Subordination.* Franchisee shall not subordinate to any other obligation its obligation to pay Franchisor the Royalty Fee and/or any other fee or charge payable to Franchisor, whether under this Agreement or otherwise.
- 4.6 *Payment Method.* All payments due under this Agreement shall be paid in United States Dollars and shall be deemed fully earned and non-refundable upon receipt.
- 4.7 *Late Payment.* Any payment or report not actually received by Franchisor (or the appropriate marketing fund) on or before such date shall be deemed overdue. If any payment is overdue, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor, in addition to the overdue amount, interest on such amount from the date it was due until paid, at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, but not more than the maximum rate permitted by law (if any). Entitlement to such interest shall be in addition to any other remedies Franchisor may have.
- 4.8 *Purchase of Products.* Franchisee will pay Franchisor and its affiliates for any Product and other items purchased from them in accordance with such payment and credit terms as may be periodically established. Any credit terms are contingent on Franchisee and its affiliates being in compliance with this Agreement and all other agreements entered into with Franchisor or its affiliates.
- 4.9 *Other Funds Due.* Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor, within fifteen (15) days of any written request by Franchisor that is accompanied by reasonable substantiating material, any monies that Franchisor has paid, or has become obligated to pay, on behalf of Franchisee, by consent or otherwise under this Agreement.

## **5 RETAIL LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION**

- 5.1 *Establishing the Retail Location.* Franchisee shall at its own expense construct, equip and establish the Retail Location in compliance with this Agreement and have it open and in operation no later than six (6) months after the Effective Date of this Agreement. Time is of the essence. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that any site selection assistance or approval provided by Franchisor shall not be construed or interpreted as a guarantee of success for the Approved Location (or any other site), nor shall any location recommendation or approval made by Franchisor be deemed a representation that any particular location is available for use as a Retail Location.
- 5.2 *Lease Conditions.* If the Retail Location is leased, Franchisee and the landlord must execute the Lease Rider attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit G**. Franchisee must provide Franchisor a copy of the lease and the lease rider along with confirmation that the term of the lease (including

renewals) is, at a minimum, the entire term of this Agreement. Franchisor's acceptance of the lease may be conditioned upon the inclusion of a provision permitting the sale of liquor, wine, and beer from the premises.

5.3 *Preparing the Site.* Franchisee agrees that, promptly after obtaining possession of the Approved Location, Franchisee shall do all of the following things:

5.3.1 Employ a qualified, licensed architect or engineer (and if Franchisor requires, an architect or engineer who is reasonably acceptable to Franchisor) to prepare, for Franchisor's approval, preliminary plans and specifications for site improvement and construction of the Retail Location based upon prototype design and image specifications furnished by Franchisor as described in **Section 3.2**. Franchisee understands and acknowledges that every detail of the Retail Location is important to Franchisee, Franchisor, and other franchisees in order to develop and maintain high operating standards, to increase the demand for the services and products sold by all franchisees, and to protect Franchisor's reputation and goodwill. Franchisor acknowledges and agrees that plans and specifications for Retail Locations may require adjustments from Franchisor's standard requirements, and Franchisor and Franchisee agree to each act reasonably and in good faith to resolve such matters, provided that Franchisor shall have no obligation to accept or approve any adjustment that Franchisor reasonably believes shall detract from the quality standards or image of the System. Further, if Franchisee requests any 3-D renderings of the Approved Location, Franchisee must reimburse Franchisor for the cost of such renderings.

5.3.2 Obtain all zoning classifications and clearances which may be required by state or local laws, ordinances, or regulations or which may be necessary or advisable owing to any restrictive covenants relating to the Approved Location. In addition, Franchisee shall obtain all required permits and licenses (such as liquor licenses and building, utility, health and sign permits). After having obtained such approvals, clearances, licenses, and permits, Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor, for Franchisor's approval, final plans for construction based upon the preliminary plans and specifications. Once approved by Franchisor, such final plans shall not thereafter be changed or modified without Franchisor's prior written consent.

5.3.3 Purchase or lease equipment, fixtures, furniture and signs as required under this Agreement (including but not limited to the specifications provided by Franchisor in writing, whether in the Manuals or otherwise).

5.3.4 Otherwise complete development of and have the Retail Location ready to open and commence the conduct of its business in accordance with **Section 6.2**.

5.4 *Construction or Renovation.* In connection with any construction or renovation and equipping of the Retail Location, Franchisee, at its expense, shall comply, to Franchisor's satisfaction, with all of the following requirements:

5.4.1 Franchisee shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, codes and regulations, including, without limitation, the applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (the "**ADA**") (and/or similar rules governing public accommodations or commercial facilities for persons with disabilities), regarding the construction, design and operation of the Retail Location. In connection therewith, Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that:

5.4.1.1 Any standard layout and plans that Franchisor provides to Franchisee, do not meet and are not meant to address the requirements of any federal, state or local law, code or regulation (including without limitation those concerning the ADA and/or similar rules governing public accommodations or commercial facilities for persons with disabilities), nor shall such plans contain the

requirements of, or be used for, construction drawings or other documentation necessary to obtain permits or authorization to build a specific Retail Location, compliance with all of which shall be Franchisee's responsibility and at Franchisee's expense. Franchisee shall, pursuant to **Section 5.3**, adapt, at Franchisee's expense, the standard specifications to the site for Franchisee's Retail Location, subject to Franchisor's approval.

- 5.4.1.2 Franchisor's approval of preliminary and final plans, as described in **Section 5.3** shall be limited to conformance with Franchisor's standard image specifications and layout and shall not relate to Franchisee's obligations with respect to any federal, state, and local laws, codes and regulations including, without limitation, the applicable provisions of the ADA regarding the construction, design and operation of the Retail Location, which subjects shall be Franchisee's sole responsibility.
- 5.4.1.3 If Franchisee receives any complaint, claim, or other notice related to the Retail Location alleging a failure to comply with the ADA, Franchisee agrees that it shall provide Franchisor with a copy of such notice within five (5) days after receipt thereof.
- 5.4.2 Franchisee shall obtain all permits and certifications required for the lawful construction and operation of the Retail Location and shall, upon Franchisor's written request, certify in writing to Franchisor that all such permits and certifications have been obtained.
- 5.4.3 Franchisee shall employ a qualified, licensed general contractor who is reasonably acceptable to Franchisor to construct the Retail Location and to complete all improvements. Franchisee shall obtain and maintain in force during the entire period of construction the insurance required under **Section 13**; and Franchisee shall deliver to Franchisor such proof of such insurance as Franchisor shall require. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor shall not be liable for the unsatisfactory performance of any contractor retained by Franchisee.
- 5.4.4 Franchisee shall complete the construction and/or remodeling, equipment, fixture, furniture and sign installation and decorating of the Retail Location employing a supplier designated or approved by the Franchisor, in full and strict compliance with plans and specifications for the Retail Location that Franchisor has specified or approved in writing (including, without limitation, any exterior design decorations and other signage as Franchisor may require in connection with the opening of the Retail Location), as well as all applicable ordinances, building codes and permit requirements.
- 5.4.5 Before opening for business, Franchisee shall comply with all pre-opening requirements set forth in this Agreement, the Manuals, and/or otherwise specified by Franchisor in writing.
- 5.4.6 Before opening the Retail Location, and after any renovation, Franchisee shall execute and deliver to Franchisor an ADA Certification in the form attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit F**, to certify to Franchisor that the Retail Location and any proposed renovations comply with the ADA.
- 5.5 *Relocation.* Franchisee agrees not to relocate the Retail Location without Franchisor's prior written consent. Franchisor shall have the right to grant or to withhold its approval as to any proposed relocation and, if Franchisor's approval is granted, Franchisee understands that Franchisor's approval will not be deemed to be a guarantee, representation, or assurance by Franchisor that the Retail Location will be profitable or successful.

## 6 FRANCHISEE'S DUTIES

- 6.1 *Importance of Following Standards.* Franchisee understands and acknowledges that every detail of the Retail Location is important to Franchisee, Franchisor, and other franchisees in order to develop and maintain high operating standards, to increase the demand for the Products, and to protect Franchisor's reputation and goodwill.
- 6.2 *Opening.* In connection with the opening of the Retail Location:
- 6.2.1 Franchisee shall conduct, at Franchisee's expense, such pre-opening and opening promotional and marketing activities as Franchisor may require, as set forth in **Section 11**.
- 6.2.2 Franchisee shall give Franchisor prior written notice at least fifteen (15) days before the date on which Franchisee proposes to first open the Retail Location for business. Franchisee shall not open the Retail Location for business prior to obtaining Franchisor's written authorization and Franchisor shall have the right to have a representative of Franchisor present during the opening of the Retail Location.
- 6.2.3 Franchisee shall not open the Retail Location until Franchisor has determined that all construction has been substantially completed, and that the construction conforms to Franchisor's standards including, but not limited to, materials, quality of work, signage, decor, paint, and equipment, and Franchisor has given Franchisee written approval to open, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 6.2.4 Franchisee shall not open the Retail Location until the Managers/Key Personnel (as defined in **Section 6.3**) have successfully completed all training required by Franchisor, and Franchisee has hired and trained to Franchisor's standards a sufficient number of employees as reasonably determined by Franchisee to service the anticipated level of the Retail Location's customers.
- 6.2.5 In addition, Franchisee shall not open the Retail Location until the Initial Franchise Fee and all other amounts due to Franchisor under this Agreement or any other related agreements have been paid.
- 6.2.6 Within thirty (30) days after the Retail Location first opens for business, Franchisee must give Franchisor a full written breakdown of all costs associated with the development and construction of the Retail Location, which must be in such form as Franchisor may reasonably find acceptable or as it may otherwise reasonably require.
- 6.3 *Training.* At least 30 days before the opening of the Retail Location, Franchisee (or, if Franchisee is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership, one of Franchisee's owners who is designated to supervise the operation of the Retail Location) and/or such key personnel that Franchisor designates (the "**Managers/Key Personnel**") shall attend and successfully complete, to Franchisor's satisfaction, the training program offered by Franchisor, pursuant to **Section 3.1**. Once open, the Retail Location shall at all times be operated under the active management of either Franchisee or the Managers/Key Personnel who have successfully completed (to Franchisor's satisfaction) Franchisor's training program. The Retail Location must (1) employ two or more employees who have successfully completed Franchisor's required initial training programs to Franchisor's satisfaction; and (2) have a trained employee in the Retail Location during the operating hours. If any required attendee does not satisfactorily complete such training, Franchisor may require that a replacement person attend and successfully complete, to Franchisor's satisfaction, the initial training program.
- 6.3.1 If Franchisee or any Managers/Key Personnel who attended the initial training ceases in active management or employment at the Retail Location, the Franchisee must: (1) notify

the Franchisor in writing within seven (7) days after the employees' departure; and (2) identify to the Franchisor in writing a replacement employee (and include all information we require) within twenty-one (21) days after the previous employee's departure. The replacement employee must attend and successfully complete the initial training program to the Franchisor's reasonable satisfaction.

- 6.3.2 The Franchisee and its employees may also be required to attend such refresher courses, seminars, and other additional training programs as Franchisor may reasonably specify from time to time and for which Franchisor may require Franchisee to pay fees.
- 6.3.3 If Franchisee requests that Franchisor provide additional on-site training, and Franchisor is able to do so, then Franchisee agrees that it shall pay Franchisor's then-current per diem charges and out-of-pocket expenses, which shall be as set forth in the Manuals or otherwise in writing.
- 6.3.4 The cost of all training (instruction and required materials and instructors, and Franchisor's instructors' salaries, travel, and entertainment expenses) shall be borne by Franchisor, except as specified above in this **Section 6.3**. All other expenses incurred in connection with training, including without limitation the costs relating to transportation, lodging, meals, wages, and worker's compensation insurance for Franchisee and its employees, shall be borne by Franchisee.
- 6.4 *Use of the Premises.* Franchisee shall use the Retail Location premises solely for the operation of the Retail Location; shall keep the Retail Location open and in normal operation for such hours and days as Franchisor may periodically specify in the Manuals or as Franchisor may otherwise approve in writing; and shall refrain from using or permitting the use of the Retail Location premises for any other purpose or activity at any time. As used in this **Section**, the term "**premises**" shall include the grounds surrounding the Retail Location.
- 6.5 *Staffing.* Franchisee agrees to maintain a competent, conscientious, courteous, trained staff in numbers sufficient to promptly service customers and to maintain and promote the image and atmosphere required by Franchisor for the System as set forth in the Manuals, including at least one (1) manager on duty at all times and to take such steps as are necessary to ensure that its employees preserve good customer relations and comply with such dress and appearance code as Franchisor may prescribe.
- 6.6 *Health Standards.* Franchisee shall meet and maintain the highest health standards and ratings applicable to the operation of the Retail Location. Franchisee shall furnish to Franchisor, within five (5) days after receipt thereof, a copy of all inspection reports, warnings, citations, certificates, and/or ratings resulting from inspections conducted by any federal, state or local agency with jurisdiction over the Retail Location.
- 6.7 *Retail Location Condition and Maintenance.* Franchisee shall at all times maintain the Retail Location in a high degree of sanitation, repair, and condition, and in connection therewith shall make such additions, alterations, repairs, and replacements thereto (but no others without Franchisor's prior written consent) as may be required for that purpose, including, without limitation, such periodic repainting or replacement of obsolete signs, furnishings, equipment, and décor as Franchisor may reasonably direct.
- 6.8 *Conformity to Standards.* To ensure that the highest degree of quality and service is maintained, Franchisee shall operate the Retail Location in strict conformity with such methods, standards, and specifications as Franchisor may periodically prescribe in the Manuals or otherwise in writing. Franchisee agrees:

- 6.8.1 To purchase and maintain for sale and/or provide in the Retail Location, at all times, the ILLY Products and such Additional Products as Franchisor periodically designates as mandatory Product offerings. Franchisee shall comply with Franchisor's written standards and specifications for mandatory Products that may include, without limitation, purchasing and maintaining sufficient inventory of Products in accordance with Franchisor's standards and specifications and other requirements (such as for quality, brand, type, production specifications, freshness, and health and safety standards). Franchisee shall replace any or all inventory to reflect the current required Product offerings for the System specified by Franchisor, which offerings Franchisor may change on a periodic basis.
- 6.8.2 To sell or offer for sale only such Products as have been expressly approved for sale in writing by Franchisor; to sell or offer for sale all such Products, utilizing the standards and techniques, as specified by Franchisor; to refrain from any deviation from Franchisor's standards and specifications, without Franchisor's prior written consent; and to discontinue selling and offering for sale any Products that Franchisor shall have the right to disapprove, in writing, at any time. If Franchisee deviates or proposes to deviate from Franchisor's standards and specifications, whether or not such deviation is approved by Franchisor, such deviation shall become the property of Franchisor.
- 6.8.3 To maintain in sufficient supply and to use at all times only such ingredients, supplies and materials as have been expressly approved for sale in writing by Franchisor and as conform to Franchisor's written standards and specifications, and to refrain from deviating therefrom by the use or offer of any non-conforming items without Franchisor's specific prior written consent.
- 6.8.4 To permit Franchisor or its agents, at any reasonable time, to remove samples of Products, without payment, in amounts reasonably necessary for testing by Franchisor or an independent laboratory to determine whether the samples meet Franchisor's then-current standards and specifications. In addition to any other remedies it may have under this Agreement, Franchisor may require Franchisee to bear the cost of such testing if the supplier of the item has not previously been approved by Franchisor or if the sample fails to conform to Franchisor's specifications.
- 6.8.5 To purchase and install, at Franchisee's expense, all fixtures, furnishings, equipment, decor, and signs as Franchisor specifies; and to refrain from installing or permitting to be installed on or about the Retail Location premises, without Franchisor's prior written consent, any fixtures, furnishings, equipment, decor, signs, or other items not previously approved as meeting Franchisor's standards and specifications.
- 6.8.6 To refrain from installing or permitting to be installed any vending machine, ATM, game or coin operated device, unless specifically approved in writing, in advance, by Franchisor.
- 6.8.7 To fully and faithfully comply with all applicable governing authorities, laws and regulations, which by this reference are made part of this Agreement as if incorporated in this Agreement. Franchisee shall immediately close the Retail Location and terminate operations at the Retail Location if: (a) any Product sold at the Retail Location shows that it was adulterated or deviates from the standards Franchisor sets for Products; or (b) Franchisee fails to maintain the Products, Retail Location premises, equipment, personnel, or operation of the Retail Location in accordance with any applicable law or regulations. In the event of such closing, Franchisee shall immediately notify Franchisor in writing and Franchisee shall destroy all contaminated or adulterated products and eliminate the source thereof, and remedy any unsanitary, unsafe, or other condition or other violation of the applicable law or regulation. Franchisee shall not reopen the Retail Location until after Franchisor has given Franchisee its written authorization.

- 6.8.8 To obtain and maintain without interruption all licenses required to dispense alcoholic beverages, and shall serve all alcoholic beverages in strict compliance with all laws and regulations. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that the System requires restrictions (as set forth in the Manuals or otherwise in writing) on the operation of the dispensing of alcoholic beverages including, but not limited to, the types of beverages served, and hours of operation, and that such restrictions may adversely affect the profitability of the Retail Location and/or discourage certain patrons from frequenting the Retail Location. Franchisee specifically accepts any current or future restrictions imposed by Franchisor on the sale of alcoholic beverages, and acknowledges the subordinate role of the sale of alcohol in the System's overall image and marketing activities. Franchisee shall ensure that all employees serving alcoholic beverages and Managers/Key Personnel complete, in advance of their employment, a recognized approved course on alcohol awareness training intervention procedures, or any course designated by Franchisor in the Manuals, and retain their certification in an active status throughout their period of employment by Franchisee.
- 6.9 *Purchases and Approved Suppliers.* Franchisee shall purchase all Products, supplies, materials, and other products, and equipment, fixtures, furnishings, signs, décor, supplies, and services required for the establishment and operation of the Retail Location solely from suppliers that Franchisor has designated or approved in writing. In determining whether it will approve any particular supplier, Franchisor shall consider various factors, including but not limited to whether the supplier can demonstrate, to Franchisor's continuing reasonable satisfaction, the ability to meet Franchisor's then-current standards and specifications for such items; who possess adequate quality controls and capacity to supply Franchisee's needs promptly and reliably; whose approval would enable the System, in Franchisor's sole opinion, to take advantage of marketplace efficiencies; and who have been approved in writing by Franchisor prior to any purchases by Franchisee from any such supplier, and have not thereafter been disapproved. For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "**supplier**" shall include, but not be limited to, manufacturers, distributors, resellers, and other vendors. Franchisee recognizes that Franchisor shall have the right to appoint only one manufacturer, distributor, reseller, and/or other vendor for any particular item. Franchisee acknowledges that these requirements are in addition to, and in no way limit the terms of, **Section 6.10** regarding ILLY Products.
- 6.9.1 Franchisee shall comply with Franchisor's specifications for ordering and purchasing Products, which may include without limitation, placement of some or all purchase orders through Franchisor or designated vendors, billing and payment activities to be conducted directly between Franchisee and Franchisor and/or designated vendors, specifications as to Product delivery methods.
- 6.9.2 Franchisor, its affiliates, and/or designees may establish commissaries and/or distribution facilities and arrangements, and Franchisor may designate these as approved or required manufacturers, suppliers or distributors.
- 6.9.3 If Franchisee wishes to purchase any Products or any items (except for ILLY Products, as described in **Section 6.10**) from an unapproved supplier, Franchisee shall first submit to Franchisor a written request for such approval. Franchisee shall not purchase from any supplier until, and unless, such 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 that samples from the supplier be delivered, either to Franchisor or to an independent laboratory designated by Franchisor for testing. A charge not to exceed the reasonable cost of the inspection and the actual cost of the test shall be paid by Franchisee or the supplier. Franchisor may also require that the supplier comply with such other requirements as Franchisor may deem appropriate, including for example, payment of reasonable fees for services that Franchisor may render to such suppliers, such as continuing inspection fees and administrative costs, and fees for design and supervision services, or other payment to Franchisor by the supplier on account of their dealings with Franchisee or other franchisees, with all such fees and payments to be for

use by Franchisor without restriction (unless otherwise instructed by the supplier). Franchisor reserves the right, at its option, to periodically re-inspect the facilities and products 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.

- 6.9.4 Nothing in the foregoing shall be construed to require Franchisor to approve any particular supplier, nor to require Franchisor to make available to prospective suppliers, standards and specifications for formulas, which Franchisor shall have the right to deem confidential.
- 6.9.5 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that, at Franchisor's sole option, Franchisor may establish one or more strategic alliances or preferred vendor programs with one or more nationally or regionally-known suppliers who are willing to supply all or some Retail Locations with some or all of the products and/or services that Franchisor requires for use and/or sale in the development and/or operation of Retail Locations. In this event, Franchisor may limit the number of approved suppliers with whom Franchisee may deal, designate sources that Franchisee must use for some or all products and services, and/or refuse any of Franchisee's requests if Franchisor believes that this action is in the best interests of the System or the network of Retail Locations. Franchisor shall have unlimited discretion to approve or disapprove of the suppliers who may be permitted to sell products and services to Franchisee.
- 6.9.6 Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor and its affiliates shall have the right to collect and retain, and shall be the sole owner of all manufacturing allowances, marketing allowances, rebates, credits, monies, payments or benefits (collectively, "**Allowances**") offered by manufacturers, suppliers and distributors to Franchisee or to Franchisor or its affiliates based upon Franchisee's purchases of products and services from manufacturers, suppliers and distributors pursuant to agreement between Franchisor and such manufacturers, suppliers, and distributors. These Allowances may be based on System-wide purchases of food, beverages, equipment, paper goods, smallwares, and other items. Franchisee assigns to Franchisor or its designee all of Franchisee's right, title and interest in and to any and all such Allowances and authorizes Franchisor or its designee to collect and retain any or all such Allowances without restriction (unless otherwise instructed by the supplier).
- 6.10 *ILLY Products.* Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that the ILLY coffee beans, coffee and other ILLY Products are designed and manufactured using recipes, formulae, standards and specifications of Franchisor and/or its affiliates, and are proprietary to Franchisor and/or its affiliates. In order to maintain the high standards of quality and uniformity associated with ILLY Products, Franchisee agrees to purchase ILLY Product items only from Franchisor, or its affiliates or other designee(s) and to pay them in accordance with the terms and conditions agreed in writing between the parties. In connection with the handling, transport and delivery of any ILLY Products purchased from or through Franchisor, its affiliates or designee(s), Franchisee acknowledges that any action or inaction by any third party (e.g., an independent carrier) in connection with the handling, transport and delivery of the ILLY Products shall not be attributable to, nor constitute negligence of, Franchisor.
- 6.11 *Use of the Marks.* Franchisee shall require all marketing and promotional materials, signs, decorations, paper goods (including without limitation disposable food and beverage containers, bags, napkins, menus, and all forms and stationery used in the Retail Location), any and all replacement trade dress products, and other items that may be designated by Franchisor to bear Franchisor's then-current Proprietary Marks, and logos in the form, color, location, and manner then-prescribed by Franchisor.
- 6.12 *Inspections.* Franchisee grants Franchisor and its agents the right to enter upon the Retail Location premises at any time for the purpose of conducting inspections, for among other purposes,

preserving validity of the Proprietary Marks, and verifying Franchisee's compliance with this Agreement and the policies and procedures outlined in the Manuals. Franchisee shall cooperate with Franchisor's representatives in such inspections by rendering such assistance as they may reasonably request; and, upon notice from Franchisor or its agents and without limiting Franchisor's other rights under this Agreement, Franchisee shall take such steps as may be necessary to correct immediately any deficiencies detected during any such inspection. If Franchisee fails or receives an unsatisfactory score on any inspection performed by or on behalf of Franchisor, Franchisor may charge Franchisee all costs and expenses relating to any follow up inspection to confirm that Franchisee has corrected all deficiencies identified in the initial inspection.

6.13 *Entity Franchisee.* If Franchisee is a business entity, the following provisions apply:

6.13.1 *Corporate Franchisee.* If Franchisee is a corporation, it shall: (a) furnish Franchisor with a copy of its articles of formation and bylaws, as well as such other documents as Franchisor may reasonably request, and any amendments thereto; (b) ensure that the operating documents for the entity confine its activities to exclusively operating the Retail Location or other locations franchised by Franchisor; (c) maintain stop transfer instructions on its records against the transfer of any equity securities and shall only issue securities upon the face of which a legend, in a form satisfactory to Franchisor, appears that references the transfer restrictions imposed by this Agreement; and (d) maintain a current list of all owners of record and all beneficial owners of any class of voting stock of Franchisee and furnish the list to Franchisor upon request.

6.13.2 *Partnership/LLP Franchisee.* If Franchisee is a partnership or limited liability partnership, it shall: (a) furnish Franchisor with its partnership agreement as well as such other documents as Franchisor may reasonably request, and any amendments thereto; and (b) prepare and furnish to Franchisor, upon request, a current list of all general and limited partners in Franchisee.

6.13.3 *Limited Liability Company Franchisee.* If a Franchisee is a limited liability company, it shall: (a) furnish Franchisor with a copy of its articles of organization and operating agreement, as well as such other documents as Franchisor may reasonably request, and any amendments thereto; (b) ensure that the operating documents for the entity confine its activities to exclusively operating the Retail Location or other locations franchised by Franchisor; (c) prepare and furnish to Franchisor, upon request, a current list of all members and managers in Franchisee; and (d) if the entity is a certificated limited liability company, maintain stop transfer instructions on its records against the transfer of equity securities and shall only issue securities upon the face of which bear a legend, in a form satisfactory to Franchisor, that references the transfer restrictions imposed by this Agreement.

6.14 *Guarantees.* Each present and future: (a) shareholder of a corporate Franchisee; (b) member of a limited liability company Franchisee; (c) partner of a partnership Franchisee; or (d) partner of a limited liability partnership Franchisee; shall be designated a "**Principal**" (as defined in **Section 14.2**) under this Agreement and shall jointly and severally guarantee Franchisee's performance of each and every provision of this Agreement by executing the Guarantee in the form attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit C**.

6.15 *Uniforms.* To promote a uniform System image, Franchisee shall require all of its Retail Location personnel to dress, during business hours, in the attire designated by Franchisor. Franchisee shall purchase such attire only from approved suppliers.

6.16 *Incentive/Convenience Programs.* Franchisee shall offer for sale, and will honor for purchases by customers, any incentive, promotional or convenience programs that Franchisor may periodically institute, and Franchisee shall do so in compliance with Franchisor's standards and procedures for such programs.

- 6.17 *Prices.* Franchisor may set maximum and minimum prices on such menu items, products, and services. If Franchisor imposes a maximum price on a particular menu item, product, or service, Franchisee may charge any price for such menu item, product, or service, up to and including the maximum price set by Franchisor. If Franchisor imposes a minimum price on a particular menu item, product, or service, Franchisee may charge any price for such menu item, product, or service, down to and including the minimum price set by Franchisor. Franchisor's rights under this **Section** are subject to any applicable law.
- 6.18 *Gift Cards, Loyalty, and Incentive Programs.* Franchisee must participate in Franchisor's gift card, loyalty, and incentive programs. Franchisee agrees to offer for sale, and to honor for purchase by customers, all gift cards and other loyalty, incentive, and/or convenience programs that Franchisor may periodically institute (including but not limited to loyalty programs that Franchisor or a third party vendor operate, as well as mobile payment applications); and Franchisee agrees to do all of those things in compliance with Franchisor's standards and procedures for such programs. For this purpose, Franchisee must purchase the software, hardware, and other items needed to sell and process gift cards, and to contract with the supplier of gift cards and gift card processing services, as Franchisor may specify in writing in the Manuals or otherwise. Franchisee must also pay such monthly and per-swipe transaction fees as may be required by the vendors of the gift card system. Franchisee agrees not to sell, issue, or redeem coupons, gift certificates and gift cards other than gift cards Franchisor approves in writing.
- 6.19 *Modifications to the System.* Franchisee recognizes and agrees that Franchisor may periodically change or modify the System, the Proprietary Marks, and the Manuals at any time and without prior notice to the Franchisee, and that Franchisee will accept and use for the purpose of this Agreement any such change in the System, including new or modified trade names, service marks, trademarks (including the primary "ILLY CAFFÈ name and mark) or copyrighted materials, new products, new equipment or new techniques, as if they were part of this Agreement at the time this Agreement was executed. Franchisee will make such expenditures and such changes or modifications as Franchisor may reasonably require pursuant to this **Section** and to **Section 7**. Further to the above, Franchisee understands and agrees that due to change is competitive circumstances, presently unforeseen changes in the needs of customers, and/or presently unforeseen technological innovations, the Franchisor's System must not remain static, in order that it best serve the interests of the Franchisor, its franchisees, and the System. Accordingly, the Franchisee expressly understands and agrees that the Franchisor may from time to time change the components of the System, including but not limited to: altering the products, programs, services, methods, standards, forms, policies and procedures of the System; adding to or deleting from or modifying the programs, products and services that Retail Locations are authorized to offer.

## **7 PROPRIETARY MARKS**

- 7.1 *Franchisor's Representations.* Franchisor represents with respect to the Proprietary Marks that:
- 7.1.1 Franchisor (and/or an affiliate of Franchisor) is the owner of all right, title, and interest in and to the Proprietary Marks.
- 7.1.2 Franchisor has the right to use and to license to Franchisee the right to use, and license others to use, the Proprietary Marks in the manner contemplated by this Agreement.
- 7.2 *Franchisee's Agreement.* With respect to Franchisee's use of the Proprietary Marks, Franchisee agrees that:

- 7.2.1 Franchisee shall use only the Proprietary Marks designated by Franchisor, and shall use them only in the manner authorized and permitted by Franchisor.
- 7.2.2 Franchisee shall use the Proprietary Marks only for the operation of the Retail Location and only at the location authorized under this Agreement, or in Franchisor-approved marketing for the business conducted at or from that location.
- 7.2.3 Unless Franchisor otherwise directs Franchisee, in writing, to do so, Franchisee shall operate and advertise the Retail Location only under the name “ILLY CAFFÈ” without prefix or suffix.
- 7.2.4 During the term of this Agreement and any renewal of this Agreement, Franchisee shall identify itself (in a manner reasonably acceptable to Franchisor) as the owner of the Retail Location, and an independent franchisee of the Franchisor, in conjunction with any use of the Proprietary Marks, 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 locations on the premises of the Retail Location as Franchisor may designate in writing.
- 7.2.5 Franchisee’s right to use the Proprietary Marks is limited to such uses as are authorized under this Agreement, and any unauthorized use thereof shall constitute an infringement of the rights of Franchisor.
- 7.2.6 Franchisee shall not use the Proprietary Marks to incur any obligation or indebtedness on behalf of Franchisor.
- 7.2.7 Franchisee shall not use the Proprietary Marks, or names that might be confused with the Proprietary Marks, as part of its corporate or other legal name, or as part of any e-mail address, domain name, or other identification of Franchisee in any electronic medium.
- 7.2.8 Franchisee shall execute any documents deemed necessary by Franchisor to obtain protection for the Proprietary Marks or to maintain their continued validity and enforceability.
- 7.2.9 Franchisee shall not directly or indirectly engage in any activities that would be detrimental to or interfere with the operation, reputation, or goodwill of the Retail Location, Franchisor or the System. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that such activities include, without limitation, making, posting, and/or transmitting disparaging comments about the Proprietary Marks, the Retail Location, Franchisor, its affiliates, its other franchisees, and/or the System, in an advertisement, letter, e-mail, Internet chat room, teleconference, website, social or professional networking site, or any other such medium. However, nothing in this **Section** will preclude Franchisee from honestly answering questions posed by prospective franchisees seeking information about the Retail Location, Franchisor, or the System.
- 7.2.10 With respect to litigation involving the Proprietary Marks, the parties agree that:
- 7.2.10.1 Franchisee shall promptly notify Franchisor of any suspected infringement of the Proprietary Marks, any known challenge to the validity of the Proprietary Marks, or any known challenge to Franchisor’s ownership of, or Franchisee’s right to use, the Proprietary Marks licensed under this Agreement. Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor shall have the sole right to direct and control any administrative proceeding or litigation involving the Proprietary Marks, including any settlement thereof. Franchisor shall also have the sole right, but not the

obligation, to take action against uses by others that may constitute infringement of the Proprietary Marks.

7.2.10.2 If Franchisee has used the Proprietary Marks in accordance with this Agreement, Franchisor shall defend Franchisee at Franchisor's expense against any third party claim, suit, or demand involving the Proprietary Marks arising out of Franchisee's use thereof. If Franchisee has not used the Proprietary Marks in accordance with this Agreement, Franchisor will defend Franchisee, at Franchisee's expense, against such third party claims, suits, or demands. Franchisee shall promptly notify Franchisor of any suspected unauthorized use of, or any challenge to the validity or ownership of the Proprietary Marks, or its right to use and to license others to use, or Franchisee's right to use, the Proprietary Marks licensed under this Agreement.

7.2.10.3 If Franchisor undertakes the defense or prosecution of any litigation relating to the Proprietary Marks, Franchisee shall execute any and all documents and do such acts and things as, in the opinion of counsel for Franchisor, are necessary to carry out such defense or prosecution, including becoming a nominal party to any legal action. Except to the extent that such litigation is the result of Franchisee's use of the Proprietary Marks in a manner inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, Franchisor agrees to reimburse Franchisee for its out-of-pocket litigation costs in doing such acts and things, except that Franchisee shall bear the salary costs of its employees, and Franchisor shall bear the costs of any judgment or settlement. To the extent that such litigation is the result of Franchisee's use of the Proprietary Marks in a manner inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor for the cost of such litigation (or, upon Franchisor's written request, pay Franchisor's legal fees directly), including attorneys' fees, as well as the cost of any judgment or settlement.

7.3 *Franchisee's Acknowledgements.* Franchisee expressly understands and acknowledges that:

7.3.1 Franchisor (or its affiliate) is the owner of all right, title, and interest in and to the Proprietary Marks and the goodwill associated with and symbolized by them.

7.3.2 The Proprietary Marks are valid and serve to identify the System and those who are authorized to operate under the System.

7.3.3 Neither Franchisee nor any Principal or other person acting on Franchisee's behalf shall directly or indirectly contest the validity of Franchisor's ownership of the Proprietary Marks, nor shall Franchisee, directly or indirectly, seek to register the Proprietary Marks with any government agency, except with Franchisor's express prior written consent.

7.3.4 Franchisee's use of the Proprietary Marks does not give Franchisee any ownership interest or other interest in or to the Proprietary Marks, except the license granted by this Agreement.

7.3.5 Any and all goodwill arising from Franchisee's use of the Proprietary Marks shall inure solely and exclusively to the benefit of Franchisor, 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 System or the Proprietary Marks.

7.3.6 The right and license of the Proprietary Marks granted under this Agreement to Franchisee is non-exclusive, and Franchisor thus has and retains the rights, among others: (a) to use

the Proprietary Marks itself in connection with selling Products and services; (b) to grant other licenses for the Proprietary Marks, in addition to those licenses already granted to existing franchisees; and (c) to develop and establish other systems using the same or similar Proprietary Marks, or any other proprietary marks, and to grant licenses or franchises thereto without providing any rights therein to Franchisee.

- 7.4 *Change to Marks.* Franchisor reserves the right to substitute different Proprietary Marks for use in identifying the System and the businesses operating under the System (including, without limitation, the primary “ILLY CAFFÈ name and mark, i.e., Franchisor may rebrand the System, including your Retail Location) if the current Proprietary Marks no longer can be used, or if Franchisor, exercising its right to do so, determines that substitution of different Proprietary Marks will be beneficial to the System. In such circumstances, the use of the substituted proprietary marks shall be governed by the terms of this Agreement.

## **8 CONFIDENTIAL OPERATING MANUALS**

- 8.1 *Franchisee to Abide by Manuals.* In order to protect the reputation and goodwill of Franchisor and to maintain high standards of operation under Franchisor’s Proprietary Marks, Franchisee shall conduct its business in accordance with the Manuals, which Franchisee shall receive access to from Franchisor for the term of this Agreement for Franchisee’s use only in connection with the Retail Location during the term of this Agreement.
- 8.2 *Format of the Manuals.* Franchisor shall have the right to provide the Manuals in any format it determines is appropriate, including without limitation paper format or by making the Manuals available to Franchisee in electronic form (such as through an internet website) provided that all Manuals shall be in English. If Franchisor elects to provide the Manuals electronically, Franchisee shall immediately, at Franchisor’s option, destroy or return to Franchisor any and all copies of the Manuals and shall keep all access codes and passwords thereto strictly confidential.
- 8.3 *Manuals as Franchisor’s Property.* The Manuals shall at all times remain the sole property of Franchisor and shall promptly be returned upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- 8.4 *The Manuals are Proprietary and Confidential.* The Manuals contain proprietary information of Franchisor and Franchisee shall at all times both during the term of this Agreement and subsequent to the expiration and/or termination of this Agreement treat the Manuals, any other manuals created for or approved for use in the operation of the Retail Location, and the information contained therein, as confidential, and shall use best efforts to maintain such information as secret and confidential. Franchisee shall not make any unauthorized use or disclosure of any portion of the Manuals. At all times that the Manuals are not in use by authorized personnel, Franchisee shall maintain the Manuals in a locked receptacle at the premises of the Retail Location (or password protected if provided electronically), and shall only grant authorized personnel, as defined in the Manuals, access to the key or lock combination of such receptacle (or the password). Franchisee shall not at any time copy, duplicate, record, or otherwise reproduce (other than printing such materials that are provided electronically) the foregoing materials, in whole or in part, nor otherwise make the same available to any unauthorized person. Access to any electronic version of the Manuals shall also be subject to Franchisor’s reasonable requirements with respect to security and other matters, as described in **Section 12**.
- 8.5 *Which Copy of the Manuals Controls.* Franchisee shall at all times maintain the Manuals at the Retail Location and ensure that the Manuals are kept current and up to date; and, in the event of any dispute as to the contents of the Manuals, the terms of the master copy of the Manuals maintained by Franchisor at Franchisor’s home office shall be controlling.

- 8.6 *Revisions to the Manuals.* Franchisor may periodically revise the contents of the Manuals from time-to-time in its sole discretion, and Franchisee expressly agrees to make corresponding revisions to its copy of the Manuals and to comply with each new or changed standard.

## **9 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

- 9.1 *Confidentiality.* Franchisee shall not, during the term of this Agreement or thereafter, communicate, divulge, or use for the benefit of any other person, persons, partnership, entity, association, or corporation any confidential information, knowledge, recipes or know-how concerning the methods of operation of the Retail Location that may be communicated to Franchisee or of which Franchisee may be apprised by virtue of Franchisee's operation under the terms of this Agreement. Franchisee shall divulge such confidential information only to such of its employees as must have access to it in order to operate the Retail Location. Any and all information, knowledge, know-how, recipes, and techniques which Franchisor designates as confidential shall be deemed confidential for purposes of this Agreement, except information which Franchisee can demonstrate came to its attention before disclosure thereof by Franchisor; or which, at or after the time of disclosure by Franchisor to Franchisee, had become or later becomes generally known to the public, through publication or communication by others; or which Franchisee is legally compelled to disclose. Any employee who may have access to any confidential information regarding the Retail Location shall execute a covenant that s/he will maintain the confidentiality of information they receive in connection with their association with Franchisee. Such covenants shall be on a form provided by Franchisor, currently in the form attached as **Exhibit H**, which form shall, among other things, designate Franchisor as a third party beneficiary of such covenants with the independent right to enforce them.
- 9.2 *Consequences of Breach.* Franchisee acknowledges that any failure to comply with the requirements of this **Section 9** will cause Franchisor irreparable injury, and Franchisee agrees to pay all court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by Franchisor in obtaining specific performance of, or an injunction against violation of, the requirements of this **Section 9**.
- 9.3 *Franchisee-Developed Concepts.* Franchisee agrees to disclose to Franchisor all ideas, concepts, methods, techniques and products conceived or developed by Franchisee, its affiliates, owners or employees during the term of this Agreement relating to the development and/or operation of the Retail Location. Franchisee hereby grants to Franchisor and agrees to procure from its affiliates, owners or employees a perpetual, non-exclusive, and worldwide right to use any such ideas, concepts, methods, techniques and products in all food and beverage service businesses operated by Franchisor or its affiliates, franchisees and designees. Franchisor shall have no obligation to make any payments to Franchisee with respect to any such ideas, concepts, methods, techniques or products. Franchisee agrees that it will not use or allow any other person or entity to use any such concept, method, technique or product without obtaining Franchisor's prior written approval.

## **10 ACCOUNTING AND RECORDS**

- 10.1 *Accounting Records.*
- 10.1.1 With respect to the operation and financial condition of the Retail Location, Franchisee shall adopt, until otherwise specified by Franchisor, a fiscal year that coincides with Franchisor's then-current fiscal year (which is currently a calendar year), as specified by Franchisor in the Manuals or otherwise in writing.
- 10.1.2 Franchisee shall maintain during the term of this Agreement, and, for not less than five (5) years following the termination, expiration, transfer, or non-renewal of this Agreement, full, complete, and accurate books, records, and accounts prepared in accordance with

generally accepted accounting principles and in the form and manner periodically prescribed by Franchisor in the Manuals or otherwise in writing, including but not limited to: (a) daily cash reports; (b) cash receipts journal, point of sale system reports, and general ledger; (c) cash disbursements and weekly payroll journal and schedule; (d) monthly bank statements, daily deposit slips and cancelled checks; (e) all tax returns; (f) supplier's invoices (paid and unpaid); (g) dated daily and weekly cash register journals and point of sale system reports; (h) semi-annual fiscal period balance sheets and fiscal period profit and loss statements; (i) operational schedules and weekly inventory records; (j) records of promotion and coupon redemption; (k) records of all other sales not evidenced by the cash receipts (such as wholesale and catering sales); and (l) such other records as Franchisor may periodically request. Franchisor may require Franchisee to use a standard chart of accounts for financial reporting provided to Franchisor.

- 10.1.3 Franchisor has the right to specify a common chart of accounts in the Manuals, and, if Franchisor does so, Franchisee agrees to use that chart of accounts in accounting for all fiscal transactions of the Retail Location and preparing and submitting Franchisee's financial statements to Franchisor.
- 10.2 *Financial Statements.* In addition to the Sales Reports required pursuant to **Section 4.2**, Franchisee shall, at its expense, provide to Franchisor, in a format specified by Franchisor, the following:
- 10.2.1 a complete annual financial statement (prepared according to generally accepted accounting principles, that includes a fiscal year-end balance sheet, an income statement of the Retail Location for such fiscal year reflecting all year-end adjustments, and a statement of changes in cash flow of Franchisee), on a review basis, prepared by an independent certified public accountant satisfactory to Franchisor, within one hundred twenty (120) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Retail Location during the term hereof, showing the results of operations of the Retail Location during the most recently completed fiscal year.
- 10.2.2 In addition, if Franchisee (and/or any affiliate of Franchisee) operates two (2) or more Retail Locations, pursuant to separate franchise agreements, then at its expense, Franchisee shall also furnish to Franchisor, within ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year of the Retail Location during the term hereof, an Administrative P&L. The term "**Administrative P&L**" is understood to mean a profit and loss statement, and such additional financial information in such detail as Franchisor may reasonably require, relating to the expenses Franchisee (and/or its affiliates) incurred with respect to the management of its operations (including without limitation Retail Location management) during said fiscal year; and such Administrative P&L shall be prepared on a review basis by an independent certified public accountant satisfactory to Franchisor.
- 10.3 *Additional Information.* Franchisee shall also submit to Franchisor, for review or auditing, such other forms, reports, records, information, and data as and when Franchisor may reasonably designate, in the form and format, and at the times and places reasonably required by Franchisor, upon request and as periodically specified in the Manuals or otherwise in writing, including, without limitation, in electronic format, and/or restated in accordance with Franchisor's financial reporting periods, consistent with Franchisor's then current financial reporting periods and accounting practices and standards. Franchisee shall submit any records required by Franchisor so that Franchisor can comply with any reporting obligations imposed on Franchisor by applicable tax authorities. The reporting requirements of this **Section** shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, the electronic reporting required under **Section 12**.
- 10.4 *Franchisor's Right to Inspect Books and Records.* Franchisor or its designated agents shall have the right at all reasonable times to examine, copy, and/or personally review or audit, at Franchisor's expense, all books, records, and sales and income tax returns of Franchisee. Franchisor shall also

have the right, at any time, to have an independent audit made of the books of Franchisee. If an inspection should reveal that any payments have been understated in any report to Franchisor, then Franchisee shall immediately pay Franchisor the amount understated upon demand, in addition to interest from the date such amount was due until paid, at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month, but not more than the maximum rate permitted by law (if any). If an inspection is necessitated because Franchisee fails to timely provide Sales Reports or if an inspection discloses an understatement in any report by Franchisee of three percent (3%) or more, Franchisee shall, in addition, reimburse Franchisor for any and all costs and expenses connected with the inspection (including, without limitation, travel, lodging and wages expenses, and reasonable accounting and legal costs). These remedies shall be in addition to any other remedies Franchisor may have.

- 10.5 *PCI Compliance and Credit Cards.* Franchisee agrees to comply with all of Franchisor's policies regarding acceptance of payment by credit and/or debit cards, including for example minimum purchase requirements for a customer's use of a credit card (Franchisor may set these requirements in the Manuals). Franchisee agrees to comply with Franchisor's requirements concerning data collection and protection, as specified in **Section 12**. Franchisee agrees to comply with the then-current Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards as those standards may be revised and modified by the PCI Security Standards Council, LLC (see [www.pcisecuritystandards.org](http://www.pcisecuritystandards.org)), or any successor organization or standards that Franchisor may reasonably specify. Among other things, Franchisor agrees to implement the enhancements, security requirements, and other standards that the PCI Security Standards Council (or its successor) requires of a merchant that accepts payment by credit and/or debit cards.

## 11 **MARKETING**

- 11.1 *Franchisee's Advertising Obligations.* Recognizing the value of marketing and promotion, and the importance of the standardization of marketing and promotion programs to the furtherance of the goodwill and public image of the System, Franchisee must perform the marketing and promotion activities the franchisor requires each year in conjunction with the launch of new products by Franchisor, with communication campaigns or otherwise required by Franchisor. Franchisee and Franchisor agree as follows:

11.1.1 Franchisor reserves the right to require that Franchisee, during each month (except for expenditures on local advertising and promotion, which shall be measured on an annual basis), spend and/or contribute on advertising and promotion amounts, which, in the aggregate, are equal up to three percent (3%) of Franchisee's Net Sales during the preceding month to advertise and to promote the Retail Location (together, the "**Advertising Obligations**"); provided, however, that the Advertising Obligations may exceed such amount under the circumstances set forth in **Section 11.1.3**. The Advertising Obligations shall be in the form of the following, and in such proportions as may be periodically designated by Franchisor in writing: (a) contributions paid to the System Marketing Fund, pursuant to **Section 11.2**, (b) contributions paid to any Regional Marketing Fund, as may be established pursuant to **Section 11.3**, or a Market Co-op, as may be established pursuant to **Section 11.4**, and/or (c) expenditures by Franchisee on "local advertising and promotion" pursuant to **Section 11.5**. Currently, Franchisee must spend two percent (2%) of Net Sales on local advertising and promotion, subject to change by Franchisor.

11.1.2 In addition to the Advertising Obligations, Franchisee shall undertake and complete the Opening Advertising Program, as provided in **Section 11.8**.

11.1.3 Franchisee's aggregate Advertising Obligations may exceed the maximum percentage specified in **Section 11.1.1** of Franchisee's Net Sales if the members of a Market Coop, of which Franchisee is a member, approve (as described in **Section 11.4.4** below) required

contributions to the Market Coop that, when aggregated with Franchisee's other requirements under this **Section 11**, would cause Franchisee's Advertising Obligations to exceed the maximum percentage specified above in **Section 11.1.1** of Franchisee's Net Sales.

- 11.2 *System Marketing Fund.* Franchisor shall have the right at any time, in its sole discretion, to establish a fund for system-wide advertising and promotion of the System (the "**System Marketing Fund**"). During the existence of the System Marketing Fund, Franchisee shall contribute to the System Marketing Fund in the manner specified in **Section 4.3**, such amounts as Franchisor may specify in accordance with **Section 11.1**. The System Marketing Fund shall be maintained and administered by Franchisor as follows:
- 11.2.1 Franchisor shall direct all marketing programs, with sole discretion over the concepts, materials, and media used in such programs and the placement and allocation thereof. Franchisee acknowledges that the System Marketing Fund is intended to maximize general public recognition of the System and that Franchisor is not obligated, in administering the System Marketing Fund, 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 expenditures by the System Marketing Fund.
- 11.2.2 The System Marketing Fund, all contributions to that fund, and any earnings thereon, shall be used exclusively to meet any and all costs of maintaining, administering, directing, creating, conducting, and preparing marketing, advertising, public relations, and/or promotional programs and materials, and any other activities, including socially responsible activities, which Franchisor believes will enhance the image of the System, including, among other things, the costs of preparing and conducting media marketing campaigns; direct mail advertising; marketing surveys and other public relations activities; employing advertising and/or public relations agencies to assist therein; sponsorship of organizations and events; purchasing promotional items; conducting and administering in store promotions; and, providing promotional and other marketing materials and services to the Retail Locations operating under the System.
- 11.2.3 Franchisee shall contribute to the System Marketing Fund by separate payment made payable (or as otherwise directed for payment) to Franchisor. All sums paid by Franchisee to the System Marketing Fund shall be accounted for separately and shall not be used to defray any of the expenses of Franchisor, except for such reasonable costs, salaries and overhead, if any, as Franchisor may incur in activities reasonably related to the direction and implementation of the System Marketing Fund and marketing programs for operators and the System, including costs of personnel for creating and implementing marketing, advertising, and promotional programs. The System Marketing Fund and any earnings from it shall not otherwise inure to the benefit of Franchisor. Franchisor shall maintain separate bookkeeping accounts for the System Marketing Fund.
- 11.2.4 Franchisor, upon request, shall provide Franchisee with an annual unaudited accounting of System Marketing Fund receipts and disbursements.
- 11.2.5 Franchisor reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to discontinue the System Marketing Fund upon written notice to Franchisee.
- 11.2.6 Franchisor may, but is not required to, periodically make available to Franchisee, marketing plans and promotional materials, including newspaper mats, coupons, merchandising materials, sales aids, point of purchase materials, special promotions, direct mail materials, and similar marketing and promotional materials produced from contributions to the System Marketing Fund. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that it shall be reasonable for Franchisor to not provide any such materials to Franchisee during any period in which Franchisee is not in full compliance with its obligations to contribute to the System

Marketing Fund. Additionally, if monies of the System Marketing Fund are used to produce point of sale materials, or other samples or other promotional materials and items, Franchisor may, on the behalf of the System Marketing Fund, sell such items to franchisees in the System at a reasonable price, and any proceeds from the sale of such items or materials shall be contributed to the System Marketing Fund. The System Marketing Fund may also be used to provide contributions to one or more Market Co-ops and/or on local advertising to be spent in local markets that Franchisor may designate.

- 11.3 *Regional Marketing Fund.* Franchisor shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to designate any geographical area for purposes of establishing a regional marketing and promotional fund ("**Regional Marketing Fund**"). For so long as a Regional Marketing Fund (or any successor entity designated by Franchisor) is in existence for the geographic area in which the Retail Location is located, Franchisee shall contribute to the Regional Marketing Fund an amount to be determined by Franchisor in accordance with **Section 11.1**, based upon Franchisee's Net Sales during the preceding month. Franchisor may develop policies regarding the establishment, operations, and maintenance of a Regional Marketing Fund. A Regional Marketing Fund shall be administered according to the terms set forth in **Section 11.2** regarding a System Marketing Fund.
- 11.4 *Market Co-op.* Franchisor shall have the right to designate any geographical area for purposes of establishing a Market Co-op. If a Market Co-op for the geographic area in which the Retail Location is located has been established at the time Franchisee commences operations under this Agreement, Franchisee shall immediately become a member of such Market Co-op. If a Market Co-op for the geographic area in which the Retail Location is located is established during the term of this Agreement, Franchisee shall become a member of such Market Co-op within thirty (30) days after the date on which the Market Co-op commences operation. In no event shall a franchised Retail Location be required to be a member of more than one Market Co-op. The following provisions shall apply to each such Market Co-op:
- 11.4.1 Each Market Co-op shall be organized (including but not limited to bylaws and other organic documents) and governed in a form and manner, and shall commence operations on a date, approved in advance by Franchisor in writing. Unless otherwise specified by Franchisor, the activities carried on by each Market Co-op will be decided by a simple majority vote of its members. Each Retail Location owner shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote for each Retail Location owned.
- 11.4.2 Each Market Co-op will be organized for the exclusive purpose of administering regional marketing programs and developing, subject to Franchisor's approval, standardized promotional materials for use by the members in local advertising and promotion.
- 11.4.3 No advertising, marketing, or promotional plans or materials may be used by a Market Co-op or furnished to its members without the prior approval of Franchisor, pursuant to the procedures and terms as set forth in **Section 11.7**.
- 11.4.4 Franchisee shall contribute to the Market Co-op in such amounts as Franchisor may specify pursuant to **Section 11.1**, unless the members of the Market Co-op, by a majority vote conducted in accordance with the rules, bylaws, or other governing documents of the Market Co-op, agree to an increase in the Market Co-op contribution to a rate in excess of the amount required by Franchisor. Retail Locations that Franchisor operates in the region, if any, will have the same rights as those owned by its franchisees (i.e., one vote per Retail Location). Franchisee shall submit to the Market Co-op the amount required at such times as determined by the Market Co-op, together with such other statements or reports as may be required by the Market Co-op. All amounts contributed to the Market Co-op shall be deposited into a bank account maintained by the Market Co-op, and shall be distributed only in the manner prescribed by the Market Co-op.

- 11.4.5 Franchisor, in its sole discretion, may grant to any franchisee an exemption for any length of time from the requirement of membership in a Market Co-op, or from the requirement to pay all or a portion of the contribution (described in **Section 11.4.4**) to the Market Co-op upon written request of such franchisee stating reasons supporting such exemption. Franchisor's decision concerning such request for exemption shall be final.
- 11.4.6 Although once established, each Market Co-op is intended to be of perpetual duration, Franchisor maintains the right to terminate any Market Co-op. A Market Co-op will not be terminated, however, until all monies in that Market Co-op have been expended for marketing and/or promotional purposes.
- 11.5 **Local Advertising.** Franchisee shall comply with the following with respect to “**local advertising and promotion**” for the Retail Location:
- 11.5.1 Franchisee shall spend on an annual basis such amounts as Franchisor may specify in accordance with **Section 11.1**. Franchisee shall account for such expenditures on a routine basis and shall prepare, in accordance with the schedule and procedures periodically specified by Franchisor, detailed reports describing the amount of money expended on local advertising and promotion during such previous period. Franchisee shall maintain all such statements, reports, and records, and shall submit same to Franchisor as Franchisor may specify in the Manuals or otherwise request of Franchisee. Additionally, at the request of Franchisor, Franchisee shall submit bills, statements, invoices, or other documentation satisfactory to Franchisor to evidence Franchisee's advertising or marketing activities.
- 11.5.2 Franchisor has the right to periodically designate in the Manuals the types of expenditures that will or will not count toward Franchisee's spending requirement. All local advertising, marketing, and promotion by Franchisee shall be in such media, and of such type and format as Franchisor may approve; shall be conducted in a dignified manner; and, shall conform to such standards and requirements as Franchisor may specify. Franchisee shall not use any advertising, marketing materials, or promotional plans unless and until Franchisee has received written approval from Franchisor, pursuant to the procedures and terms set forth in **Section 11.7**.
- 11.5.3 The parties expressly agree that local advertising and promotion shall not include costs or expenses that Franchisee incurs or that are spent on Franchisee's behalf in connection with any of the following: (a) salaries and expenses of Franchisee's employees, including salaries or expenses for attendance at marketing meetings or activities, or incentives provided or offered to such employees, including discount coupons; (b) political donations; (c) the value of discounts provided to consumers; and/or (d) the cost of food, beverage, and merchandise items.
- 11.5.4 All local advertising, marketing, and promotion by Franchisee must: (a) be in the media, and of the type and format that Franchisor may approve; (b) be conducted in a dignified manner; and (c) conform to the standards and requirements that Franchisor may specify. Franchisee shall not use any advertising, marketing materials, and/or promotional plans unless and until Franchisee has received written approval from Franchisor, pursuant to the procedures and terms set forth in **Section 11.7**.
- 11.5.5 Upon written notice to Franchisee, Franchisor may require Franchisee to participate in mandatory promotions as Franchisor may periodically develop and implement.
- 11.6 **Materials From Franchisor.** Franchisor shall provide Franchisee with an initial supply of such promotional and advertising materials (such as graphic design, copy and instructions) as Franchisor deems appropriate. Thereafter (and in no way limiting **Section 11.2.6** regarding materials produced through the System Marketing Fund), Franchisor may periodically make

available certain marketing, advertising and promotional materials for purchase by Franchisee at a reasonable price for Franchisee's use.

- 11.7 *Franchisor's Review and Right to Approve All Proposed Marketing.* For all proposed advertising, marketing, and promotional plans, Franchisee (or the Market Co-op, where applicable) shall submit samples of such plans and materials to Franchisor (by means described in **Section 22**), for Franchisor's review and prior written approval. If written approval is not received by Franchisee or the Market Co-op from Franchisor within fourteen (14) days of the date of receipt by Franchisor of such samples or materials, Franchisor shall be deemed to have disapproved them. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that any and all copyright in and to advertising, marketing materials, and promotional plans developed by or on behalf of Franchisee shall be the sole property of Franchisor, and Franchisee agrees to execute such documents (and, if necessary, require its independent contractors to execute such documents) as may be deemed reasonably necessary by Franchisor to give effect to this provision.
- 11.8 *Opening Marketing Program.* In addition to and not in lieu of the Advertising Obligations, Franchisee shall expend a minimum as required by Franchisor, which is currently Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), for pre-opening and opening marketing and promotional programs in conjunction with the Retail Location's initial opening, pursuant to an opening marketing plan developed by Franchisee and approved in writing by Franchisor (the "**Opening Marketing Program**"). The Opening Marketing Program is subject to the provisions of **Section 11.7**. Franchisor reserves the right to require Franchisee to deposit with Franchisor the funds required under this **Section** to distribute as may be necessary to conduct the Opening Marketing Program.
- 11.9 *Local Advertising; Additional Marketing Expenditure Encouraged.* Franchisee shall only use such advertising and marketing materials as have been provided by Franchisor or the System Marketing Fund, or that have been approved by Franchisor pursuant to **Section 11.7**. Franchisee understands and acknowledges that the required contributions and expenditures are minimum requirements only, and that Franchisee may, and is encouraged by Franchisor to, spend additional funds for local advertising and promotion of a local nature that will focus on disseminating marketing directly related to the Retail Location. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee shall at its own expense obtain listings for the Retail Location in the local trade or business telephone directories, including "yellow" and "white" pages and any online directories designated by Franchisor.
- 11.10 *Rebates.* Franchisee acknowledges that periodic rebates, giveaways and other promotions and programs are an integral part of the System. Accordingly, Franchisee, at its sole cost and expense, shall periodically issue and offer such rebates, giveaways, discounts, incentives and promotions in accordance with any reasonable marketing programs established by Franchisor, and further shall honor rebates, giveaways and other promotions issued by other franchisees as long as all of the above do not contravene regulations and laws of appropriate governmental authorities.
- 11.11 *Considerations As to Charitable Efforts.* Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that certain associations between Franchisee and/or the Retail Location, and/or the Proprietary Marks and/or the System, on the one hand, and certain political, religious, cultural or other types of groups, organizations, causes, or activities, on the other, however well-intentioned and/or legal, may create an unwelcome, unfair, or unpopular association with, and/or an adverse effect on, the reputation of Franchisor or the good will associated with the Proprietary Marks. Accordingly, Franchisee shall not, without the prior written approval of Franchisor, engage in any activities with, or donate any money, products, services, goods, or other items to, any charitable, political or religious organization, group, or activity, if such action is taken, or may be perceived by the public to be taken, in the name of, in connection or association with Franchisee, the Proprietary Marks, the Retail Location, the Franchisor, or the System.

## 12 TECHNOLOGY

### 12.1 *Computer Systems and Software.* With respect to computer systems and required software:

12.1.1 Franchisor shall have the right to specify or require that certain brands, types, makes, and/or models of communications, computer systems, and hardware be used by, between, or among Retail Locations, including without limitation: (a) back office and point of sale systems, data, audio, video (including managed video surveillance), telephone, and voice storage, retrieval, and transmission systems for use at Retail Locations, between or among Retail Locations, and between and among Franchisee's Retail Locations and Franchisor, Franchisor's designee and/or Franchisee; (b) POS systems (as described in **Section 12.1.4**); (c) physical, electronic, and other security systems; (d) printers, "media wall" systems, and other peripheral devices; (e) archival back-up systems; (f) internet access mode (e.g., form of telecommunications connection) and speed; and (g) internet service for customers (collectively, the "**Computer System**").

12.1.2 Franchisor shall have the right, but not the obligation, to develop or have developed for it, or to designate: (a) computer software programs and accounting system software that Franchisee must use in connection with the Computer System ("**Required Software**"), which Franchisee shall install; (b) updates, supplements, modifications, or enhancements to the Required Software, which Franchisee shall install; (c) the tangible media upon which such Franchisee shall record or receive data; and (d) the database file structure of Franchisee's Computer System.

12.1.3 Franchisee shall, at its expense, install and use the Computer System and Required Software in the manner required by Franchisor.

12.1.4 Franchisee shall record all sales on the computer-based point of sale system ("**POS system**") specified by Franchisor in the Manuals or otherwise in writing, which shall be deemed part of the Franchisee's Computer System.

12.1.5 Franchisee shall implement and periodically make upgrades and other changes to the Computer System and Required Software as Franchisor may reasonably request in writing (collectively, "**Computer Upgrades**").

12.1.6 Franchisee shall comply with all specifications issued by Franchisor with respect to the Computer System and the Required Software, and with respect to Computer Upgrades, at Franchisee's expense. Franchisee shall also afford Franchisor unimpeded access to Franchisee's Computer System and Required Software as Franchisor may request, in the manner, form, and at the times requested by Franchisor. In the event the Franchisor chooses to provide to, or arrange for the provision of, any Computer System Required Software, or POS system to Franchisee, the Franchisee shall promptly reimburse the Franchisor for such amounts.

12.2 *Data.* All data provided by Franchisee, uploaded to Franchisor's system from Franchisee's system, and/or downloaded from the Franchisee's system to Franchisor's system is and will be owned exclusively by Franchisor, and Franchisor will have the right to use such data in any manner that Franchisor deems appropriate without compensation to Franchisee. In addition, all other data created or collected by Franchisee in connection with the System, or in connection with Franchisee's operation of the business (including but not limited to consumer and transaction data), is and will be owned exclusively by Franchisor during the term of, and following termination or expiration of, this Agreement. Copies and/or originals of such data must be provided to Franchisor upon Franchisor's request. Franchisor hereby licenses use of such data back to Franchisee, at no additional cost, solely for the term of this Agreement and solely for Franchisee's use in connection with the business franchised under this Agreement.

- 12.3 *Data Requirements and Usage.* Franchisor may, from time-to-time, specify in the Manuals or otherwise in writing the information that Franchisee shall collect and maintain on the Computer System installed at the Retail Location, and Franchisee shall provide to Franchisor such reports as Franchisor may reasonably request from the data so collected and maintained. Franchisee shall download daily, or in such other intervals as Franchisor may require, all information and materials Franchisor may require in connection with the operation of the Retail Location, and shall display such information and materials in the manner Franchisor may prescribe, including, without limitation, to employees of the Retail Location or on the media wall display at the Retail Location. All data pertaining to, derived from, or displayed at the Retail Locations (including without limitation data pertaining to or otherwise about Retail Location customers) is and shall be the exclusive property of Franchisor, and Franchisor hereby grants a royalty-free non-exclusive license to Franchisee to use said data during the term of this Agreement. In connection with any use of data in the Retail Location:
- 12.3.1 Franchisee shall abide by all applicable laws pertaining to the privacy of consumer, employee, and transactional information (“**Privacy Laws**”).
- 12.3.2 Franchisee shall comply with Franchisor’s standards and policies pertaining to Privacy Laws. If there is a conflict between Franchisor’s standards and policies pertaining to Privacy Laws and actual applicable law, Franchisee shall: (a) comply with the requirements of the Privacy Laws; (b) immediately give Franchisor written notice of said conflict; and (c) promptly and fully cooperate with Franchisor and Franchisor’s counsel in determining the most effective way, if any, to meet Franchisor’s standards and policies pertaining to Privacy Laws within the bounds of applicable law. Franchisee shall not publish, disseminate, implement, revise, or rescind a data privacy policy without Franchisor’s prior written consent as to that policy.
- 12.4 *No Separate Website.* Unless otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor, Franchisee shall neither establish nor permit any other party to establish a Website relating in any manner whatsoever to the Retail Location or referring to the Proprietary Marks. Franchisor shall have the right, but not the obligation, to provide one or more references or webpage(s), as Franchisor may periodically designate, within Franchisor’s Website, or any other website, including social media sites. Franchisor is and remains the sole and exclusive owner of all intellectual property rights concerning the trademarks, trade names, design rights, copyrights, data, and the contents of the Website(s) provided to Franchisee in accordance with this Agreement. The term “**Website**” means one or more related documents, designs, pages, or other communications that can be accessed through electronic means, including, but not limited to, the Internet, World Wide Web, webpages, microsites, social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Tik Tok, YouTube, Pinterest, etc.), blogs, vlogs, applications to be installed on mobile devices (e.g., smartphones or tablets), and other applications, etc. However, if Franchisor approves, in writing, a separate Website for Franchisee (which Franchisor is not obligated to approve), then each of the following provisions shall apply:
- 12.4.1 Franchisee specifically acknowledges and agrees that any Website owned or maintained by or for the benefit of Franchisee shall be deemed “marketing” under this Agreement, and will be subject to (among other things) Franchisor’s approval under **Section 11.7**.
- 12.4.2 Before establishing any Website, Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor, for Franchisor’s prior written approval, a sample of the proposed Website domain name, format, visible content (including, without limitation, proposed screen shots), and non-visible content (including, without limitation, meta tags) in the form and manner Franchisor may reasonably require;
- 12.4.3 Franchisee shall not use or modify such Website without Franchisor’s prior written approval as to such proposed use or modification.

- 12.4.4 In addition to any other applicable requirements, Franchisee shall comply with the standards and specifications for Websites that Franchisor may periodically prescribe in the Manuals or otherwise in writing.
- 12.4.5 If required by Franchisor, Franchisee shall establish such links to Franchisor's Website and others as Franchisor may request in writing.
- 12.4.6 If Franchisor requires Franchisee to do so, Franchisee must make periodic updates to the Website to reflect information such as specials and other promotions at the Retail Location.
- 12.4.7 Franchisor may require Franchisee to make Franchisor the sole administrator (or co-administrator) of any social networking pages that Franchisee maintains or that are maintained on Franchisee's behalf, and Franchisor will have the right (but not the obligation) to exercise all of the rights and privileges that an administrator may exercise.
- 12.5 *Extranet.* If Franchisor establishes an extranet (Franchisor is not required to do so or to maintain an extranet), then Franchisee agrees to comply with Franchisor's requirements (as set forth in the Manuals or otherwise in writing) with respect to connecting to and utilizing the extranet in connection with the operation of the Retail Location. Franchisee will purchase and maintain such computer software and hardware (including but not limited to telecommunications capacity) as may be required to connect to and utilize the extranet.
- 12.6 *Online Ordering System.* If established, Franchisee agrees to participate in Franchisor's online ordering system on such terms and conditions that Franchisor may specify in the Manuals, and to pay the fees for such online ordering system that Franchisor and/or its vendor reasonably specify.
- 12.7 *Electronic Identifiers; E-Mail.* Unless otherwise directed in writing by Franchisor, Franchisee shall not use the Proprietary Marks or any abbreviation or other name associated with Franchisor and/or the System as part of any e-mail address, domain name, and/or other identification of Franchisee or the business in any electronic medium. Franchisee agrees not to transmit or cause any other party to transmit advertisements or solicitations by e-mail, text message, or other electronic media without first obtaining Franchisor's written consent as to: (a) the content of such electronic advertisements or solicitations; and (b) Franchisee's plan for transmitting such advertisements. In addition to any other provision of this Agreement, Franchisee shall be solely responsible for compliance with any laws pertaining to sending electronic communication including but not limited to the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003 (known as the "**CAN-SPAM Act of 2003**") and the Federal Telephone Consumer Protection Act. (As used in this Agreement, the term "**electronic communication**" is agreed to include all methods for sending communication electronically, whether or not currently invented or used, including without limitation e-mails, text messages, and faxes.)
- 12.8 *Changes.* Franchisee and Franchisor acknowledge and agree that changes to technology are dynamic and not predictable within the term of this Agreement. In order to provide for inevitable but unpredictable changes to technological needs and opportunities, Franchisee agrees that Franchisor shall have the right to establish, in writing, reasonable new standards for the implementation of technology in the System; and Franchisee agrees that it shall abide by those reasonable new standards established by Franchisor as if this **Section 12** were periodically revised by Franchisor for that purpose.

### 13 **INSURANCE**

- 13.1 *Insurance and Coverage.* Before commencing any activities or operations under this Agreement, Franchisee agrees to procure and maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement (and for such period thereafter as is necessary to provide the coverage required under this

Agreement for events having occurred during the term of this Agreement), at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, for the benefit of Franchisor, the following insurance policy or policies in connection with the Retail Location or other facilities on premises, or by reason of the construction, operation, or occupancy of the Retail Location or other facilities on premises. Such policy or policies shall be written by an insurance company or companies reasonably acceptable to Franchisor, with an A.M. Best rating of at least A-/VIII, that are reputable, meet such additional qualifications (including, without limitation, rating standards) as Franchisor may periodically specify, and are licensed and admitted to do business in the state in which the Retail Location is located, and shall include, at a minimum (except as additional coverages and higher policy limits may reasonably be periodically specified by Franchisor in the Manuals or otherwise in writing to reflect inflation, identification of new risks, changes in the law or standards of liability, higher damage awards and other relevant changes in circumstances), the following:

- 13.1.1 Comprehensive general liability insurance, written on an occurrence basis, extended to include contractual liability, products liability and completed operations, and personal and advertising injury, with a combined bodily injury and property damage limit of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in the aggregate.
- 13.1.2 Business automobile liability insurance, including a combined single bodily injury and property damage coverage for all owned, non-owned, and hired vehicles, with limits of liability not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for both bodily injury and property damage. Such policy shall have the contractual exclusion removed, unless Franchisee provides separate evidence that contractual liability for automobile exposure is otherwise insured. Such policy shall also have a drive other car endorsement with employees of the Retail Location as additional insured.
- 13.1.3 Statutory workers' compensation insurance meeting all applicable state requirements and employer's liability insurance with minimum limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), as well as such other disability benefits type insurance as may be required by statute or rule of the state in which the Retail Location is located. Such policy shall contain an "Alternate Employer Endorsement" including Franchisor as the alternate employer.
- 13.1.4 Commercial umbrella liability insurance with limits which bring the total of all primary underlying coverages (comprehensive general liability, business auto liability, and employers liability) to not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) total limit of liability. Such umbrella liability will provide at a minimum those coverages and endorsements required in the underlying policies.
- 13.1.5 Property insurance providing coverage for direct physical loss or damage to real and personal property for all-risk perils, including the perils of flood and earthquake. Appropriate coverage shall also be provided for boiler and machinery exposures and business interruption/extra expense exposures. The policy or policies shall value property (real and personal) on a new replacement cost basis without deduction for depreciation and the amount of insurance shall not be less than ninety percent (90%) of the full replacement value of the Retail Location, its furniture, fixtures, equipment, and stock (real and personal property). Any deductibles contained in such policy shall be subject to review and approval by Franchisor.
- 13.1.6 Business interruption insurance to cover at least Franchisee's obligations with respect to leases, royalties, marketing fund obligations, fixed costs, and other recurring expenses for a period of not less than six (6) months following an interruption to the business' operation.
- 13.1.7 Any other insurance coverage that is required by federal, state, or local law.

- 13.2 *Endorsements.* All policies listed in **Section 13.1** shall contain: (a) a waiver of subrogation rights as between Franchisor (and its insurance carriers) and Franchisee (and its insurance carriers); and (b) such other endorsements as Franchisor may periodically provide in the Manuals. In addition, the policies provided under **Sections 13.1.1** and **13.1.4** shall contain endorsements to provide that the coverages shall be primary and that any insurance carried by any additional insured shall be excess and non-contributory over any insurance carried by Franchisor.
- 13.3 *Notices to Franchisor.* In the event of cancellation, material change, or non-renewal of any policy, thirty (30) days' advance written notice must be provided to Franchisor in the manner provided in **Section 22**.
- 13.4 *Construction Coverages.* In connection with all significant construction, reconstruction, or remodeling of the Retail Location during the term of this Agreement, Franchisee will cause the general contractor, its subcontractors, and any other contractor, to effect and maintain at general contractor's and all other contractor's own expense, such insurance policies and bonds with such endorsements as are set forth in the Manuals, all written by insurance or bonding companies approved by Franchisor, having a rating as set forth in **Section 13.1**.
- 13.5 *Other Insurance Does Not Impact Franchisee's Obligation.* Franchisee's obligation to obtain and maintain the foregoing policy or policies in the amounts specified shall not be limited in any way by reason of any insurance that may be maintained by Franchisor, nor shall Franchisee's performance of that obligation relieve it of liability under the indemnity provisions set forth in **Section 19.4**. Additionally, the requirements of this **Section 13** shall not be reduced, diminished, eroded, or otherwise affected by insurance that Franchisee carries (and/or claims made under that insurance) for other businesses, included but not limited to other Retail Locations operated by Franchisee (and/or its affiliates) under the System.
- 13.6 *Additional Named Insured.* All policies required under this Agreement (with the exception of worker's compensation insurance) shall: (a) list Franchisor, its employees, agents, servants, contractors, and affiliated entities collectively as additional named insureds; and (b) contain a provision that Franchisor, although named as an insured, shall nevertheless be entitled to recover under said policies on any loss occasioned to Franchisor or its servants, agents, or employees by reason of the negligence of Franchisee or its servants, agents, or employees.
- 13.7 *Certificates of Insurance.* At least thirty (30) days before the time any insurance is first required to be carried by Franchisee, and thereafter at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of any such policy, Franchisee shall deliver to Franchisor, certificates of insurance evidencing the proper coverage with limits not less than those required under this Agreement. All certificates shall expressly provide that no less than thirty (30) days' prior written notice shall be given Franchisor in the event of material alteration to, cancellation, or non-renewal of the coverages evidenced by such certificates.
- 13.8 *Proof of Coverage.* In addition to its obligations under **Section 13.7**, on the first anniversary of the Effective Date, and on each subsequent anniversary thereof during the term of this Agreement and any renewal of this Agreement, Franchisee shall provide Franchisor with proof of insurance evidencing the proper coverage with limits not less than those required under this Agreement, in such form as Franchisor may reasonably require.
- 13.9 *Franchisor's Right to Procure Insurance for Franchisee.* If Franchisee does not obtain and maintain the insurance coverages and amounts required by Franchisor, Franchisor may purchase such insurance on Franchisee's behalf and Franchisee shall immediately reimburse Franchisor for such premium(s) paid.
- 13.10 *Changes.* Franchisor shall have the right to periodically make such changes in minimum policy limits and endorsements as it may determine.

## 14 TRANSFER OF INTEREST

- 14.1 *By Franchisor.* Franchisor has the right to transfer or assign this Agreement and all or any part of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to any person or legal entity, and any assignee of Franchisor shall become solely responsible for all obligations of Franchisor under this Agreement from the date of assignment.
- 14.2 *Franchisee's Principals.* If Franchisee is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or limited liability partnership, each owner of Franchisee ("**Principal**"), and the interest of each Principal in Franchisee, is identified in **Exhibit D** to this Agreement. Franchisee represents and warrants that its owners are as set forth on **Exhibit D**, and covenants that it will not permit the identity of such owners, or their respective interests in Franchisee, to change without complying with this Agreement. Franchisor shall have the right to designate any person or entity that owns a direct or indirect interest in Franchisee as a Principal, and **Exhibit D** shall be so amended automatically upon written notice thereof to Franchisee.
- 14.3 *By Franchisee.* Franchisee understands and acknowledges that the rights and duties set forth in this Agreement are personal to Franchisee, and that Franchisor has granted this franchise in reliance on Franchisee's or Franchisee's Principals' business skill, financial capacity, and personal character. Accordingly:
- 14.3.1 Without Franchisor's prior written consent, neither Franchisee (nor any successor to any part of Franchisee's interest in this Agreement) nor any Principal, nor any other party that directly or indirectly owns any interest in this Agreement, in Franchisee, and/or in the Retail Location, may sell, assign, transfer, convey, pledge, encumber, merge, create a security interest in, and/or give away (collectively, "**transfer**") any direct or indirect interest in: (a) this Agreement; (b) Franchisee; (c) any or all of Franchisee's rights or obligations under this Agreement; and/or (d) all or substantially all of the assets used in the operation of the Retail Location. Any purported transfer not having Franchisor's prior written consent as required by this **Section 14** shall be null and void and shall also constitute a material breach of this Agreement, for which Franchisor may immediately terminate this Agreement without opportunity to cure, pursuant to **Section 15**.
- 14.3.2 If Franchisee is a corporation or limited company, Franchisee shall not, without the prior written consent of Franchisor, issue any voting securities or securities convertible into voting securities, and the recipient of any such securities shall become a Principal under this Agreement, if so designated by Franchisor.
- 14.3.3 If Franchisee is a partnership or limited partnership, the partners of the partnership shall not, without the prior written consent of Franchisor, admit additional general partners, remove a general partner, or otherwise materially alter the powers of any general partner. Each general partner shall automatically be deemed a Principal of Franchisee.
- 14.3.4 A Principal shall not, without the prior written consent of Franchisor, transfer, pledge or otherwise encumber any interest of the Principal in Franchisee as shown in **Exhibit D**.
- 14.4 *Transfer Conditions.* Franchisor shall not unreasonably withhold any consent required by **Section 14.3**; provided, that if Franchisee proposes to transfer its obligations under this Agreement or any material asset, or if a Principal proposes to transfer any direct or indirect interest in Franchisee, Franchisor shall have the right to require any or all of the following as conditions of its approval:
- 14.4.1 Franchisee, the Principals, the transferor and any other person required by Franchisor shall have executed a general release, in a form satisfactory to Franchisor, of any and all claims against Franchisor and its affiliates, successors, and assigns, and their respective

directors, officers, shareholders, partners, agents, representatives, servants, and employees in their corporate and individual capacities including, without limitation, claims arising under this Agreement, any other agreement between Franchisee and Franchisor or its affiliates, and federal, state, and local laws and rules;

- 14.4.2 The transferee of a Principal shall be designated as a Principal and each transferee who is designated a Principal shall enter into a written agreement, in a form satisfactory to Franchisor, agreeing to be bound as a Principal under the terms of this Agreement (or, if a new franchise agreement is signed pursuant to **Section 14.4.4**, such new franchise agreement) as long as such person or entity owns any interest in Franchisee; and, if the obligations of Franchisee were guaranteed by the transferor, the Principal shall guarantee the performance of all such obligations in writing in a form satisfactory to Franchisor;
- 14.4.3 Franchisee's new Principals (i.e., those who will run the business after the transfer) shall meet Franchisor's educational, managerial, and business standards; each shall possess a good moral character, business reputation, and credit rating; have the aptitude and ability to operate the Retail Location, as may be evidenced by prior related business experience or otherwise; and have adequate financial resources and capital to operate the Retail Location;
- 14.4.4 If a proposed transfer would result in a change in control of Franchisee, at Franchisor's option, Franchisee shall execute the form of franchise agreement then being offered to new System franchisees, provided that (notwithstanding anything to the contrary in such form of agreement) the term of such agreement shall be five (5) years, and such other ancillary agreements required by Franchisor for the business franchised under this Agreement, which agreements shall supersede this Agreement and its ancillary documents in all respects, and the terms of which may differ from the terms of this Agreement including, without limitation, a higher royalty fee and Advertising Obligations;
- 14.4.5 If so requested by Franchisor, Franchisee, at its expense, shall upgrade the Retail Location to conform to the then-current standards and specifications of new Retail Locations then-being established in the System, and shall complete the upgrading and other requirements set forth in **Section 2.2.2** within the time specified by Franchisor;
- 14.4.6 All monetary obligations of Franchisee under this Agreement shall be paid in full on a current basis, and Franchisee must not be otherwise in default of any of its obligations under this Agreement including, without limitation, its reporting obligations;
- 14.4.7 The transferor shall remain liable for all of the obligations to Franchisor in connection with the Retail Location that arose before the effective date of the transfer, and any covenants that survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement, and shall execute any and all instruments reasonably requested by Franchisor to evidence such liability;
- 14.4.8 At Franchisee's expense, Franchisee and/or such persons as Franchisor may require pursuant to **Section 6.3** shall successfully complete (to Franchisor's satisfaction) all training programs required by Franchisor upon such terms and conditions as Franchisor may reasonably require (and while Franchisor will not charge a fee for attendance at such training programs, the transferee shall be responsible for the salary and all expenses of the person who attends training);
- 14.4.9 Franchisee shall pay Franchisor a transfer fee in an amount equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to compensate Franchisor for its legal, accounting, training, and other expenses incurred in connection with the transfer.

- 14.4.10 The transferor must acknowledge and agree that the transferor shall remain bound by the covenants contained in **Sections 17.2** and **17.3**.
- 14.5 *Right of First Refusal.*
- 14.5.1 If Franchisee or any Principal desires to accept any *bona fide* offer from a third party to purchase Franchisee, any material assets of Franchisee, or any direct or indirect interest in Franchisee, Franchisee or such Principal shall promptly notify Franchisor of such offer and shall provide such information and documentation relating to the offer as Franchisor may require. Franchisor shall have the right and option, exercisable within sixty (60) days after receipt of all such information, to send written notice to the seller that Franchisor intends to purchase the seller's interest on the same terms and conditions offered by the third party. If Franchisor elects to purchase the seller's interest, the closing on such purchase shall occur within sixty (60) days from the date of notice to the seller of the election to purchase by Franchisor.
- 14.5.2 Any material change in the terms of the offer before closing shall constitute a new offer subject to the same rights of first refusal by Franchisor as in the case of the third party's initial offer. Failure of Franchisor to exercise the option afforded by this **Section 14.5** shall not constitute a waiver of any other provision of this Agreement, including all of the requirements of this **Section 14**, with respect to a proposed transfer.
- 14.5.3 In the event the consideration, terms, and/or conditions offered by a third party are such that Franchisor may not reasonably be required to furnish the same consideration, terms, and/or conditions, then Franchisor may purchase the interest proposed to be sold for the reasonable equivalent in cash. If the parties cannot agree within a reasonable time on the reasonable equivalent in cash of the consideration, terms, and/or conditions offered by the third party, they must attempt to appoint a mutually-acceptable independent appraiser to make a binding determination. If the parties are unable to agree upon one (1) independent appraiser, then an independent appraiser shall be promptly designated by Franchisor and another independent appraiser shall be promptly designated by Franchisee, which two (2) appraisers shall, in turn, promptly designate a third appraiser; all three (3) appraisers shall promptly confer and reach a single determination, which determination shall be binding upon Franchisor and Franchisee. The cost of any such appraisal shall be shared equally by Franchisor and Franchisee. If Franchisor elects to exercise its right under this **Section 14.5**, Franchisor shall have the right to set off all amounts due from Franchisee, and one-half (1/2) of the cost of the appraisal, if any, against any payment to the seller.
- 14.6 *Death.* Upon the death of a Principal, the deceased's executor, administrator, or other personal representative shall transfer the deceased's interest to a third party approved by Franchisor within twelve (12) months after the death. If no personal representative is designated or appointed or no probate proceedings are instituted with respect to the deceased's estate, then the distributee of such interest must be approved by Franchisor. If the distributee is not approved by Franchisor, then the distributee shall transfer the deceased's interest to a third party approved by Franchisor within twelve (12) months after the deceased's death.
- 14.7 *Disability.* Upon the permanent disability of any Principal with a controlling interest in Franchisee, Franchisor shall have the right to require such interest to be transferred to a third party in accordance with the conditions described in this **Section 14** within six (6) months after notice to Franchisee. "**Permanent Disability**" shall mean any physical, emotional, or mental injury, illness, or incapacity that would prevent a person from performing the obligations set forth in this Agreement for at least six (6) consecutive months and from which condition recovery within six (6) consecutive months from the date of determination of disability is unlikely.
- 14.8 *Effect of Death or Disability.* Upon the death or permanent disability any Principal of Franchisee, such person or his representative shall promptly notify Franchisor of such death or claim of

permanent disability. Any transfer upon death or permanent disability shall be subject to the same terms and conditions as any *inter vivos* transfer.

- 14.9 *Consent to Transfer.* Franchisor's consent to a transfer shall not constitute a waiver of any claims it may have against the transferring party, nor shall it be deemed a waiver of Franchisor's right to demand exact compliance with any of the terms of this Agreement by the transferor or transferee.
- 14.10 *Bankruptcy Issues.* If Franchisee or any person holding any interest (direct or indirect) in Franchisee becomes a debtor in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or any similar law in the U.S. or elsewhere, it is the parties' understanding and agreement that any transfer of Franchisee, Franchisee's obligations and/or rights hereunder, any material assets of Franchisee, or any indirect or direct interest in Franchisee shall be subject to all of the terms of this **Section 14**.
- 14.11 *Securities Offers.* All materials for an offering of stock or partnership interests in Franchisee or any affiliate of Franchisee which are required by federal or state law shall be submitted to Franchisor for review as described below before such materials are filed with any government agency. Any materials to be used in any exempt offering shall be submitted to Franchisor for such review before their use. No offering by Franchisee or any affiliate of Franchisee shall imply (by use of the Proprietary Marks or otherwise) that Franchisor is participating in an underwriting, issuance, or offering of the securities of Franchisee or Franchisee's affiliates; and Franchisor's review of any offering shall be limited solely to the relationship between Franchisor and Franchisee and any subsidiaries and affiliates, if applicable. Franchisor may, at its option, require the offering materials to contain a written statement prescribed by Franchisor concerning the limitations stated in the preceding sentence. Franchisee (and the offeror if not Franchisee), the Principals, and all other participants in the offering must fully indemnify Franchisor, its subsidiaries, affiliates, successor, and assigns, and their respective directors, officers, shareholders, partners, agents, representatives, servants, and employees in connection with the offering. For each proposed offering, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor a non-refundable fee of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or such greater amount as is necessary to reimburse Franchisor for its reasonable costs and expenses (including legal and accounting fees) for reviewing the proposed offering. Franchisee shall give Franchisor written notice at least thirty (30) days before the date that any offering or other transaction described in this **Section 14** commences. Any such offering shall be subject to all of the other provisions of this **Section 14**; and further, without limiting the foregoing, it is agreed that any such offering shall be subject to Franchisor's approval as to the structure and voting control of the offeror (and Franchisee, if Franchisee is not the offeror) after the financing is completed.

## **15 DEFAULT AND TERMINATION**

- 15.1 *Automatic.* Franchisee shall be deemed to be in default under this Agreement, and all rights granted in this Agreement shall automatically terminate without notice to Franchisee, if Franchisee shall become insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or if a petition in bankruptcy is filed by Franchisee or such a petition is filed against and not opposed by Franchisee; or if Franchisee is adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent; or if a bill in equity or other proceeding for the appointment of a receiver of Franchisee or other custodian for Franchisee's business or assets is filed and consented to by Franchisee; or if a receiver or other custodian (permanent or temporary) of Franchisee'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 applicable law should be instituted by or against Franchisee; or if a material final judgment remains unsatisfied or of record for thirty (30) days or longer (unless an appeal or a supersedeas bond is filed); or if Franchisee is dissolved; or if execution is levied against Franchisee's business or property; or if suit to foreclose any lien or mortgage against the Retail Location premises or equipment is instituted against Franchisee and not dismissed within thirty (30) days; or if the real or personal property of Franchisee's Retail Location shall be sold after levy thereupon by any sheriff, marshal, or constable.

- 15.2 *With Notice.* Franchisee shall be deemed to be in default and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement and all rights granted under this Agreement, without affording Franchisee any opportunity to cure the default, effective immediately upon the delivery of written notice to Franchisee by Franchisor (in the manner set forth under **Section 22**), upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
- 15.2.1 If Franchisee fails to locate a site as provided in the Site Selection Addendum, or fails to construct and open the Retail Location within the time limits and requirements as provided in **Section 5.1**, or fails to complete the training program to Franchisor's reasonable satisfaction as provided in **Section 6.3**;
  - 15.2.2 If Franchisee at any time ceases to operate or otherwise abandons the Retail Location for five (5) consecutive business days, or loses the right to possession of the premises, or otherwise forfeits the right to do or transact business in the jurisdiction where the Retail Location is located; provided, however, that if, through no fault of Franchisee, the premises of the Retail Location are damaged or destroyed by an event such that repairs or reconstruction cannot be completed within ninety (90) days thereafter, then Franchisee shall have thirty (30) days after such event in which to apply for Franchisor's approval to relocate and/or reconstruct the premises, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld;
  - 15.2.3 If Franchisee or any Principal is convicted of an indictable criminal offense, a crime involving moral turpitude, or any other crime or offense that Franchisor believes is reasonably likely to have an adverse effect on the System, the Proprietary Marks, the goodwill associated therewith, or Franchisor's interest therein;
  - 15.2.4 If a threat or danger to public health or safety results from the construction, maintenance, or operation of the Retail Location;
  - 15.2.5 If Franchisee or any Principal purports to transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement or any interest to any third party in a manner that is contrary to the terms of **Section 14**;
  - 15.2.6 If, contrary to the terms of **Sections 8** or **9**, Franchisee discloses, divulges, or otherwise misuses the contents of the Manuals or other confidential information provided to Franchisee by Franchisor;
  - 15.2.7 If Franchisee knowingly maintains false books or records, or submits any false reports (including, but not limited to, information provided as part of Franchisee's application for a Retail Location) to Franchisor;
  - 15.2.8 If Franchisee commits two (2) or more defaults under this Agreement in any fifty-two (52) week period, whether or not each such default has been cured after notice;
  - 15.2.9 If Franchisee engages in any conduct or practice that is fraudulent, unfair, unethical, or a deceptive practice; and/or
  - 15.2.10 If, on three (3) or more occasions during any twelve (12) month period during the term of the Agreement, any amounts Franchisor is to receive from Franchisee by direct debit or otherwise are rejected due to insufficient or unavailable funds.
  - 15.2.11 If Franchisee loses any wine, beer, or liquor license required with respect to the operation of the Retail Location and such license is not reinstated within seven days or on the second such occurrence regardless of the cause or the length of the license suspension.

- 15.3 *With Notice and Opportunity to Cure.* Franchisee shall be deemed to be in default and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement and all rights granted under this Agreement, after the cure periods described below, upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
- 15.3.1 If Franchisee defaults in the payment of any monies owed to Franchisor when such monies become due and payable and Franchisee fails to pay such monies within ten (10) days after receiving written notice of default, then this Agreement shall terminate without further notice to Franchisee effective immediately upon the expiration of the ten (10) day period.
  - 15.3.2 If Franchisee fails to comply with the covenants in **Section 17** or fails to timely obtain execution of the covenants required under **Section 17.5**, and Franchisee does not cure such default within fifteen (15) days after receiving written notice of default or, in circumstances where such default cannot reasonably be cured within such fifteen-day (15) period, Franchisee does not initiate and diligently proceed to remedy such default within such fifteen-day (15) period.
  - 15.3.3 If Franchisee sells products not previously approved by Franchisor, or purchases any product from a supplier not previously approved by Franchisor, and Franchisee does not cure such default within fifteen (15) days after receiving written notice of default or, in circumstances where such default cannot reasonably be cured within such fifteen-day (15) period, Franchisee does not initiate and diligently proceed to remedy such default within such fifteen-day (15) period.
  - 15.3.4 If Franchisee makes any unauthorized or improper use of the Proprietary Marks, or if Franchisee or a Principal fails to utilize the Proprietary Marks solely in the manner and for the purposes directed by Franchisor, or directly or indirectly contests the validity of Franchisor's ownership of the Proprietary Marks or its right to use and to license others to use the Proprietary Marks and Franchisee does not cure such default within fifteen (15) days after receiving written notice of default or, in circumstances where such default cannot reasonably be cured within such fifteen-day (15) period, Franchisee does not initiate and diligently proceed to remedy such default within such fifteen-day (15) period.
  - 15.3.5 Except as otherwise provided in this **Section 15**, upon any other default by Franchisee of its obligations under this Agreement, Franchisor may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of termination setting forth the nature of such default at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of termination; provided, however, that Franchisee may avoid termination by immediately initiating a remedy to cure such default, curing it to Franchisor's satisfaction, and by promptly providing proof thereof to Franchisor, all within the thirty (30) day period. If any such default is not cured within the specified time, or within a different amount of time agreed between the parties in circumstances where the specified time is not reasonable given the nature of the default, this Agreement shall terminate without further notice effective immediately upon the expiration of the thirty (30) day period.
  - 15.3.6 If Franchisee is in default under the terms of any other franchise agreement or other contract between Franchisee (and/or its affiliates) and Franchisor (and/or its affiliates), that will also constitute a default under **Section 15.3.5**.
- 15.4 *Bankruptcy.* If, for any reason, this Agreement is not terminated pursuant to this **Section 15**, and this Agreement is assumed, or assignment of the same to any person or entity who has made a *bona fide* offer to accept an assignment of the Agreement is contemplated, pursuant to the United States Bankruptcy Code, then notice of such proposed assignment or assumption, setting forth: (a) the name and address of the proposed assignee; and (b) all of the terms and conditions of the proposed assignment and assumption, shall be given to Franchisor within twenty (20) days after receipt of such proposed assignee's offer to accept assignment of the Agreement; and, in any event, within ten (10) days before the date application is made to a court of competent jurisdiction for authority and approval to enter into such assignment and assumption, and Franchisor shall

thereupon have the prior right and option, to be exercised by notice given at any time before the effective date of such proposed assignment and assumption, to accept an assignment of this Agreement to Franchisor itself upon the same terms and conditions and for the same consideration, if any, as in the *bona fide* offer made by the proposed assignee, less any brokerage commissions which may be payable by Franchisee out of the consideration to be paid by such assignee for the assignment of this Agreement.

- 15.5 *Damages.* Franchisee shall pay Franchisor all damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor as a result of any default of Franchisee under this Agreement (in addition to other remedies that Franchisor may have).
- 15.6 *Statutory Limitations.* If any valid, applicable law or regulation of a competent governmental authority with jurisdiction over this Agreement requires a notice or cure period prior to termination longer than set forth in this **Section 15**, this Agreement shall be deemed amended to conform to the minimum notice or cure period required by the applicable law or regulation.

## **16 OBLIGATIONS UPON TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION**

Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, all rights granted under this Agreement to Franchisee shall terminate, and:

- 16.1 *Cease Operation.* Franchisee shall immediately cease to operate the Retail Location, and shall not thereafter, directly or indirectly, represent to the public or hold itself out as a present or former franchisee of Franchisor.
- 16.2 *Stop Using Proprietary Marks and Materials.* Franchisee shall immediately and permanently cease to use, in any manner whatsoever, any confidential methods, procedures and techniques associated with the System, all intellectual property associated with the System including the marks "ILLY CAFFÈ" and "ILLY" and any and all other Proprietary Marks and distinctive forms, slogans, signs, symbols, and devices associated with the System. In particular, Franchisee shall cease to use, without limitation, all signs, marketing materials, displays, stationery, forms, and any other articles that display the Proprietary Marks.
- 16.3 *Cancel Assumed Names.* Franchisee shall take such action as may be necessary to cancel any assumed name or equivalent registration that contains any and all of the Proprietary Marks, and/or any other service mark or trademark of Franchisor, and Franchisee shall furnish Franchisor with evidence satisfactory to Franchisor of compliance with this obligation within five (5) days after termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 16.4 *Premises.* In connection with the Retail Location:
- 16.4.1 If Franchisee leased the premises, at Franchisor's option, Franchisee shall, consistent with the Lease Rider, assign to Franchisor any interest which Franchisee has in the lease or sublease for ground upon which the Retail Location is operated and/or for the building in which the Retail Location is operated. If Franchisee owns the premises, Franchisee shall, at the option of Franchisor, sell or lease the premises to Franchisor at the then-current net depreciated asset value for, as applicable, the purchase or lease of the premises. If the parties cannot agree on net depreciated asset value (for, as applicable, the purchase or lease of the premises) within a reasonable time, an independent appraiser reasonably acceptable to Franchisee shall be designated by Franchisor, and his determination shall be binding.
- 16.4.2 If Franchisor does not elect or is unable to exercise any option it may have to acquire the lease or sublease for the premises of the Retail Location, or otherwise acquire the right to

occupy the premises, Franchisee shall make such modifications or alterations to the premises operated under this Agreement (including, without limitation, changing the telephone number) immediately upon termination or expiration of this Agreement as may be necessary to distinguish the appearance of the premises from that of other Retail Locations, and shall make such specific additional changes thereto as Franchisor may reasonably request for that purpose, which include, without limitation:

- 16.4.2.1 removing coating material from the bar counter and replacing it with a new coating made of a different material and with a different design and shape;
- 16.4.2.2 filling up any holes and shelves in the counter so the surface of the counter becomes a regular surface;
- 16.4.2.3 destroying (and giving evidence to Franchisor of destruction) or return to Franchisor any and all: (a) materials bearing the "PATTERN" decoration; (b) chandeliers with "ILLY" cups; (c) signs bearing Proprietary Marks or any representation of those marks; (d) "ILLY" art collections; (e) panels with photos of "In Principio" collection of Sebastiao Salgado; (f) panels or mosaics with images of Xanti Schawinsky; (g) panels or paintings with images of James Rosenquist ("ILLY" trademark and Coffee Flowers Idea); (h) "wall of memories" wall images, (i) "Storytelling" wall images; (j) giant cups; (k) lists/selections of the cities with "ILLY" locations; (l) "ILLY" franchising chain members' plaques; (m) environmental signage (all printed writing on walls or on furniture); (n) cabinet showcase; (o) "ILLY" products for tasting or selling; (p) related fixed or movable promotional materials; (q) any products or promotional material bearing the Proprietary Marks purchased by Franchisee during this Agreement; and (r) Manuals.
- 16.4.2.4 removing any and all cups bearing the Proprietary Marks, "ILLY" art collection cups, and "ILLY" espresso cups;
- 16.4.2.5 removing three (3) kilo tins; and
- 16.4.2.6 making any additional aesthetic modifications necessary in Franchisor's sole and absolute discretion so the premises no longer resembles a Retail Location or the Proprietary Marks.

16.4.3 If Franchisee fails or refuses to comply with all of the requirements of this **Section 16.4**, Franchisor (or its designee) shall have the right to enter upon the premises of the Retail Location, without being guilty of trespass or any other tort, for the purpose of making or causing to be made such changes as may be required, at the expense of Franchisee, which expense Franchisee agrees to pay upon demand.

16.5 *Phone Numbers and Directory Listings.* In addition, Franchisee shall cease use of all telephone numbers and any domain names, websites, e-mail addresses, social media accounts, and any other identifiers, whether or not authorized by Franchisor, used by Franchisee while operating the Retail Location, and shall promptly execute such documents or take such steps necessary to remove reference to the Retail Location from all trade or business telephone directories, including "yellow" and "white" pages, or at Franchisor's request transfer same to Franchisor. Franchisee hereby authorizes Franchisor to instruct issuers of any telephone and internet domain name services, and other providers to transfer any such telephone numbers, domain names, websites, social media accounts, addresses, and any other identifiers to Franchisor upon termination of this Agreement, without need for any further approval from Franchisee. Without limiting the foregoing, if requested by Franchisor, Franchisee shall provide, during the term or upon termination of this Agreement, written confirmation of Franchisor's rights under this **Section**. Franchisee agrees that

it shall sign such documents and do such things (without cost to Franchisee) that may be reasonably requested by Franchisor in order to implement this **Section**.

- 16.6 *No Use of the Marks in Other Businesses.* Franchisee agrees, if it continues to operate or subsequently begins to operate any other business, not to use any reproduction, counterfeit copy, or colorable imitation of the Proprietary Marks, either in connection with such other business or the promotion thereof, which is likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception, or which is likely to dilute Franchisor's rights in and to the Proprietary Marks, and further agrees not to utilize any designation of origin, description, trademark, service mark, representation, or trade dress that suggests or represents a present or past association or connection with any or all of Franchisor, the System, the Products and the Proprietary Marks.
- 16.7 *Pay All Sums Due.* Franchisee shall promptly pay all sums owing to Franchisor and its subsidiaries and affiliates (regardless whether those obligations arise under this Agreement or otherwise). In the event of termination for any default of Franchisee, such sums shall include all damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor as a result of the default.
- 16.8 *Pay Damages.* Franchisee shall pay Franchisor all damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor as a result of any default of Franchisee under this Agreement and/or subsequent to the termination or expiration of this Agreement in obtaining injunctive or other relief for the enforcement of any provisions of this **Section 16**.
- 16.9 *Return Confidential Information.* Franchisee shall immediately return to Franchisor the Manuals and all other manuals, records, and instructions containing confidential information (including without limitation any copies thereof, even if such copies were made in violation of this Agreement), all of which are acknowledged to be the property of Franchisor.
- 16.10 *Franchisor's Option to Buy Certain Assets.* Franchisor shall have the option (but not the obligation), which Franchisor may exercise at any time within thirty (30) days after expiration, termination, or default under the prime lease, to purchase from Franchisee any or all of the furnishings, equipment, signs, fixtures, supplies, or inventory of Franchisee related to the operation of the Retail Location, at the lesser of Franchisee's cost or fair market value. The cost shall be determined based upon a five (5) year straight-line depreciation of original costs. For equipment that is five (5) or more years old, the parties agree that fair market value shall be deemed to be ten percent (10%) of the equipment's original cost. If Franchisor elects to exercise any option to purchase provided in this Agreement, it shall have the right to set off all amounts due from Franchisee. If Franchisor exercises this option to purchase, Franchisee shall, at Franchisor's option, assign the liquor and all other transferable licenses and permits used in connection with the ownership or operation of the Retail Location to Franchisor or its designee.
- 16.11 *Right to Enter and Continue Operations.* In order to preserve the goodwill of the System following termination, Franchisor (or its designee) shall have the right to enter the Retail Location (without liability to Franchisee, Franchisee's Principals, or otherwise) for the purpose continuing the Retail Location's operation and maintaining the goodwill of the business during any period in which Franchisor has the option to exercise, or is undertaking activities to effectuate, its rights under **Section 16.10**.

## 17 COVENANTS

- 17.1 *Commercially Reasonable Efforts.* Franchisee covenants that during the term of this Agreement, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor, Franchisee (or a manager who meets the requirements of **Section 6.3**) shall devote commercially reasonable efforts to the management and operation of the Retail Location.

- 17.2 *No Injurious Conduct.* Franchisee specifically acknowledges that, pursuant to this Agreement, Franchisee will receive valuable specialized training and confidential information, including, without limitation, information regarding the operational, sales, promotional, and marketing methods and techniques of Franchisor and the System. Franchisee covenants that during the term of this Agreement, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor, Franchisee shall not, either directly or indirectly, for itself, or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any person, persons, partnership, corporation, or entity:
- 17.2.1 Divert or attempt to divert any business or customer of the Retail Location or of any Retail Location using the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise, or do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Proprietary Marks and the System.
- 17.2.2 Unless released in writing by the employer, employ or seek to employ any person who is at that time employed by Franchisor or by any other retailer, franchisee, master franchisee, or developer of Franchisor or development agent, or otherwise directly or indirectly induce such person to leave his or her employment.
- 17.3 *In-Term and Post-Term Covenant.* Franchisee covenants that, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor:
- 17.3.1 Franchisee shall not, during the term of this Agreement, either directly or indirectly, for itself, or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any person, persons, partnership, corporation, or entity, own, maintain, operate, engage in, or have any interest in any Competitive Business (as defined in **Section 17.3.3**); or any other business to manufacture, sell or otherwise distribute, market or advertise products that would compete with the products offered by Retail Locations, either within or outside of the Territory.
- 17.3.2 Franchisee shall not for a continuous uninterrupted period of two (2) years from the date of: (a) a transfer permitted under **Section 14**; (b) expiration or termination of this Agreement (regardless of the cause for termination); or, in the event of a challenge to (a) or (b) above, then (c) a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction (after all appeals have been taken) with respect to any of the foregoing or with respect to the enforcement of this **Section 17.3**; either directly or indirectly (through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any persons, partnership, corporation or entity), own, maintain, operate, engage in, or have any interest in any Competitive Business that is, or is intended to be, located within a one (1) mile radius of either the Approved Location or any other Retail Location operating at the time that the obligations under this **Section 17.3** commence; subject to any exceptions, if applicable, under **Section 17.3.4** for Existing Excluded Businesses.
- 17.3.3 A “**Competitive Business**” shall be considered to be a retail business in which the sale of brand name coffee and/or coffee related beverages and products comprise twenty percent (20%) or more of the business’ Net Sales in any month. Furthermore, Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that Franchisee shall be considered in violation of these covenants in the event that a person in the immediate family (including spouse, domestic partner, parent or child) of Franchisee (or, if Franchisee is other than an individual, each Principal that is subject to these covenants (or their immediate family)) engages in a Competitive Business that would violate this **Section 17.3** if such person was subject to the covenants of this **Section 17.3**.
- 17.3.4 If Franchisee had any business(es) in operation prior to signing this Agreement, Franchisee may seek Franchisor’s approval to continue the operation of such business(es) during this Agreement without such business(es) being a violation of this **Section 17.3**, and any business(es) approved by Franchisor for such treatment (an “**Excluded Existing Business**”) shall be identified in **Exhibit A**. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that

only those businesses, if any, identified in **Exhibit A** as Excluded Existing Businesses shall be excluded from the coverage of this **Section 17.3**.

- 17.4 *Publicly-Held Entities.* **Section 17.3** above shall not apply to ownership by Franchisee of less than five percent (5%) beneficial interest in the outstanding equity securities of any publicly-held corporation. As used in this Agreement, the term “publicly-held corporation” shall be deemed to refer to a corporation which has securities that have been registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 17.5 *Personal Covenants.* Franchisee shall require and obtain execution of covenants similar to those set forth in **Sections 7.3.3, 9, 14, 16,** and this **Section 17** (as modified to apply to an individual), from any or all of the following persons: Franchisee’s Retail Location general managers, supervisors, and Principals. The covenants required by this **Section** shall be in the form provided in **Exhibit H** to this Agreement. Failure by Franchisee to obtain execution of a covenant required by this **Section** shall constitute a default under **Section 15.3.2**.
- 17.6 *Construction.* The parties agree that each of the foregoing covenants shall be construed as independent of any other covenant or provision of this Agreement. If all or any portion of a covenant in this **Section 17** is held unreasonable or unenforceable by a court or agency having valid jurisdiction in an unappealed final decision to which Franchisor is a party, Franchisee expressly agrees to be bound by any lesser covenant subsumed within the terms of such covenant that imposes the maximum duty permitted by law, as if the resulting covenant were separately stated in and made a part of this **Section 17**.
- 17.7 *Reduction in Scope.* Franchisee understands and acknowledges that Franchisor shall have the right to reduce the scope of any covenant set forth in this **Section 17**, without Franchisee’s consent, effective immediately upon receipt by Franchisee of written notice thereof; and Franchisee agrees that it shall comply forthwith with any covenant as so modified, which shall be fully enforceable notwithstanding the provisions of **Section 23**.
- 17.8 *Claims Not a Defense.* Franchisee expressly agrees that the existence of any claims it 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 17**. Franchisee agrees to pay all costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees) incurred by Franchisor in connection with the enforcement of this **Section 17**.
- 17.9 *Defaults.* Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisee’s violation of the terms of this **Section 17** would result in irreparable injury to Franchisor for which no adequate remedy at law may be available, and Franchisee accordingly consents to the issuance of an injunction prohibiting any conduct by Franchisee in violation of the terms of this **Section 17**.

## **18 TAXES, PERMITS, AND INDEBTEDNESS**

- 18.1 *Payment of Taxes.* Franchisee shall promptly pay when due all taxes levied or assessed, including, without limitation, unemployment, payroll, and sales taxes, and all accounts and other indebtedness of every kind incurred by Franchisee in the conduct of the business franchised under this Agreement. Franchisee shall pay Franchisor an amount equal to any sales tax, gross receipts tax, or similar tax (other than income tax) imposed on Franchisor with respect to any payments to Franchisor required under this Agreement, unless the tax is credited against income tax otherwise payable by Franchisor.
- 18.2 *Franchisee’s Right to Contest Liabilities.* In the event of any bona fide dispute as to Franchisee’s liability for taxes assessed or other indebtedness, Franchisee may contest the validity or the amount of the tax or indebtedness in accordance with procedures of the taxing authority or

applicable law; however, in no event shall Franchisee permit a tax sale or seizure by levy of execution or similar writ or warrant, or attachment by a creditor, to occur against the premises of the Retail Location, or any improvements thereon.

- 18.3 *Compliance with Law.* 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 Retail Location, including, without limitation, licenses to do business, health certificates, beer, wine or liquor licenses, food handler's permits, fictitious name registrations, sales tax permits, and fire clearances. To the extent that the requirements of said laws are in conflict with the terms of this Agreement, the Manuals, or other instructions of Franchisor, Franchisee shall: (a) comply with said laws; and (b) immediately provide written notice describing the nature of such conflict to Franchisor.
- 18.4 *Notice of Violations and Actions.* Franchisee shall notify Franchisor in writing within five (5) days of receipt of notice of any health or safety violation, the 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, or within five (5) days occurrence of any accident or injury, that may adversely affect the operation of the Retail Location or the financial condition of Franchisee, or give rise to liability or a claim against Franchisee or Franchisor.

## **19 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AND INDEMNIFICATION**

- 19.1 *Independent Contractor Relationship.* The parties acknowledge and agree that: (a) this Agreement does not create a fiduciary relationship between them; (b) that Franchisee shall be an independent contractor; (c) Franchisee is the only party that is in day-to-day control of the Retail Location, and neither this Agreement nor any of the systems, guidance, processes, or requirements under which Franchisee operates alter that fact; (d) nothing in this Agreement is intended to make either party an agent, legal representative, subsidiary, joint venturer, partner, employee, or servant of the other for any purpose whatsoever; and (e) neither this Agreement nor Franchisor's course of conduct is intended nor may be construed to state or imply that Franchisor is the employer of Franchisee, Principal or Franchisee's employees and/or independent contractors, nor vice versa.
- 19.2 *Notice of Status.* At all times during the term of this Agreement and any extensions of this Agreement, Franchisee shall hold itself out to the public as an independent contractor operating the business pursuant to a franchise from Franchisor. Franchisee agrees to take such action as may be necessary to do so, including, without limitation, exhibiting a notice of that fact in a conspicuous place at the Retail Location, the content of which Franchisor reserves the right to specify.
- 19.3 *No Contracts in Franchisor's Name.* It is understood and agreed that nothing in this Agreement authorizes Franchisee to make any contract, agreement, warranty, or representation on Franchisor's behalf, or to incur any debt or other obligation in Franchisor's name; and that Franchisor shall in no event assume liability for, or be deemed liable under this Agreement as a result of, any such action; nor shall Franchisor be liable by reason of any act or omission of Franchisee in its conduct of the Retail Location or for any claim or judgment arising therefrom against Franchisee or Franchisor.
- 19.4 *Indemnification.* Franchisee shall indemnify and hold the ILLY Parties (defined below) harmless against any and all Damages (as defined below) arising directly or indirectly from any Asserted Claim (defined below) as well as from any breach of this Agreement by Franchisee. Franchisee's indemnity obligations shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

19.5 *Definitions.* As used in **Section 19.4**, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

19.5.1 **“Asserted Claim”** means any allegation, claim or complaint that is the result of, or in connection with, Franchisee’s exercise of its rights and/or carrying out of its obligations hereunder (including but not limited to any claim associated with Franchisee’s operations of the Retail Location or otherwise), notwithstanding any claim that any ILLY Party was or may have been negligent.

19.5.2 **“ILLY Parties”** means Franchisor, Franchisor’s shareholders, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, members, managers, employees, and agents.

19.5.3 **“Damages”** means all claims, demands, causes of action, suits, damages, liabilities, fines, penalties, assessments, judgments, losses, and expenses (including without limitation expenses, costs and lawyers’ fees incurred for any indemnified party’s primary defense or for enforcement of its indemnification rights).

## **20 FORCE MAJEURE**

20.1 *Impact.* Neither party shall be responsible to the other for non-performance or delay in performance occasioned by causes beyond its control, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing: (a) acts of nature; (b) acts of war, terrorism, or insurrection; (c) strikes, lockouts, labor actions, boycotts, floods, fires, hurricanes, tornadoes, pandemics, epidemics, and/or other casualties; and/or (d) the inability of Franchisor and/or its affiliates, or any suppliers, to manufacture, purchase, and/or cause delivery of any ILLY Products used in the operation of the Retail Location.

20.2 *Transmittal of Funds.* The inability of either party to obtain and/or remit funds shall be considered within control of such party for the purpose of **Section 20.1**. If any such delay occurs, any applicable time period shall be automatically extended for a period equal to the time lost; provided, however, that the party affected makes reasonable efforts to correct the reason for such delay and gives to the other party prompt notice of any such delay; and further provided, however, that Franchisee shall remain obligated to promptly pay all fees owing and due to Franchisor hereunder, without any such delay or extension.

## **21 APPROVALS AND WAIVERS**

21.1 *Request for Approval.* Whenever this Agreement requires the prior approval or consent of Franchisor, Franchisee shall make a timely written request to Franchisor therefor, and such approval or consent must be obtained in writing.

21.2 *No Warranties or Guarantees.* Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor makes no warranties or guarantees upon which Franchisee may rely, and assumes no liability or obligation to Franchisee, by providing any waiver, approval, consent, or suggestion to Franchisee in connection with this Agreement, or by reason of any neglect, delay, or denial of any request therefor.

21.3 *No Waivers.* No delay, waiver, omission, or forbearance on the part of Franchisor to exercise any right, option, duty, or power arising out of any breach or default by Franchisee or any other franchisee under any of the terms, provisions, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement, and no custom or practice by the parties at variance with the terms of this Agreement, shall constitute a waiver by Franchisor to enforce any such right, option, duty, or power as against Franchisee, or as to subsequent breach or default by Franchisee. Subsequent acceptance by Franchisor of any payments due to it under this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver by Franchisor of any

preceding or succeeding breach by Franchisee of any terms, provisions, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement.

## 22 NOTICES

Any and all notices required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered, sent by registered mail, sent by overnight courier, or by other means which affords the sender evidence of delivery, of rejected delivery, or attempted delivery to the respective parties at the addresses shown on the signature page of this Agreement, unless and until a different address has been designated by written notice to the other party. Any notice by a means which affords the sender evidence of delivery, rejected delivery, or attempted delivery shall be deemed to have been given at the date and time of receipt, rejected delivery, or attempted delivery.

## 23 ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT

23.1 *Entire Agreement.* This Agreement and the exhibits referred to in this Agreement constitute the entire, full, and complete Agreement between Franchisor and Franchisee concerning the subject matter hereof, and supersede all prior agreements, no other representations having induced Franchisee to execute this Agreement. The parties acknowledge and agree that they relied only on the words printed in this Agreement in deciding whether to enter into this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Agreement shall disclaim or require Franchisee to waive reliance on any representation that Franchisor made in the most recent disclosure document (including its exhibits and amendments) that Franchisor delivered to Franchisee or its representative, subject to any agreed-upon changes to the contract terms and conditions described in that disclosure document and reflected in this Agreement (including any riders or addenda signed at the same time as this Agreement).

23.2 *Amendment.* Except for those permitted to be made unilaterally by Franchisor under this Agreement, no amendment, change, or variance from this Agreement shall be binding on either party unless mutually agreed to by the parties and executed by their authorized officers or agents in writing.

## 24 SEVERABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION

24.1 *Severability.* Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Agreement, each portion, section, part, term, and/or provision of this Agreement shall be considered severable; and if, for any reason, any section, part, term, and/or provision in this Agreement is determined to be invalid and contrary to, or in conflict with, any existing or future law or regulation by a court or agency having valid jurisdiction, such shall not impair the operation of, or have any other effect upon, such other portions, sections, parts, terms, and/or provisions of this Agreement as may remain otherwise intelligible; and the latter shall continue to be given full force and effect and bind the parties; and said invalid portions, sections, parts, terms, and/or provisions shall be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement.

24.2 *No Third Party Rights.* Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor shall be deemed, to confer upon any person or legal entity other than Franchisee, Franchisor, and such of Franchisee's and Franchisor's respective successors and assigns as may be contemplated (and, as to Franchisee, permitted) by **Section 14**, any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement.

24.3 *Construction.* Franchisee expressly agrees to be bound by any promise or covenant imposing the maximum duty permitted by law that is subsumed within the terms of any provision of this

Agreement, as though it were separately articulated in and made a part of this Agreement, that may result from striking from any of the provisions of this Agreement any portion or portions that a court may hold to be unenforceable in a final decision to which Franchisor is a party, or from reducing the scope of any promise or covenant to the extent required to comply with such a court order.

- 24.4 *Headings.* All captions in this Agreement are intended solely for the convenience of the parties, and no caption shall be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any provision hereof.
- 24.5 *Survival.* All provisions of this Agreement which, by their terms or intent, are designed to survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement, shall so survive the expiration and/or termination of this Agreement.

## **25 APPLICABLE LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 25.1 *Choice of Law.* This Agreement takes effect upon its acceptance and execution by Franchisor, and shall be interpreted and construed exclusively under the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises (“**HQ State**”), which laws shall prevail in the event of any conflict of law (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of HQ State’s choice-of-law rules); provided, however, that if the covenants in **Section 17** of this Agreement would not be enforceable under the laws of HQ State and the Retail Location is located outside of HQ State, then such covenants shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the state in which the Retail Location is located. Nothing in this **Section** is intended by the parties to subject this Agreement to any franchise or similar law, rule, or regulation of HQ State to which this Agreement would not otherwise be subject.
- 25.2 *Mediation.* Before any party may bring an action in court against the other, the parties must first meet to mediate the dispute (except as otherwise provided in **Section 25.5** relating to injunctions). Any such mediation shall be non-binding and shall be conducted by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its then-current rules for mediation of commercial disputes. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, this **Section** shall not bar either party from obtaining injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause it loss or damages, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, without having to engage in mediation; including, without limitation, claims involving the Proprietary Marks.
- 25.2.1 The non-binding mediation provided for hereunder shall be commenced by the party requesting mediation (the “**complainant**”) providing written notice of the request for mediation (the “**request**”) to the party with whom mediation is sought (the “**respondent**”). The request shall specify with reasonable particularity the matter or matters on which non-binding mediation is sought. A copy of the request shall be given by the complainant simultaneously to Franchisor if Franchisor is not a complainant or respondent.
- 25.2.2 Non-binding mediation commenced hereunder shall be concluded within sixty (60) days of the issuance of the request or such longer period as may be agreed upon by the parties in writing. All aspects of the mediation process shall be treated as confidential, shall not be disclosed to others, and shall not be offered or admissible in any other proceeding or legal action whatever. Complainant and respondent shall each bear its own costs of mediation, and each shall bear one-half the cost of the mediator or mediation service.
- 25.3 *Litigation.* The parties agree that any action brought by Franchisee against Franchisor in any court, whether federal or state, shall be brought within such state and in the judicial district in which Franchisor has its principal place of business. Any action brought by Franchisor against Franchisee in any court, whether federal or state, may be brought within the state and judicial district in which

Franchisor has its principal place of business. The parties agree that this **Section** shall not be construed as preventing either party from removing an action from state to federal court. Franchisee hereby waives all questions of personal jurisdiction or venue for the purpose of carrying out this provision. Any such action shall be conducted on an individual basis, and not as part of a consolidated, common, or class action.

- 25.4 *Parties Rights Are Cumulative.* No right or remedy conferred upon or reserved to Franchisor or Franchisee by this Agreement is intended to be, nor shall be deemed, exclusive of any other right or remedy herein or by law or equity provided or permitted, but each shall be cumulative of every other right or remedy.
- 25.5 *Injunctions.* Nothing contained in this Agreement shall bar Franchisor's right to obtain injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause it loss or damages, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining restraining orders and preliminary injunctions.
- 25.6 **WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.** FRANCHISOR AND FRANCHISEE IRREVOCABLY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, OR COUNTERCLAIM, WHETHER AT LAW OR IN EQUITY, BROUGHT BY EITHER OF THEM AGAINST THE OTHER, WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE OTHER PARTIES IN SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING.
- 25.7 **MUST BRING CLAIMS WITHIN ONE YEAR.** ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AND ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, THE RELATIONSHIP OF FRANCHISEE AND FRANCHISOR, OR FRANCHISEE'S OPERATION OF THE RETAIL LOCATION, BROUGHT BY ANY PARTY HERETO AGAINST THE OTHER, SHALL BE COMMENCED WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE OCCURRENCE OF THE FACTS GIVING RISE TO SUCH CLAIM OR ACTION, OR, IT IS EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED BY ALL PARTIES, SUCH CLAIM OR ACTION SHALL BE IRREVOCABLY BARRED.
- 25.8 **WAIVER OF PUNITIVE DAMAGES.** FRANCHISOR AND FRANCHISEE HEREBY WAIVE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW ANY RIGHT TO OR CLAIM OF ANY PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES AGAINST THE OTHER, AND AGREE THAT IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE BETWEEN THEM EACH SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE RECOVERY OF ANY ACTUAL DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY IT.
- 25.9 *Payment of Legal Fees.* Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor all damages, costs and expenses (including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees) that Franchisor incurs subsequent to the termination or expiration of this Agreement in: (a) obtaining injunctive or other relief for the enforcement of any provisions of this Agreement (including without limitation **Sections 9** and **17** above); and/or (b) successfully defending a claim that Franchisor defrauded Franchisee into signing this Agreement, that the provisions of this Agreement are not fair, were not properly entered into, and/or that the terms of this Agreement do not govern the parties' relationship.

## **26 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

- 26.1 *No Conflicting Obligations.* Each party represents and warrants to the other that there are no other agreements, court orders, or any other legal obligations that would preclude or in any manner restrict such party from: (a) negotiating and entering into this Agreement; (b) exercising its rights under this Agreement; and/or (c) fulfilling its responsibilities under this Agreement.
- 26.2 *Franchisee's Responsibility for the Choice of the Approved Location.* Franchisee acknowledges that it has sole and complete responsibility for the choice of the Approved Location.
- 26.3 *Franchisee's Responsibility for Operation of the Retail Location.* Although Franchisor retains the right to establish and periodically modify System standards, which Franchisee has agreed to maintain in the operation of the Retail Location, Franchisee retains the right and sole responsibility for the day-to-day management and operation of the Retail Location and the implementation and maintenance of system standards at the Retail Location.

- 26.4 *Different Franchise Offerings to Others.* Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor may modify the terms under which Franchisor will offer franchises to other parties in any manner and at any time, which offers and agreements have or may have terms, conditions, and obligations that may differ from the terms, conditions, and obligations in this Agreement.
- 26.5 *Public Announcement.* Unless required under applicable law (including, without limitation, any applicable securities laws and/or rules and regulations of a securities exchange to which the disclosing party is a member), Franchisee shall not make any announcement or press release concerning this Agreement or any of the matters dealt with in this Agreement without Franchisor's prior written consent.
- 26.6 *Authority to Sign.* The individual signing on behalf of the Franchisee below represents and warrants to Franchisor that he or she has the authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and all related agreements on Franchisee's behalf. Franchisee represents and warrants to Franchisor that this Agreement has been duly authorized and executed by or on behalf of Franchisee and constitutes the valid and binding obligation of Franchisee, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- 26.7 *General Release.* If this Agreement is not the first contract between Franchisee (and its affiliates) and Franchisor (and its affiliates), then Franchisee agrees to the following: Franchisee (on behalf of itself and its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates and their respective past and present members, officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members, managers, agents and employees, in their corporate and individual capacities) and all guarantors of Franchisee's obligations under this Agreement (collectively, "**Franchisee Releasors**") freely and without any influence forever release and covenant not to sue Franchisor, its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates and their respective past and present officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members, managers, agents and employees, in their corporate and individual capacities (collectively "**Franchisor Releasees**"), with respect to any and all claims, demands, liabilities and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, whether known or unknown, vested or contingent, suspected or unsuspected (collectively, "**claims**"), which any Franchisee Releasor now owns or holds or may at any time have owned or held, including, without limitation, claims arising under federal, state and local laws, rules and ordinances and claims arising out of, or relating to this Agreement and all other agreements between any Franchisee Releasor and any Franchisor Releasee, the sale of any franchise to any Franchisee Releasor, the development and operation of the Retail Location and the development and operation of all other Retail Locations operated by any Franchisee Releasor that are franchised by any Franchisor Releasee. Franchisee expressly agrees that fair consideration has been given by Franchisor for this General Release and Franchisee fully understands that this is a negotiated, complete and final release of all claims. This General Release does not release any claims arising from representations made in Franchisor's FDD and its exhibits or otherwise impair or affect any claims arising after the date of this Agreement.
- 26.8 *Franchisee's Independence.* Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that: (a) Franchisee is the only party that employs its employees (even though Franchisor may provide Franchisee with advice, guidance, and training); (b) Franchisor is not the employer of any of Franchisee's employees, and Franchisor will not play any role in decisions regarding their employment (including but not limited to matters such as recruitment, hiring, scheduling, compensation, relations, labor matters, review, and/or dismissal); (c) the guidance that Franchisor provides and requirements under which Franchisee will operate are intended to promote and protect the value of the brand and the Proprietary Marks; (d) when forming and in operating Franchisee's business, Franchisee had to adopt standards to operate that business, and that instead of developing and implementing Franchisee's own standards (or those of another party), Franchisee chose to adopt and implement Franchisor's standards for Franchisee's business (including but not limited to Franchisor's System and the requirements under this Agreement); and (e) Franchisee has made (and will remain responsible at all times for) all of the organizational and basic decisions about establishing and forming Franchisee's entity, operating its business (including but not limited to adopting Franchisor's standards as Franchisee's standards), and hiring employees, engaging professional advisors, and all other facets of Franchisee's operation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have duly signed and delivered this Agreement in duplicate on the day and year first above written.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**  
Franchisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Franchisee Entity

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for Notices:

Address for Notices:

800 Westchester Avenue, Suite 440-S  
Rye Brook, NY 10573  
Telephone: (914) 253-4500  
Attn: President

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Approved Location, Territory**

1. The Approved Location for the Retail Location is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. The Territory for the Retail Location is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Excluded Existing Businesses are (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**SITE SELECTION ADDENDUM**

illy caffè North America, Inc. (“**Franchisor**”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (“**Franchisee**”) have this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ entered into an ILLY CAFFÈ Franchise Agreement (“**Franchise Agreement**”) and desire to supplement its terms as set out below in this Site Selection Addendum (the “**Addendum**”). The parties hereto agree as follows:

**AGREEMENT**

1. **Time to Locate Site:** Within ninety (90) days after the date hereof, Franchisee shall acquire or lease/sublease, at Franchisee's expense, commercial real estate that is properly zoned for the use of the business to be conducted by Franchisee under the Franchise Agreement (a “**Retail Location**”) at a site approved by Franchisor as hereinafter provided.

Such location shall be within the following area: \_\_\_\_\_ (the “**Site Selection Area**”).

The only reason that the Site Selection Area is described is for the purpose of selecting a site for the Retail Location. Franchisor will not establish, nor franchise another party to establish, a Retail Location operating under the System within the Site Selection Area until the end of the Search Period. For purposes of this Addendum, the term “**Search Period**” means ninety (90) days after the Effective Date, or the period from the date of this Addendum until Franchisor has approved of a location for the Retail Location, whichever event first occurs. Upon expiration of the Search Period, the protections of this Paragraph will expire and Franchisee will have no further rights in and to the Site Selection Area other than as otherwise provided in the Franchise Agreement.

Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor at least one (1) location for approval pursuant to Paragraph 3 below within forty five (45) days of the date hereof. Failure by Franchisee to acquire or lease a site for the Retail Location, or to submit to Franchisor at least one (1) location for site approval, within the time specified in this **Section 1** shall constitute a default under **Section 5.1** of the Franchise Agreement and under this Addendum, and Franchisor, in its sole discretion, may terminate the Franchise Agreement and this Addendum pursuant to the terms of **Section 15.2** of the Franchise Agreement.

2. **Site Evaluation Services:** Franchisor or its designee shall furnish to Franchisee site selection guidelines, including Franchisor’s minimum standards for a location for the Retail Location, and such site selection counseling and assistance as Franchisor may deem advisable. In response to Franchisee’s request for site approval, Franchisor or its designee shall have the right to perform one (1) on-site evaluation of a proposed site for the Retail Location. Franchisor shall have the right to designate a third party designee to conduct any or all of the site selection counseling and assistance and evaluation. The fee will be up to Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) per site visit.

3. **Site Selection Package Submission and Approval:** Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor, in the form specified by Franchisor, a completed site approval package, which may include a site approval form prescribed by Franchisor, copy of the site plan, business plan, demographic statistics and information regarding the surrounding businesses, and such other information or materials as Franchisor may reasonably require, together with an option contract, letter of intent or other evidence satisfactory to Franchisor which confirms Franchisee’s favorable prospects for obtaining the site for the Approved Location. Franchisee acknowledges that time is of the essence. Franchisor shall have thirty (30) days after receipt of such information and materials from Franchisee to approve or disapprove, in its sole discretion, the proposed site as the location for the Retail Location. In the event Franchisor does not approve a proposed site by written notice to Franchisee within said thirty (30) days, such site shall be deemed disapproved by Franchisor.

4. **Lease Responsibilities:** Within fifteen (15) days of site approval by Franchisor, Franchisee shall execute a lease which shall be coterminous with the Franchise Agreement, or a binding agreement to purchase the site. Franchisor's approval of any lease is conditioned upon inclusion in the lease of the Lease Rider attached to the Franchise Agreement as **Exhibit G**. However, Franchisor shall not be responsible for review of the Lease for any terms other than those contained in the Lease Rider.

5. **Approved Location:** After the location for the Retail Location is approved by Franchisor pursuant to **Section 3** of this Addendum and leased or acquired by Franchisee pursuant to **Section 4** of this Addendum, the location shall constitute the Approved Location described in **Section 1.2** of the Franchise Agreement. The Approved Location shall be specified on **Exhibit A** to the Franchise Agreement, and shall become a part the Franchise Agreement. Franchisee hereby acknowledges and agrees that approval by Franchisor of a site does not constitute an assurance, representation, or warranty of any kind, express or implied, as to the suitability of the site for the Retail Location or for any other purpose. Approval by Franchisor of the site indicates only that Franchisor believes the site complies with acceptable minimum criteria established by Franchisor solely for its purposes as of the time of the evaluation. Both Franchisee and Franchisor acknowledge that application of criteria that have been effective with respect to other sites and premises may not be predictive of potential for all sites and that, subsequent to approval by Franchisor of a site, demographic and/or economic factors, such as competition from other similar businesses, included in or excluded from criteria used by Franchisor could change, thereby altering the potential of a site. Such factors are unpredictable and are beyond the control of Franchisor. Franchisor shall not be responsible for the failure of a site approved by Franchisor to meet Franchisee's expectations as to revenue or operational criteria. Franchisee further acknowledges and agrees that its acceptance of a franchise for the operation of the Retail Location at the site is based on its own independent investigation of the suitability of the site.

6. **Construction:** This Addendum shall be considered an integral part of the Franchise Agreement between the parties hereto, and the terms of this Addendum shall be controlling with respect to the subject matter hereof. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Franchise Agreement. Except as modified or supplemented by this Addendum, the terms of the Franchise Agreement are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each party hereto has caused its duly authorized representative to duly execute and deliver this Addendum on the date first above written.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**

Franchisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Franchisee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**GUARANTEE, INDEMNIFICATION, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

As an inducement to illy caffè North America, Inc. (“**Franchisor**”) to execute the ILLY CAFFÈ Franchise Agreement between Franchisor and \_\_\_\_\_ (“**Franchisee**”), dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the “**Agreement**”), the undersigned, jointly and severally, hereby unconditionally guarantee to Franchisor and Franchisor’s successors and assigns that all of Franchisee’s monetary obligations under the Agreement will be punctually paid and performed and that all monetary obligations will be punctually paid and performed.

Upon demand by Franchisor, the undersigned each hereby jointly and severally agree to immediately make each payment required of Franchisee under the Agreement and waive any right to require Franchisor to: (a) proceed against Franchisee for any payment required under the Agreement; (b) proceed against or exhaust any security from Franchisee; (c) pursue or exhaust any remedy, including any legal or equitable relief, against Franchisee; or (d) give notice of demand for payment by Franchisee. Without affecting the obligations of the undersigned under this Guarantee, Franchisor may, without notice to the undersigned, extend, modify, or release any indebtedness or obligation of Franchisee, or settle, adjust, or compromise any claims against Franchisee, and the undersigned each hereby jointly and severally waive notice of same and agree to remain and be bound by any and all such amendments and changes to the Agreement.

The undersigned each hereby jointly and severally agree to defend, indemnify and hold Franchisor harmless against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney’s fees, reasonable costs of financial and other investigation, court costs, and fees and expenses) resulting from, consisting of, or arising out of or in connection with any failure by Franchisee to perform any obligation of Franchisee under the Agreement, any amendment thereto, or any other agreement executed by Franchisee referred to therein.

The undersigned each hereby jointly and severally acknowledge and expressly agree to be individually bound by all of the covenants contained in **Sections 7, 9, 14, 16, and 17** of the Agreement, as amended and supplemented, and acknowledge and agree that this Guarantee does not grant the undersigned any right to use the “ILLY CAFFÈ” and “ILLY” marks, logos or system licensed to Franchisee under the Agreement.

This Guarantee shall terminate upon the termination or expiration of the Agreement, except that all obligations and liabilities of the undersigned which arose from events which occurred on or before the effective date of such termination shall remain in full force and effect until satisfied or discharged by the undersigned, and all covenants which by their terms continue in force after the expiration or termination of the Agreement shall remain in force according to their terms. Upon the death of an individual guarantor, the estate of such guarantor shall be bound by this Guarantee, but only for defaults and obligations hereunder existing at the time of death; and the obligations of the other guarantors will continue in full force and effect.

Unless specifically stated otherwise, the terms used in this Guarantee shall have the same meaning as in the Agreement, and shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with **Sections 24 and 25** of the Agreement (including, without limitation, the terms regarding governing law, jurisdiction and venue, waiver of punitive damages, waiver of jury trials, injunctive relief, and limitations on periods for bringing claims). This Guarantee shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises. In the event of any conflict of law, the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises shall prevail (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of such state’s conflict of law rules).

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each of the undersigned has signed this Guarantee as of the date of the Agreement.

GUARANTOR(S)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(In his/her individual capacity)

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(In his/her individual capacity)

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(In his/her individual capacity)

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**LIST OF PRINCIPALS**

Name of Principal	Home Address	Interest %

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**AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR ACH PAYMENTS**  
**(DIRECT DEBITS FOR ROYALTY, MARKETING FUND CONTRIBUTION, AND OTHER FEES)**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Person or Legal Entity)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (ID Number)

The undersigned depositor (“**Depositor**” or “**Franchisee**”) hereby authorizes illy caffè North America, Inc. (“**Franchisor**”) to initiate debit entries and/or credit correction entries to the undersigned’s checking and/or savings account(s) indicated below and the depository designated below (“**Depository**” or “**Bank**”) to debit or credit such account(s) pursuant to Franchisor’s instructions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Depository Branch

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bank Transit/ABA Number  
Account Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
This authorization is to remain in full and force and effect until sixty (60) days after Franchisor has received written notification from Franchisee of its termination.

Printed Name of  
Depositor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ADA CERTIFICATION**

illy caffè North America, Inc.. (“**Franchisor**”) and \_\_\_\_\_  
 (“**Franchisee**”) are parties to a franchise agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_ (the  
 “**Franchise Agreement**”) for the operation of a Retail Location at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (the “**Retail Location**”). In accordance with **Section 5.4** of the Franchise Agreement, Franchisee certifies to Franchisor that, to the best of Franchisee’s knowledge, the Retail Location and its adjacent areas comply with all applicable federal, state and local accessibility laws, statutes, codes, rules, regulations and standards, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Franchisee acknowledges that it is an independent contractor and the requirement of this certification by Franchisor does not constitute ownership, control, leasing or operation of the Retail Location. Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor has relied on the information contained in this certification. Furthermore, Franchisee agrees to indemnify Franchisor and the officers, directors, and employees of Franchisor in connection with any and all claims, losses, costs, expenses, liabilities, compliance costs, and damages incurred by the indemnified party(ies) as a result of any matters associated with Franchisee’s compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as the costs, including attorneys’ fees, related to the same.

Franchisee: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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EXHIBIT G

**LEASE RIDER**

THIS LEASE RIDER is made and entered into \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ BY AND AMONG \_\_\_\_\_ (the "**Landlord**"), \_\_\_\_\_ (the "**Tenant**"), and illy caffè North America, Inc., whose principal place of business is 800 Westchester Avenue, Suite 440-S, Rye Brook, NY 10573 ("**Franchisor**").

RECITALS:

- A. This Lease Rider supplements and forms part of the attached Lease Agreement between the Landlord and the Tenant dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the "**Lease**") for the premises situated at \_\_\_\_\_ (the "**Premises**") to be used by the Tenant as an ILLY CAFFÈ Retail Location.
- B. This Lease Rider is entered into in connection with Franchisor's approval of the location of the Premises as an ILLY CAFFÈ Retail Location and the grant of a franchise to the Tenant pursuant to a Franchise Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the "**Franchise Agreement**").
- C. This Lease Rider is intended to provide Franchisor the opportunity to reserve the Premises as an ILLY CAFFÈ Retail Location under the circumstances set out below and to assure the Landlord that Franchisor exercises the option set out below on the basis that any defaults of the Tenant under the Lease will be cured by Franchisor before it takes possession of the Premises.
- D. The Landlord agrees that Franchisor shall have the right but not the obligation to assume the Lease of the Premises on the terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Lease Rider.

THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE:

1. UPON DEFAULT OF TENANT UNDER THE LEASE

- 1.1. The Landlord agrees to send to Franchisor copies of any Notice of Default that are given to the Tenant concurrently with the giving of such Notices to the Tenant. If the Tenant fails to cure any defaults within the period specified within the Notices, the Landlord shall promptly give to Franchisor further written Notice specifying the defaults that the Tenant has failed to cure. Franchisor shall have forty-five (45) days following receipt of the second written Notice to exercise its right to enter a new lease on the same terms as apply to the Lease by written notice to the Landlord and the Tenant and in the event that Franchisor does exercise such right, then the circumstances described in clause 1.2 below shall apply.
- 1.2. The provisions of this clause 1.2 shall take effect if and when Franchisor exercises its rights pursuant to clause 1.1 above. Franchisor shall cure the defaults and/or begin paying rent upon the Landlord delivering possession of the Premises to Franchisor. If it becomes necessary for the Landlord to pursue legal remedies in order to remove the Tenant and deliver possession of the premises, Franchisor shall, upon written request of the Landlord, pay into the trust account of the Landlord's lawyer to be held upon escrow on an "at call" interest-bearing account, such amounts as are necessary to cure the Tenant's defaults. If the Landlord is unable to deliver possession of the Premises to Franchisor within nine (9) months following the date of exercise referred to in clause 1.0 above, Franchisor shall hereafter have the right, at any time, until the Landlord delivers possession of the Premises, to rescind the option exercise by written notice to the Landlord whereupon all amounts held in escrow including accrued interest shall be returned to Franchisor.

## 2. UPON TERMINATION OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

If the Franchise Agreement is terminated for any reason during the term of the Lease or any extension or renewal of the Lease, and if Franchisor shall desire to assume the Lease, Franchisor shall promptly give the Landlord written notice to this effect. Within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice the Landlord shall give Franchisor written notice specifying any defaults of the Tenant under the Lease and the provisions of clause 4.3 below shall apply.

## 3. UPON NON-RENEWAL OF THE LEASE TERM

If the Lease contains term renewal or extension right(s) and if the Tenant allows the term to expire without exercising such right(s), the Landlord shall give Franchisor written notice to this effect and Franchisor shall have the option for thirty (30) days following receipt of such notice to exercise the Tenant's renewal or extension right(s) on the same terms and conditions as are contained in this Lease. If Franchisor elects to exercise such right(s) it shall notify the Landlord in writing whereupon the Landlord and Franchisor shall promptly execute and exchange an agreement whereby Franchisor assumes the Lease effective at the date of termination of any holding over period by the Tenant to the effect that such extension or renewal term shall have subtracted from it the number of days constituting such holding over period.

## 4. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 4.1. The Tenant agrees that termination of the Franchise Agreement shall be a default under the Lease. In the event of termination of the Franchise Agreement, or if the Tenant fails to timely cure any defaults under the Lease the Tenant shall within ten (10) days after written demand by Franchisor, assign all of its right, title and interest in and to the Lease to Franchisor. If the Tenant fails to do so within the said ten (10) days, the Tenant hereby designates Franchisor as its agent to execute any and all documents, agreements and to take all action as may be necessary or desirable to effect the assignment of the Lease and the relinquishment of any and all of the Tenant's rights thereunder. The Landlord hereby consents to such assignment subject to Franchisor executing an assignment of the Lease and curing all defaults of the Tenant under the Lease before taking possession of the Premises. The Tenant further agrees to promptly and peaceably vacate the Premises and to remove its personal property at the written request of Franchisor. Any property not so removed by the Tenant within ten (10) days following receipt of such written request shall be deemed abandoned by the Tenant and immediately and permanently relinquished to Franchisor. Franchisor acknowledges that where Franchisor enters into an assignment or sub-letting as referred to in clause 4.5 below it will attempt to procure, if the assignee is a company (other than a listed public company) a Deed of Guarantee in customary form approved or prepared by the landlord from the principal shareholders of the assignee company and (if required by the landlord) by the Directors of the assignee company.
- 4.2. The Tenant shall be and remain liable to the Landlord for all of its obligations under the Lease, notwithstanding any assignment of the Lease to Franchisor. Franchisor shall be entitled to recover from the Tenant all amounts it pays to the Landlord to cure the Tenant's defaults under the Lease including interest thereon and Franchisor's reasonable collection costs.
- 4.3. Franchisor, upon taking possession of the Premises, shall concurrently cure the defaults specified by the Landlord in its written notice and shall execute and deliver to the Landlord its assumption of the Tenant's rights and obligations under the Lease. Franchisor shall pay, perform and be bound by all of the duties and obligations under the Lease. Franchisor shall pay, perform and be bound by all of the duties and obligations of the Lease applicable to the Tenant. Franchisor may elect not to be bound by the terms of any amendment to the Lease executed by the Tenant without obtaining Franchisor's prior written approval to such amendment, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

- 4.4. After Franchisor assumes the Tenant's interest under the Lease, Franchisor may, at any time, sublet the Premises to a franchisee of Franchisor without having to obtain the prior written consent of the Landlord.
- 4.5. After Franchisor assumes the Tenant's interest under the Lease, Franchisor may, at any time, assign its interest under the Lease but only with the prior written consent of the Landlord and the usual provisions of the Lease concerning consent shall apply. Upon receipt by the Landlord of an assignment agreement pursuant to which the assignee agrees to assume the Lease and to observe the terms, conditions and agreements on the part of the tenant to be performed under the Lease, Franchisor shall thereupon be released from all liability as tenant under the Lease from and after the date of assignment, without any need of a written acknowledgment of such release by the Landlord.
- 4.6. If the Lease or Franchise Agreement is terminated and Franchisor fails to exercise its option as described above, the Tenant agrees, upon written demand by Franchisor to de-identify the Premises as a Retail Location and to promptly remove signs, decor and other items which Franchisor reasonably requests be removed as being distinctive and indicative of a Retail Location. Franchisor may enter upon the Premises without being guilty of trespass or tort to effect de-identification if the Tenant fails to do so within ten (10) days after receipt of written demand from Franchisor, following termination of the Franchise Agreement or Lease. The Tenant shall pay Franchisor for its reasonable costs and expenses in effecting the de-identification. The Landlord shall not be obligated to Franchisor for such costs unless the Landlord and the Tenant share one (1) or more common owners, partners, beneficiaries or shareholders (as the case may be). The Tenant agrees and accepts that its obligations to the Landlord in respect to the provisions of the Lease concerning the removal of signage and additions and alterations at the termination of the Lease subsist notwithstanding the right made available to Franchisor pursuant to this clause.
- 4.7. BY EXECUTING THIS LEASE RIDER TO THE LEASE, FRANCHISOR DOES NOT ASSUME ANY LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE PREMISES OR ANY OBLIGATION AS TENANT UNDER THE LEASE UNLESS AND UNTIL FRANCHISOR EXPRESSLY AND IN A SEPARATE WRITING AGREES TO ASSUME SUCH LIABILITY AND/OR OBLIGATION AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.
- 4.8. All notices pursuant to this Lease Rider shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered, sent by registered mail or reputable overnight delivery service or by other means which afford the sender evidence of delivery or rejected delivery to the addresses described above or to such other address as any party to this Deed may, either by written notice, instruct that notices be given.

_____	_____	<b>illy caffè North America, Inc.</b>
Landlord	Tenant	Franchisor
By: _____	By: _____	By: _____
Printed Name: _____	Printed Name: _____	Printed Name: _____
Title: _____	Title: _____	Title: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____	Date: _____

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EXHIBIT H

**NON-DISCLOSURE AND NON-COMPETITION AGREEMENT**

**(BETWEEN FRANCHISEE AND ITS PERSONNEL)**

THIS NON-DISCLOSURE AND NON-COMPETITION AGREEMENT (“**Agreement**”) is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_ (the “**Franchisee**”), and \_\_\_\_\_, who is a Principal, manager, supervisor, member, partner, or a person in a managerial position with, Franchisee (the “**Member**”).

RECITALS:

**WHEREAS**, illy caffè North America, Inc. (“**Franchisor**”) and its affiliates own a format and system (the “**System**”) relating to the establishment and operation of coffee outlet businesses (the “**Retail Locations**”) that operate under the Proprietary Marks in buildings that are designed using and bear Franchisor’s interior and exterior trade dress, use equipment, furnishings and promotional items according to Franchisor’s specifications, and specialize in the sale of “ILLY” products and specialty beverages and items prepared according to Franchisor’s proprietary recipes, formulae and techniques (together, the “**ILLY Products**”), as well as such other food and beverage items, related products and accessories as Franchisor may periodically specify (“**Additional Products**”) (Together, ILLY Products and Additional Products will be referred to as “**Products**”);

**WHEREAS**, Franchisor and Franchisee have executed a Franchise Agreement (“**Franchise Agreement**”) granting Franchisee the right to operate a Retail Location and to produce and sell Products approved by Franchisor and use the Proprietary Marks in connection therewith under the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Member, by virtue of his or her position with Franchisee, will gain access to certain of Franchisor’s Confidential Information (defined below), and must therefore be bound by the same confidentiality and non-competition agreement that Franchisee is bound by.

**IN CONSIDERATION** of these premises, the conditions stated herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Confidential Information. Member shall not, during the term of the Franchise Agreement or thereafter, communicate, divulge, or use for the benefit of any other person, persons, partnership, entity, association, or corporation any confidential information, knowledge, or know-how concerning the methods of operation of the Retail Location that may be communicated to Member or of which Member may be apprised by virtue of Franchisee’s operation under the terms of the Franchise Agreement. Any and all information, knowledge, know-how, and techniques that Franchisor designates as confidential shall be deemed confidential for purposes of this Agreement, except information that Franchisee can demonstrate came to its attention before disclosure thereof by Franchisor; or that, at or after the time of disclosure by Franchisor to Franchisee, had become or later becomes generally known to the public, through publication or communication by others.

2. Covenants Not to Compete.

(a) Member specifically acknowledges that, pursuant to the Franchise Agreement, and by virtue of its position with Franchisee, Member will receive valuable specialized training and confidential information, including, without limitation, information regarding the operational, sales, promotional, and marketing methods and techniques of Franchisor and the System.

(b) Member covenants and agrees that during the term of the Franchise Agreement, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor, Member shall not, either directly or indirectly, for itself, or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any person, persons, partnership, corporation, or entity:

(i) Divert or attempt to divert any business or customer of the Retail Location or of any Retail Location using the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise, or do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with Franchisor's Proprietary Marks and the System.

(ii) Employ or seek to employ any person who is at that time employed by Franchisor, Franchisee, or by any other retailer, franchisee, master franchisee, developer of Franchisor, or development agent, or otherwise directly or indirectly induce such person to leave his or her employment; or

(iii) Own, maintain, operate, engage in, or have any interest in any Competitive Business, or any other business to manufacture, sell or otherwise distribute, market or advertise products that would compete with the products offered by Retail Locations, either within or outside of the Territory. A "**Competitive Business**" shall be considered to be a retail business in which the sale of brand name coffee and/or coffee related beverages and products comprise twenty percent (20%) or more of the business' Net Sales in any month.

(c) Member covenants and agrees that during the Post-Term Period (defined below), except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor, Member shall not, either directly or indirectly, for itself, or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any person, persons, partnership, corporation, or entity, own, maintain, operate, engage in, or have any interest in any Competitive Business which is, or is intended to be, located within a one (1) mile radius of either the Retail Location or any other Retail Location operating at the time that the obligations under this Agreement commence.

(d) (d) As used in this Agreement, the term "**Post-Term Period**" shall mean a continuous uninterrupted period of two (2) years from the date of: (a) a transfer permitted under **Section 14** of the Franchise Agreement; (b) expiration or termination of the Franchise Agreement (regardless of the cause for termination); (c) termination of Member's employment with Franchisee; or, in the event of a challenge to (a), (b), or (c) above, then (d) a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction (after all appeals have been taken) with respect to any of the foregoing or with respect to the enforcement of this Agreement; either directly or indirectly (through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any persons, partnership, corporation or entity).

3. Injunctive Relief. Member acknowledges that any failure to comply with the requirements of this Agreement will cause Franchisor irreparable injury, and Member agrees to pay all court costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Franchisor in obtaining specific performance of, or an injunction against violation of, the requirements of this Agreement.

4. Severability. All agreements and covenants contained in this Agreement are severable. If any of them, or any part or parts of them, shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction for any reason, then the Member agrees that the court shall have the authority to reform and modify that provision in order that the restriction shall be the maximum necessary to protect Franchisor's and/or Franchisee's legitimate business needs as permitted by applicable law and public policy. In so doing, the Member agrees that the court shall impose the provision with retroactive effect as close as possible to the provision held to be invalid.

5. Delay. No delay or failure by the Franchisor or Franchisee to exercise any right under this Agreement, and no partial or single exercise of that right, shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right provided in this Agreement, and no waiver of any violation of any terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any succeeding violation of the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

6. Third-Party Beneficiary. Member hereby acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor is an intended third-party beneficiary of this Agreement with the right to enforce it, independently or jointly, with Franchisee.

7. Any capitalized terms that are not defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings given to them in the Franchise Agreement and shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with **Sections 24 and 25** of the Franchise Agreement (including, without limitation, the terms regarding governing law, jurisdiction and venue, waiver of punitive damages, waiver of jury trials, injunctive relief, and limitations on periods for bringing claims). This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises. In the event of any conflict of law, the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises shall prevail (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of such state's conflict of law rules).

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Franchisee and the Member attest that each has read and understands the terms of this Agreement, and voluntarily signed this Agreement on the date first written above.

FRANCHISEE

MEMBER

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT B**  
**DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

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**ILLY CAFFÈ  
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

THIS DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (the “**Agreement**”) is made and entered into on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (the “**Effective Date**”), by and between:

- **illy caffè North America, Inc.**, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 800 Westchester Avenue, Suite 440-S, Rye Brook, NY 10573 (“**Franchisor**”); and
- \_\_\_\_\_, a [resident of] [corporation organized in] [limited liability company organized in] \_\_\_\_\_ and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_ (“**Developer**”).

RECITALS:

A. WHEREAS, Franchisor is a Delaware company that is part of an Italian corporate family internationally known and appreciated for the production and marketing of coffee, coffee related products and accessories under the trademark “ILLY”. Capitalizing on the consumer awareness and the image and reputation of the “ILLY” products, Franchisor and its affiliates, as the result of the expenditure of time, skill, effort and money, have developed and own a format and system (the “**System**”) relating to the establishment and operation of coffee outlet businesses (the “**Retail Locations**” and, each, a “**Retail Location**”) that operate under the Proprietary Marks (defined below) in buildings and units that are designed using, and which bear, Franchisor’s interior and exterior trade dress, use equipment, furnishings and promotional items according to Franchisor’s specifications, and specialize in the sale of “ILLY” products and specialty beverages and items prepared according to Franchisor’s proprietary recipes, formulae and techniques (together, the “**ILLY PRODUCTS**”), as well as such other food and beverage items, related products and accessories as Franchisor may periodically specify (“**Additional Products**”). Together, ILLY PRODUCTS and Additional Products are referred to as “**Products**”.

B. WHEREAS, the distinguishing characteristics of the System include, without limitation, a specially-designed building, unit or facility, distinctive interior and exterior design and accessories; Products; procedures for operations; quality and uniformity of products and services offered; procedures for management and inventory control; training and assistance; and marketing and promotional programs; all of which may be changed, improved, and further developed by Franchisor from time to time.

C. WHEREAS, Franchisor identifies the System by means of certain trade names, service marks, trademarks, logos, emblems, and indicia of origin, including but not limited to the marks “ILLY CAFFÈ” and “ILLY” and such other trade names, service marks, and trademarks as are now designated (and may hereinafter be designated by Franchisor in writing) for use in connection with the System (the “**Proprietary Marks**”).

D. WHEREAS, Franchisor and its affiliates continue to develop, use, and control the use of the Proprietary Marks to identify for the public the source of products and services marketed under the Proprietary Marks and under the System, and to represent the System’s high standards of quality, appearance, and service.

E. WHEREAS, Franchisor grants to qualified persons the right to own and operate Retail Locations offering and selling products and services authorized and approved by Franchisor and utilizing Franchisor’s System and Proprietary Marks; and

F. WHEREAS, Developer wishes to obtain certain rights to develop Retail Locations (a minimum of three Retail Locations) under Franchisor’s System within the limited geographic area described in **Exhibit A** (the “**Development Area**”) and Franchisor is willing to grant such rights to Developer under this Agreement.

## AGREEMENT:

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties, in consideration of the undertakings and commitments of each party to the other set forth in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, agree as follows:

### 1 GRANT

1.1 *Rights, Obligations.* Franchisor grants to Developer the right (and Developer accepts the obligation), pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, to develop \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) Retail Locations in the Development Area (each, an “**Approved Location**”). In this regard, the parties further agree that:

1.1.1 The Approved Locations shall be developed by Developer pursuant to the development schedule set forth in **Exhibit A** to this Agreement (the “**Development Schedule**”);

1.1.2 Each Approved Location developed under this Agreement shall be established and operated pursuant to a separate Retail Location Agreement (each, a “**Retail Location Agreement**”) or a separate Franchise Agreement (each, a “**Franchise Agreement**”), as appropriate, with Franchisor that shall be executed as provided in **Section 3.1** below; and

1.1.3 Each Approved Location developed under this Agreement shall be located entirely within the Development Area.

1.2 *Limited Exclusivity.* If Developer is in compliance with its obligations under this Agreement and any other agreement between Developer (including any affiliate of Developer) and Franchisor, then Franchisor shall not establish, nor license anyone other than Developer to establish, a Retail Location in the Development Area until the last date specified in the Development Schedule, except as otherwise provided under **Sections 1.3** and **1.4** below.

1.3 *Franchisor’s Reserved Rights.* Except as otherwise specifically provided in **Section 1.2** above, Franchisor retains all other rights, and may, among other things, on any terms and conditions Franchisor deems advisable, and without granting Developer any rights therein (and, in each case, despite their proximity to any Retail Location operated by Developer and/or the Development Area, and despite their actual or threatened impact on sales of any Approved Location) do all of the following:

1.3.1 Own, acquire, establish, and/or operate, and license others to establish and operate, Retail Locations under the System at any location outside the Development Area;

1.3.2 Own, acquire, establish, and/or operate, and license others to establish and operate, Retail Locations under the Proprietary Marks at Reserved Facilities (as defined below) at any location within or outside the Development Area. As used in this Agreement, “**Reserved Facilities**” shall mean airports; hotels that are operated as part of, or in connection with, a national or international hotel and lodging chain or brand; department stores; supermarkets and grocery stores that are operated as part of, or in connection with a retail chain or brand; cultural institutions (examples include, but are not limited to, theaters, museums, art centers and educational facilities); and business and industrial complexes and offices at which the food services are managed by service providers with national or international operations);

1.3.3 Own, acquire, establish, and/or operate and license others to establish and operate businesses: (a) using the Proprietary Marks (but not the “ILLY CAFFÈ” mark) and other marks in connection with the operation of such businesses; (b) which businesses may

be similar to Retail Locations; and (c) which may be located within or outside the Development Area (but this clause shall not allow Franchisor to operate or license others to operate a Retail Location inside the Development Area under the System, unless permitted pursuant to **Section 1.3.2**); and/or

1.3.4 Sell and distribute, directly or indirectly, and/or license others to sell and to distribute, directly or indirectly, any products (including products bearing the Proprietary Marks (but not the "ILLY CAFFÈ" mark)) from any location to any business or customer within or outside of the Development Area, including without limitation through restaurants, cafés, retail kiosks, grocery or convenience stores or other retail outlets, and any other distribution channels (including without limitation, through retail, wholesale, mail order, toll-free numbers, or the Internet); provided that this clause shall not allow Franchisor to operate or license others to operate a Retail Location inside the Development Area under: (x) the System; and (y) the Proprietary Marks, unless permitted pursuant to **Section 1.3.2**.

1.4 *Not a Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement.* This Agreement is not a Retail Location Agreement or a Franchise Agreement, and only sets the framework for the parties to enter into such agreements for the operation of Approved Locations under the System. This Agreement does not grant to Developer any right to use in any manner Franchisor's Proprietary Marks or System. Developer shall have no right under this Agreement to license others to use in any manner the Proprietary Marks or System.

## **2 DEVELOPMENT FEE**

2.1 *Amount of Development Fee.* In consideration of the development rights granted in this Agreement, Developer shall pay to Franchisor a development fee (the "**Development Fee**") in the amount equal to \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (US\$ \_\_\_\_\_), which is Ten Thousand per Retail Location to be developed.

2.2 *Development Fee is Non-Refundable.* The Development Fee shall be fully earned when received by Franchisor and shall be non-refundable in consideration of administrative and other expenses incurred by Franchisor and for the development opportunities lost or deferred as a result of the rights granted Developer in this Agreement. The Development Fee is not credited against any other fees due to Franchisor.

## **3 DEVELOPMENT OBLIGATIONS**

3.1 *Establishment of Franchises.* Developer shall execute, as applicable, a Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement for each Approved Location. Each Approved Location shall be located at a site approved by Franchisor, within the Development Area, as provided below. The Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement for each Approved Location developed under this Agreement shall be the form of agreement being offered generally by Franchisor at the time each such agreement is to be executed. The Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement for each Approved Location shall be executed by Developer and submitted to Franchisor for countersignature not later than fifteen (15) days after execution of the lease, or completion of the purchase, of the premises for such Approved Location. If Developer is in full compliance with this Agreement, then for each Retail Location developed under this Agreement: (a) the initial franchise fee shall be Forty Thousand Dollars (US\$40,000), and (b) the royalty fee shall be the then-current royalty fee for new franchisees, provided that the royalty fee shall not exceed six percent (6%) of the Net Sales (as defined in the Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement) of such Approved Location.

3.2 *Site Approval Process.* For each proposed site for an Approved Location, Developer must submit to Franchisor, in a form specified by Franchisor, a completed site approval package and such other information or materials as Franchisor may reasonably require. Developer must submit the

site approval package, information, and materials by no later than thirty (30) days before the date on which the Approved Location must be approved, as listed in the Development Schedule. In response to Developer's request for site approval, Franchisor or its designee shall have the right to perform on-site evaluation of a proposed site for the Retail Location. Franchisor shall have the right to designate a third party designee to conduct any or all of the site selection counseling and assistance and evaluation. The fee will be up to Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) per site visit. If Franchisor gives its written approval to a proposed site, Franchisor shall send written notice of approval to Developer within thirty (30) days of Franchisor's receipt of the completed site approval package. If Franchisor does not send such notice to Developer within the said thirty (30) day period, then the site shall be deemed disapproved by Franchisor.

- 3.3 *No Representations.* Franchisor's approval of a prospective Retail Location site or the rendering of assistance in the selection of a site for a Retail Location does not constitute a representation, promise, or guarantee by Franchisor that the proposed site is fit for its intended use or complies with applicable rules, laws or regulations, or that a Retail Location operated at that site would be profitable or otherwise successful. The extent and nature of assistance by Franchisor may vary from time-to-time and shall be subject to the availability of Franchisor's staff.
- 3.4 *Compliance with Development Schedule.* Recognizing that time is of the essence, Developer agrees to satisfy the Development Schedule. Failure by Developer to adhere to the Development Schedule, or failure by Developer to obtain site approval from Franchisor by the Site Approval Deadline provided in the Development Schedule for a particular Approved Location, shall constitute a default under this Agreement as provided in **Section 6.2**.

#### **4 TERM**

The term of this Agreement and all rights granted under this Agreement shall expire on the last date specified in the Development Schedule, unless this Agreement is earlier terminated in accordance with the terms set out in this Agreement. There is no renewal term for this Agreement.

#### **5 DUTIES OF THE PARTIES**

- 5.1 *Franchisor Obligations.* For each Approved Location developed under this Agreement Franchisor shall furnish to Developer the following:
- 5.1.1 Site selection guidelines, including Franchisor's minimum standards for a location for the Retail Location, and such site selection counseling and assistance as Franchisor may deem advisable in its sole and absolute discretion.
  - 5.1.2 Such on-site evaluation as Franchisor may deem advisable in its sole and absolute discretion in response to Developer's request for site approval; provided, however, that Franchisor shall not provide on-site evaluation for any proposed site prior to the receipt of a completed Site Approval Package and all information relating to the site as required under **Section 3.2**. Developer shall reimburse Franchisor for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Franchisor in connection with any on-site evaluation, including, without limitation, the costs of travel, lodging, wages, and meals.
- 5.2 *Developer Obligations.* Developer accepts the following obligations:
- 5.2.1 Developer shall at all times preserve in confidence any and all materials and information furnished or disclosed to Developer by Franchisor, and shall disclose such information or materials only to such of Developer's employees or agents who must have access to it in connection with their employment. Developer shall not at any time,

without Franchisor's prior written consent, copy, duplicate, record, or otherwise reproduce such materials or information, in whole or in part, nor otherwise make the same available to any unauthorized person.

- 5.2.2 Developer shall comply with all requirements of federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations. To the extent that the requirements of said laws are in conflict with the terms of this Agreement or other instructions of Franchisor, Developer shall: (a) comply with said laws; and (b) immediately provide written notice describing the nature of such conflict to Franchisor.
- 5.2.3 Franchisor shall have the right to require Developer to employ one or more district managers (who shall be individuals reasonably acceptable to Franchisor) to supervise the day to day operations of Developer's Approved Locations. Any such district managers shall be required to attend and successfully complete (to Franchisor's reasonable satisfaction) such training course as Franchisor may reasonably require.
- 5.2.4 If Developer is a business entity, Developer shall: (a) furnish Franchisor with copies of all entity documents requested by Franchisor; (b) ensure that the entity documents confine its activities to exclusively operating the Retail Locations; (c) maintain stop transfer instructions on the face of its ownership records (such as stocks or membership certificates); and (d) maintain a current list of all direct and indirect owners of Developer and furnish the list to Franchisor upon request. Each present and future owner of Developer jointly and severally guarantee Developer's performance of each and every provision of this Agreement by executing the Guarantee in the form attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit B**.

## 6 DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

- 6.1 *Automatic.* Developer shall be deemed to be in default under this Agreement, and all rights granted herein shall automatically terminate without notice, if Developer becomes insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or if a petition in bankruptcy is filed by Developer or such a petition is filed against and not opposed by Developer; or if Developer is adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent; or if a bill in equity or other proceeding for the appointment of a receiver of Developer or other custodian for Developer's business or assets is filed and consented to by Developer; or if a receiver or other custodian (permanent or temporary) of Developer'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 applicable law are instituted by or against Developer and are uncontested; or if a material final judgment remains unsatisfied or of record for thirty (30) days or longer (unless an appeal or a supersedeas bond is filed); or if Developer is dissolved; or if execution is levied against Developer's business or property; or if suit to foreclose any lien or mortgage against the premises or equipment of any Approved Location developed under this Agreement and is not dismissed within thirty (30) days; or if the real or personal property of any of Developer's Approved Locations is sold after levy thereupon by any sheriff, marshal, or constable.
- 6.2 *With Notice.* Developer shall be deemed to be in default and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement and all rights granted under this Agreement without affording Developer any opportunity to cure the default, effective immediately upon the delivery of written notice to Developer by Franchisor (in the manner set forth under **Section 9**), upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
  - 6.2.1 Developer fails to meet its obligations under the Development Schedule; or

- 6.2.2 Developer fails to sign when required any Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement; or
  - 6.2.3 A Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement for any Retail Location operated by Developer, or any entity affiliated with Developer, is terminated; or
  - 6.2.4 Developer materially breaches any of the warranties or representations set out in this Agreement; or
  - 6.2.5 Developer or any person or entity subject to the covenants contained in **Section 8** materially breaches any covenant or obligation under that section; or
  - 6.2.6 Developer transfers or attempts to transfer an interest in violation of this Agreement; or
  - 6.2.7 Developer has made any material misrepresentation or omission in the application for the development rights; or
  - 6.2.8 Developer has received three (3) notices of default within the previous twelve (12) months under this Agreement; or
  - 6.2.9 Developer or any of its affiliates remains in default beyond the applicable cure period under any other agreement between Developer and Franchisor or their respective affiliates (provided that, if the default is not by Developer, Developer is given written notice of the default and a thirty (30) day period to cure the default).
- 6.3 *With Notice and Opportunity to Cure.* Except as otherwise provided in **Sections 6.1** and **6.2**, above, if Developer fails to comply with any material term and condition of this Agreement, such action shall constitute a default under this Agreement. Upon the occurrence of any such default, Franchisor may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of termination (in the manner set forth under **Section 9**) stating the nature of such default at least thirty (30) days before the effective date of termination; provided, however, that Developer may avoid termination by immediately initiating a remedy to cure such default, curing it to Franchisor's satisfaction, and by promptly providing proof thereof to Franchisor within the thirty-day period (or such longer period as applicable law may require). If any such default is not cured within the specified time, this Agreement and all rights granted under this Agreement (including but not limited to, the right to develop any new Retail Locations) will terminate without further notice to Developer, effective immediately upon the expiration of the thirty (30) day period.
- 6.4 *Bankruptcy.* If, for any reason, this Agreement is not terminated pursuant to this **Section 6**, and this Agreement is assumed, or assignment of the same to any person or entity who has made a *bona fide* offer to accept an assignment of the Agreement is contemplated, pursuant to applicable bankruptcy law, then notice of such proposed assignment or assumption, setting forth (a) the name and address of the proposed assignee; and (b) all of the terms and conditions of the proposed assignment and assumption, shall be given to Franchisor within twenty (20) days after receipt of such proposed assignee's offer to accept assignment of the Agreement; and, in any event, within ten (10) days before the date application is made to a court of competent jurisdiction for authority and approval to enter into such assignment and assumption. Franchisor shall thereupon have the prior right and option, to be exercised by notice given at any time before the effective date of such proposed assignment and assumption, to accept an assignment of this Agreement itself upon the same terms and conditions and for the same consideration, if any, as in the *bona fide* offer made by the proposed assignee, less any brokerage commissions which may be payable by Developer out of the consideration to be paid by such assignee for the assignment of this Agreement.

- 6.5 *Damages.* Developer shall pay Franchisor all damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor as a result of any default of Developer under this Agreement (in addition to other remedies that Franchisor may have).
- 6.6 *Statutory Limitations.* If any valid, applicable law or regulation of a competent governmental authority with jurisdiction over this Agreement requires a notice or cure period prior to termination longer than set forth in this **Section 6**, this Agreement shall be deemed amended to conform to the minimum notice or cure period required by the applicable law or regulation.
- 6.7 *Effect of Termination or Expiration.* Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, Developer shall have no right to establish or operate any Retail Locations for which a Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement has not been signed by Franchisor. Thereafter, Franchisor shall be entitled to establish, and to license others to establish, Retail Locations in the Development Area (except as may be otherwise provided under any then-effective Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement).
- 6.8 *Non-Exclusive Rights.* No right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to Franchisor is exclusive of any other right or remedy provided or permitted by law or equity.

## **7 TRANSFERS**

- 7.1 *By Franchisor.* Franchisor shall have the right to transfer or assign this Agreement and all or any part of its rights or obligations under this Agreement to any person or legal entity, and any assignee of Franchisor shall become solely responsible for all obligations of Franchisor under this Agreement from the date of assignment.
- 7.2 *By Developer.* Other than to an affiliate controlled by or under common control with Developer (an "**Affiliate**"), Developer shall not, without the prior written consent of Franchisor, transfer, pledge or otherwise encumber: (a) this Agreement; (b) the rights and obligations of Developer under this Agreement; or (c) any material asset of Developer utilized in the operation of any Approved Location (except, that it shall not be a violation of this Agreement in the event that any of the above are pledged as part of the general collateral assignment or security interest given in connection with any financing by owner of the facility in which an Approved Location may be located, provided such general collateral assignment or security interest in such facility does not grant any specific transfer of this Agreement, the rights and obligations of Developer under this Agreement, or any material asset of Developer utilized in the operation of any Approved Location, or confer any right to develop or operate any Approved Location, and it is hereby acknowledged that the transfer of any such rights shall require the written assumption by any transferee of all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the prior consent of Franchisor). Franchisor shall not unreasonably withhold its consent for such transfer; provided, however, that Franchisor shall have the right, including for a transfer to an Affiliate, to require conditions such as payment of a transfer fee (currently, Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000), transferee's execution of the then-current form of development agreement, transferor's execution of general releases, and/or such other reasonable conditions as Franchisor may deem necessary or desirable.
- 7.3 *Consent to Transfer.* Franchisor's consent to a transfer shall not constitute a waiver of any claims it may have against the transferring party arising prior to the transfer, nor shall it be deemed a waiver of Franchisor's right to demand exact compliance with any of the terms of this Agreement by the transferor with respect to any claims prior to the transfer or transferee.

## 8 COVENANTS

- 8.1 *Commercially Reasonable Efforts.* Developer covenants that during the term of this Agreement, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor, Developer (or a designated management employee who will assume primary responsibility for the operations of Developer and shall have been previously approved in writing by Franchisor) shall devote commercially reasonable efforts to the management and operation of the business contemplated under this Agreement.
- 8.2 *No Injurious Conduct.* Developer specifically acknowledges that, pursuant to this Agreement, Developer will receive valuable specialized training and confidential information from Franchisor relating to the System. Developer covenants that during the term of this Agreement, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor, Developer shall not, either directly or indirectly, for itself, or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any person, persons, partnership, corporation, or entity:
- 8.2.1 Divert or attempt to divert any business or customer of any Retail Location to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise, or do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Proprietary Marks and the System.
  - 8.2.2 Unless released in writing by the employer, employ or seek to employ any person who is at that time employed by Franchisor or by any other retailer, franchisee, master franchisee, or developer of Franchisor or development agent or otherwise directly or indirectly induce such person to leave his or her employment.
- 8.3 *In-Term and Post-Term Covenant.* Developer covenants that, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor:
- 8.3.1 Developer shall not, during the term of this Agreement, either directly or indirectly, for itself, or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any person, persons, partnership, corporation, or entity, own, maintain, operate, engage in, or have any interest in any Competitive Business (as defined in **Section 8.3.3** below); or any other business to manufacture, sell or otherwise distribute, market or advertise products that would compete with the products offered by Retail Locations, either within or outside of the Territory.
  - 8.3.2 Franchisee shall not for a continuous uninterrupted period of two (2) years from the date of: (a) a transfer permitted under **Section 7.2**; (b) expiration or termination of this Agreement (regardless of the cause for termination); or, in the event of a challenge to (a) or (b) above, then (c) a final order of a duly authorized arbitrator, panel of arbitrators, or a court of competent jurisdiction (after all appeals have been taken) with respect to any of the foregoing or with respect to the enforcement of this **Section 8.3**; either directly or indirectly (through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any persons, partnership, corporation or entity), own, maintain, operate, engage in, or have any interest in any Competitive Business that is, or is intended to be, located within the Development Area, a three (3) mile radius of the Development Area, or a one (1) mile radius of any Retail Location operating at the time that the obligations under this **Section 8.3** commence; subject to any exceptions, if applicable, under **Section 8.3.4** for Existing Excluded Businesses.
  - 8.3.3 A “**Competitive Business**” shall be considered to be a retail business in which the sale of brand name coffee and/or coffee related beverages and products comprise twenty percent (20%) or more of the business’ Net Sales in any month. Furthermore, Developer acknowledges and agrees that Developer shall be considered in violation of these covenants in the event that a person in the immediate family (including spouse, domestic partner, parent or child) of Developer (or, if Developer is other than an

individual, each owner) engages in a Competitive Business that would violate this **Section 8.3** if such person was subject to the covenants of this **Section 8.3**.

- 8.3.4 If Developer had any business(es) in operation prior to signing this Agreement, Developer may seek Franchisor's approval to continue the operation of such business(es) during this Agreement without such business(es) being a violation of this **Section 8.3**, and any business(es) approved by Franchisor for such treatment (an "**Excluded Existing Business**") shall be identified in **Exhibit A**. Developer acknowledges and agrees that only those businesses, if any, identified in **Exhibit A** as Excluded Existing Businesses shall be excluded from the coverage of this **Section 8.3**.
- 8.4 *Publicly-Held Entities.* **Section 8.3** above shall not apply to ownership by Developer of less than five percent (5%) beneficial interest in the outstanding equity securities of any publicly-held corporation. As used in this Agreement, the term "**publicly-held corporation**" shall be deemed to refer to a corporation which has securities that have been registered as applicable under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- 8.5 *Personal Covenants.* At Franchisor's request, Developer shall require and obtain execution of a confidentiality agreement, the form of which is attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit C**, from all senior level management personnel of Developer, who have supervisory responsibilities related to the business described in this Agreement. Failure by Developer to obtain execution of a covenant required by this **Section** shall constitute a default under **Section 6.3** above.
- 8.6 *Construction.* The parties agree that each of the foregoing covenants shall be construed as independent of any other covenant or provision of this Agreement. If all or any portion of a covenant in this **Section 8** is held unreasonable or unenforceable by a court or agency having valid jurisdiction in an unappealed final decision to which Franchisor is a party, Developer expressly agrees to be bound by any lesser covenant subsumed within the terms of such covenant that imposes the maximum duty permitted by law, as if the resulting covenant were separately stated in and made a part of this **Section 8**.
- 8.7 *Reduction in Scope.* Developer understands and acknowledges that Franchisor shall have the right to reduce the scope of any covenant set forth in this **Section 8**, without Developer's consent, effective immediately upon receipt by Developer of written notice thereof; and Developer agrees that it shall comply forthwith with any covenant as so modified, which shall be fully enforceable notwithstanding the provisions of **Section 13** below.
- 8.8 *Claims Not a Defense.* Developer expressly agrees that the existence of any claims it 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 8**. Developer agrees to pay all costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by Franchisor in connection with the enforcement of this **Section 8**.
- 8.9 *Defaults.* Developer acknowledges that Developer's violation of the terms of this **Section 8** would result in irreparable injury to Franchisor for which no adequate remedy at law may be available, and Developer accordingly consents to the issuance of an injunction prohibiting any conduct by Developer in violation of the terms of this **Section 8**.

## 9 NOTICES

Any and all notices required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered, sent by registered mail, sent by overnight courier, or by other means which affords the sender evidence of delivery, of rejected delivery, or attempted delivery to the respective parties at the addresses shown on the signature page of this Agreement, unless and until a different address has been designated

by written notice to the other party. Any notice by a means which affords the sender evidence of delivery, rejected delivery, or attempted delivery shall be deemed to have been given at the date and time of receipt, rejected delivery or attempted delivery.

## 10 PERMITS AND COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS

- 10.1 *Compliance with Law.* Developer 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 business contemplated under this Agreement.
- 10.2 *Notice of Violations and Actions.* Developer shall notify Franchisor in writing within five (5) days of the 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, that may adversely affect the operation or financial condition of Developer and/or any Approved Location established pursuant to this Agreement.

## 11 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 11.1 *Independent Contractor Relationship.* The parties acknowledge and agree that: (a) this Agreement does not create a fiduciary relationship between them; (b) that Developer shall be an independent contractor; (c) Developer is the only party that is in day-to-day control of the development and operation of Retail Locations, and neither this Agreement nor any of the systems, guidance, processes, or requirements under which Developer operates alter that fact; (d) nothing in this Agreement is intended to make either party an agent, legal representative, subsidiary, joint venturer, partner, employee, or servant of the other for any purpose whatsoever; and (e) neither this Agreement nor Franchisor's course of conduct is intended nor may be construed to state or imply that Franchisor is the employer of Developer's employees and/or independent contractors, nor vice versa.
- 11.2 *Notice of Status.* At all times during the term of this Agreement, Developer shall hold itself out to the public in connection with the Approved Locations and the business described in this Agreement as an independent contractor operating the business pursuant to this Agreement with Franchisor. Developer agrees to take such action as may be necessary to do so, including, without limitation, exhibiting a notice of that fact in a conspicuous place within the Developer's offices, the content of which Franchisor reserves the right to specify.
- 11.3 *No Contracts in Franchisor's Name.* It is understood and agreed that nothing in this Agreement authorizes Developer to make any contract, agreement, warranty, or representation on Franchisor's behalf, or to incur any debt or other obligation in Franchisor's name; and that Franchisor shall in no event assume liability for, or be deemed liable hereunder as a result of, any such action; nor shall Franchisor be liable by reason of any act or omission of Developer in Developer's operations hereunder, or for any claim or judgment arising therefrom against Developer or Franchisor.
- 11.4 *Indemnification.* Developer shall indemnify and hold the ILLY Parties (as defined below) harmless against any and all Damages (as defined below) arising directly or indirectly from any Asserted Claim (as defined below) as well as from any breach of this Agreement by Developer. Developer's indemnity obligations shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- 11.5 *Definitions.* As used in **Section 11.4**, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- 11.5.1 **"Asserted Claim"** means any allegation, claim or complaint that is the result of, or in connection with, Developer's exercise of its rights and/or carrying out of its obligations

hereunder (including but not limited to any claim associated with Developer's development of the Approved Locations or otherwise), notwithstanding any claim that any ILLY Party was or may have been negligent.

11.5.2 "**ILLY Parties**" means Franchisor, Franchisor's current and former shareholders, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents.

11.5.3 "**Damages**" means all claims, demands, causes of action, suits, damages, liabilities, fines, penalties, assessments, judgments, losses, and expenses (including without limitation expenses, costs and lawyers' fees incurred for any indemnified party's primary defense or for enforcement of its indemnification rights).

## 12 APPROVALS AND WAIVERS

12.1 *Request for Approval.* Whenever this Agreement requires Franchisor's prior approval or consent, Developer shall make a timely written request to Franchisor therefor, and such approval or consent must be obtained in writing.

12.2 *No Warranties or Guarantees.* Developer acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor makes no warranties or guarantees upon which Developer may rely, and assumes no liability or obligation to Developer, by providing any waiver, approval, consent, or suggestion to Developer in connection with this Agreement, or by reason of any neglect, delay, or denial of any request therefor.

12.3 *No Waivers.* No delay, waiver, omission, or forbearance on the part of Franchisor to exercise any right, option, duty, or power arising out of any breach or default by Developer or any other developer under any of the terms, provisions, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement, and no custom or practice by the parties at variance with the terms of this Agreement, shall constitute a waiver by Franchisor to enforce any such right, option, duty, or power as against Developer, or as to subsequent breach or default by Developer. Subsequent acceptance by Franchisor of any payments due to it hereunder shall not be deemed to be a waiver by Franchisor of any preceding or succeeding breach by Developer of any terms, provisions, covenants, or conditions of this Agreement.

## 13 ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENT

This Agreement and the exhibits referred to in this Agreement constitute the entire, full, and complete Agreement between Franchisor and Developer concerning the subject matter hereof, and supersede all prior agreements, no other representations having induced Developer to execute this Agreement. The parties acknowledge and agree that they relied only on the words printed in this Agreement in deciding whether to enter into this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Agreement shall disclaim or require Developer to waive reliance on any representation that Franchisor made in the most recent disclosure document (including its exhibits and amendments) that Franchisor delivered to Developer or its representative, subject to any agreed-upon changes to the contract terms and conditions described in that disclosure document and reflected in this Agreement (including any riders or addenda signed at the same time as this Agreement). Except for those permitted to be made unilaterally by Franchisor under this Agreement, no amendment, change, or variance from this Agreement shall be binding on either party unless mutually agreed to by the parties and executed by their authorized officers or agents in writing.

## 14 SEVERABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION

- 14.1 *Severability.* Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Agreement, each portion, section, part, term, and/or provision of this Agreement shall be considered severable; and if, for any reason, any section, part, term, and/or provision herein is determined to be invalid and contrary to, or in conflict with, any existing or future law or regulation by a court or agency having valid jurisdiction, such shall not impair the operation of, or have any other effect upon, such other portions, sections, parts, terms, and/or provisions of this Agreement as may remain otherwise intelligible; and the latter shall continue to be given full force and effect and bind the parties; and said invalid portions, sections, parts, terms, and/or provisions shall be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement.
- 14.2 *No Third-Party Rights.* Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor shall be deemed, to confer upon any person or legal entity other than Developer, Franchisor, and such of Developer's and Franchisor's respective successors and assigns as may be contemplated (and, as to Developer, permitted) by **Section 7**, any rights or remedies under or by reason of this Agreement.
- 14.3 *Construction.* Developer expressly agrees to be bound by any promise or covenant imposing the maximum duty permitted by law that is subsumed within the terms of any provision of this Agreement, as though it were separately articulated in and made a part of this Agreement, that may result from striking from any of the provisions of this Agreement any portion or portions that a court may hold to be unenforceable in a final decision to which Franchisor is a party, or from reducing the scope of any promise or covenant to the extent required to comply with such a court order.
- 14.4 *Definition of Terms.* All capitalized terms not defined in this Agreement shall have the meaning ascribed to them in any Retail Location Agreement or the Franchise Agreement executed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, as the context requires.
- 14.5 *Headings.* All captions in this Agreement are intended solely for the convenience of the parties, and no caption shall be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any provision hereof.
- 14.6 *Survival.* All provisions of this Agreement which, by their terms or intent, are designed to survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement, shall so survive the expiration and/or termination of this Agreement.

## 15 APPLICABLE LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 15.1 *Choice of Law.* This Agreement takes effect upon its acceptance and execution by Franchisor, and shall be interpreted and construed exclusively under the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises ("**HQ State**"), which laws shall prevail in the event of any conflict of law (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of HQ State's choice-of-law rules); provided, however, that if the covenants in **Section 8** of this Agreement would not be enforceable under the laws of HQ State and the Approved Location at issue is located outside of HQ State, then such covenants shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the state in which the Approved Location is located. Nothing in this **Section** is intended by the parties to subject this Agreement to any franchise or similar law, rule, or regulation of HQ State to which this Agreement would not otherwise be subject.
- 15.2 *Mediation.* Before any party may bring an action in court against the other, the parties must first meet to mediate the dispute (except as otherwise provided in **Section 15.5** relating to injunctions). Any such mediation shall be non-binding and shall be conducted by the American

Arbitration Association in accordance with its then-current rules for mediation of commercial disputes. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, this **Section** shall not bar either party from obtaining injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause it loss or damages, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, without having to engage in mediation; including, without limitation, claims involving the Proprietary Marks.

- 15.2.1 The non-binding mediation provided for hereunder shall be commenced by the party requesting mediation (the “**complainant**”) providing written notice of the request for mediation (the “**request**”) to the party with whom mediation is sought (the “**respondent**”). The request shall specify with reasonable particularity the matter or matters on which non-binding mediation is sought. A copy of the request shall be given by the complainant simultaneously to Franchisor if Franchisor is not a complainant or respondent.
- 15.2.2 Non-binding mediation commenced hereunder shall be concluded within sixty (60) days of the issuance of the request or such longer period as may be agreed upon by the parties in writing. All aspects of the mediation process shall be treated as confidential, shall not be disclosed to others, and shall not be offered or admissible in any other proceeding or legal action whatever. Complainant and respondent shall each bear its own costs of mediation, and each shall bear one-half the cost of the mediator or mediation service.
- 15.3 *Litigation.* The parties agree that any action brought by Developer against Franchisor in any court, whether federal or state, shall be brought within such state and in the judicial district in which Franchisor has its principal place of business. Any action brought by Franchisor against Developer in any court, whether federal or state, may be brought within the state and judicial district in which Franchisor has its principal place of business. The parties agree that this **Section** shall not be construed as preventing either party from removing an action from state to federal court. Developer waives all questions of personal jurisdiction or venue for the purpose of carrying out this provision. Any such action shall be conducted on an individual basis, and not as part of a consolidated, common, or class action.
- 15.4 *Parties Rights Are Cumulative.* No right or remedy conferred upon or reserved to Franchisor or Developer by this Agreement is intended to be, nor shall be deemed, exclusive of any other right or remedy herein or by law or equity provided or permitted, but each shall be cumulative of every other right or remedy.
- 15.5 *Injunctions.* Nothing contained in this Agreement shall bar Franchisor’s right to obtain injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause it loss or damages, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining restraining orders and preliminary injunctions.
- 15.6 *Waiver of Jury Trial.* **FRANCHISOR AND DEVELOPER IRREVOCABLY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, OR COUNTERCLAIM, WHETHER AT LAW OR IN EQUITY, BROUGHT BY EITHER OF THEM AGAINST THE OTHER, WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE OTHER PARTIES IN SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING.**
- 15.7 *Must Bring Claims Within One Year.* **ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AND ACTIONS ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, THE RELATIONSHIP OF DEVELOPER AND FRANCHISOR, OR DEVELOPER’S OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS CONTEMPLATED HEREUNDER, BROUGHT BY ANY PARTY HERETO AGAINST THE OTHER, SHALL BE COMMENCED WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE OCCURRENCE OF THE FACTS GIVING RISE TO SUCH CLAIM OR ACTION OR IT IS EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED BY ALL PARTIES, SUCH CLAIM OR ACTION SHALL BE IRREVOCABLY BARRED.**
- 15.8 *Waiver of Punitive Damages.* **FRANCHISOR AND DEVELOPER HEREBY WAIVE TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW ANY RIGHT TO OR CLAIM OF ANY PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES AGAINST THE**

**OTHER, AND AGREE THAT IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE BETWEEN THEM EACH SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE RECOVERY OF ANY ACTUAL DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY IT.**

- 15.9 *Payment of Legal Fees.* Developer shall pay to Franchisor all damages, costs and expenses (including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees) that Franchisor incurs subsequent to the termination or expiration of this Agreement in: (a) obtaining injunctive or other relief for the enforcement of any provisions of this Agreement (including without limitation **Sections 5.2 and 8** above); and/or (b) successfully defending a claim that Franchisor defrauded Developer into signing this Agreement, that the provisions of this Agreement are not fair, were not properly entered into, and/or that the terms of this Agreement do not govern the parties' relationship.

## **16 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

- 16.1 *No Conflicting Obligations.* Each party represents and warrants to the other that there are no other agreements, court orders, or any other legal obligations that would preclude or in any manner restrict such party from: (a) negotiating and entering into this Agreement; (b) exercising its rights under this Agreement; and/or (c) fulfilling its responsibilities under this Agreement.
- 16.2 *Developer's Responsibility for the Choice of Approved Location Sites.* Developer acknowledges that it shall have sole and complete responsibility for the choice of the locations at which Approved Locations will be operated.
- 16.3 *Developer's Responsibility for Operation.* Although Franchisor retains the right to establish and periodically modify System standards, which Developer has agreed to maintain in the operation of the business contemplated under this Agreement, Developer retains the right and sole responsibility for the day-to-day management and operation of the Approved Locations and the implementation and maintenance of system standards in the business contemplated under this Agreement.
- 16.4 *Different Offerings to Others.* Developer acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor may modify the offer of its retail location agreements, franchise agreements, and development agreements to other parties in any manner and at any time, which offers and agreements may have terms, conditions, and obligations that may differ from the terms, conditions, and obligations in this Agreement.
- 16.5 *Public Announcement.* Unless required under applicable law (including, without limitation, any applicable securities laws and/or rules and regulations of a securities exchange to which the disclosing party is a member), Developer shall not make any announcement or press release concerning this Agreement or any of the matters dealt with in this Agreement without Franchisor's prior written consent.
- 16.6 *Authority to Sign.* The individual signing on behalf of the Developer below represents and warrants to Franchisor that he or she has the authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and all related agreements on Developer's behalf. Developer represents and warrants to Franchisor that this Agreement has been duly authorized and executed by or on behalf of Developer and constitutes the valid and binding obligation of Developer, enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- 16.7 *General Release.* If this Agreement is not the first contract between Developer (and its affiliates) and Franchisor (and its affiliates), then Developer agrees to the following: Developer (on behalf of itself and its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates and their respective past and present members, officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members, managers, agents and employees, in their corporate and individual capacities) and all guarantors of Developer's obligations under this Agreement (collectively, "**Developer Releasors**") freely and without any influence forever release

and covenant not to sue Franchisor, its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates and their respective past and present officers, directors, shareholders, partners, members, managers, agents and employees, in their corporate and individual capacities (collectively "**Franchisor Releasees**"), with respect to any and all claims, demands, liabilities and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, whether known or unknown, vested or contingent, suspected or unsuspected (collectively, "**claims**"), which any Developer Releasor now owns or holds or may at any time have owned or held, including, without limitation, claims arising under federal, state and local laws, rules and ordinances and claims arising out of, or relating to this Agreement and all other agreements between any Developer Releasor and any Franchisor Releasee, the sale of any franchise to any Developer Releasor, the development and operation of any Approved Location and the development and operation of all other Retail Locations operated by any Developer Releasor that are franchised by any Franchisor Releasee. Developer expressly agrees that fair consideration has been given by Franchisor for this General Release and Developer fully understands that this is a negotiated, complete, and final release of all claims. This General Release does not release any claims arising from representations made in Franchisor's FDD and its exhibits or otherwise impair or affect any claims arising after the date of this Agreement.

- 16.8 *Developer's Independence.* Developer acknowledges and agrees that: (a) Developer is the only party that employs its employees (even though Franchisor may provide Developer with advice, guidance, and training); (b) Franchisor is not the employer of any of Developer's employees, and Franchisor will not play any role in decisions regarding their employment (including, but not limited to, matters such as recruitment, hiring, compensation, scheduling, relations, labor matters, review, and/or dismissal); (c) the guidance that Franchisor provides and requirements under which Developer will operate are intended to promote and protect the value of the brand and the Proprietary Marks; (d) when forming and in operating Developer's business, Developer had to adopt standards to operate that business, and that instead of developing and implementing Developer's own standards (or those of another party), Developer chose to adopt and implement Franchisor's standards for Developer's business (including, but not limited to, Franchisor's System and the requirements under this Agreement); and (e) Developer has made (and will remain responsible at all times for) all of the organizational and basic decisions about establishing and forming Developer's entity, operating its business (including, but not limited to, adopting Franchisor's standards as Developer's standards), and hiring employees, engaging professional advisors, and all other facets of Developer's operation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have duly signed and delivered this Agreement in duplicate on the day and year first above written.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**

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Developer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rye Brook, NY 10573  
Phone: (914) 253-4500  
Attn: President

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

ILLY CAFFÈ  
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT  
EXHIBIT A

**DEVELOPMENT AREA AND DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE**

1. Development Area. All Retail Locations developed under this Development Agreement shall be located within the following boundaries:

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2. Development Schedule. Recognizing that time is of the essence, Developer agrees to satisfy the development schedule set forth below:

Number of Retail Locations	Site Approval Deadline	Opening Deadline	Cumulative Total Number of Retail Locations Which Developer Shall Have Open and in Operation as of Opening Deadline

3. Excluded Existing Businesses. Excluded Existing Businesses are (if applicable):

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Initials
Developer _____
Franchisor _____

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DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT  
EXHIBIT B

**GUARANTEE, INDEMNIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

As an inducement to **illy caffè North America, Inc.** (“**Franchisor**”) to execute the ILLY CAFFÈ Development Agreement between Franchisor and \_\_\_\_\_ (“**Developer**”), dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the “**Agreement**”), the undersigned, jointly and severally, hereby unconditionally guarantee to Franchisor and Franchisor’s successors and assigns that all of Developer’s monetary obligations under the Agreement will be punctually paid and performed and that all monetary obligations will be punctually paid and performed.

Upon demand by Franchisor, the undersigned each hereby jointly and severally agree to immediately make each payment required of Developer under the Agreement and waive any right to require Franchisor to: (a) proceed against Developer for any payment required under the Agreement; (b) proceed against or exhaust any security from Developer; (c) pursue or exhaust any remedy, including any legal or equitable relief, against Developer; or (d) give notice of demand for payment by Developer. Without affecting the obligations of the undersigned under this Guarantee, Franchisor may, without notice to the undersigned, extend, modify, or release any indebtedness or obligation of Developer, or settle, adjust, or compromise any claims against Developer, and the undersigned each hereby jointly and severally waive notice of same and agree to remain and be bound by any and all such amendments and changes to the Agreement.

The undersigned each hereby jointly and severally agree to defend, indemnify and hold Franchisor harmless against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney’s fees, reasonable costs of financial and other investigation, court costs, and fees and expenses) resulting from, consisting of, or arising out of or in connection with any failure by Developer to perform any obligation of Developer under the Agreement, any amendment thereto, or any other agreement executed by Developer referred to therein.

The undersigned each hereby jointly and severally acknowledge and expressly agree to be individually bound by all of the covenants contained in **Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8** of the Agreement, as amended and supplemented, and acknowledge and agree that this Guarantee does not grant the undersigned any right to use the “ILLY CAFFÈ” and “ILLY” marks, logos or system.

This Guarantee shall terminate upon the termination or expiration of the Agreement, except that all obligations and liabilities of the undersigned which arose from events which occurred on or before the effective date of such termination shall remain in full force and effect until satisfied or discharged by the undersigned, and all covenants which by their terms continue in force after the expiration or termination of the Agreement shall remain in force according to their terms. Upon the death of an individual guarantor, the estate of such guarantor shall be bound by this Guarantee, but only for defaults and obligations hereunder existing at the time of death; and the obligations of the other guarantors will continue in full force and effect.

Unless specifically stated otherwise, the terms used in this Guarantee shall have the same meaning as in the Agreement, and shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with **Sections 14 and 15** of the Agreement (including, without limitation, the terms regarding governing law, jurisdiction and venue, waiver of punitive damages, waiver of jury trials, injunctive relief, and limitations on periods for bringing claims). This Guarantee shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises. In the event of any conflict of law, the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises

shall prevail (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of such state's conflict of law rules).

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each of the undersigned has signed this Guarantee as of the date of the Agreement.

GUARANTOR(S)

(Seal)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(In his/her individual capacity)

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(In his/her individual capacity)

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Seal)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(In his/her individual capacity)

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ILLY CAFFÈ  
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT  
EXHIBIT C

**NON-DISCLOSURE AND NON-COMPETITION AGREEMENT**  
**(BETWEEN DEVELOPER AND ITS PERSONNEL)**

THIS NON-DISCLOSURE AND NON-COMPETITION AGREEMENT (“**Agreement**”) is made this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_ (the “**Developer**”), and \_\_\_\_\_, who is a manager, supervisor, or a person in a managerial position with Developer who has supervisory responsibilities related to the development of the Approved Locations (the “**Individual**”).

RECITALS:

**WHEREAS**, illy caffè North America, Inc. (“**Franchisor**”) and its affiliates own a format and system (the “**System**”) relating to the establishment and operation of coffee outlet businesses (the “**Retail Locations**”) that operate under the Proprietary Marks in buildings that are designed using and bear Franchisor’s interior and exterior trade dress, use equipment, furnishings and promotional items according to Franchisor’s specifications, and specialize in the sale of “ILLY” products and specialty beverages and items prepared according to Franchisor’s proprietary recipes, formulae and techniques (together, the “**ILLY PRODUCTS**”), as well as such other food and beverage items, related products and accessories as Franchisor may periodically specify (“**Additional Products**”). Together, ILLY PRODUCTS and Additional Products will be referred to as “**Products**”;

**WHEREAS**, Franchisor identifies Retail Locations by the “ILLY CAFFÈ” and “ILLY” marks and such other proprietary marks as Franchisor may periodically designate in writing (together, the “**Proprietary Marks**”);

**WHEREAS**, Franchisor and Developer have executed a Development Agreement (“**Development Agreement**”) granting Developer the right to develop one or more Retail Locations and, ultimately, to sign Franchise Agreements to operate approved Retail Locations (the “**Approved Locations**”), acting as the Franchisee under the Franchise Agreements, and use the Proprietary Marks in connection therewith under the terms and conditions of the Development Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Individual, by virtue of his or her position with Developer, will gain access to certain of Franchisor’s Confidential Information (defined below) and must therefore be bound by the confidentiality and non-competition agreements as required by the Development Agreement.

**IN CONSIDERATION** of these premises, the conditions stated herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Confidential Information.** Individual shall not, during the term of the Development Agreement or thereafter, communicate, divulge, or use for the benefit of any other person, persons, partnership, entity, association, or corporation any confidential information, knowledge, or know-how concerning the methods of operation of the Approved Location that may be communicated to Individual or of which Individual may be apprised by virtue of Developer’s operation of the Approved Location under the terms of the Development Agreement. Any and all information, knowledge, know-how, and techniques that Franchisor designates as confidential shall be deemed confidential for purposes of this Agreement, except information that Developer can demonstrate came to its attention before disclosure

thereof by Franchisor; or that, at or after the time of disclosure by Franchisor to Developer, had become or later becomes generally known to the public, through publication or communication by others.

2. Covenants Not to Compete.

(a) Individual specifically acknowledges that, pursuant to the Development Agreement, and by virtue of its position with Developer, Individual will receive valuable specialized training and confidential information, including, without limitation, information regarding the operational, sales, promotional, and marketing methods and techniques of Franchisor and the System.

(b) Individual covenants and agrees that during the term of the Development Agreement, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor, Individual shall not, either directly or indirectly, for itself, or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any person, persons, partnership, corporation, or entity:

(i) Divert or attempt to divert any business or customer of any Approved Location or of any Retail Location using the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise, or do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with Franchisor's Proprietary Marks and the System.

(ii) Employ or seek to employ any person who is at that time employed by Franchisor, Developer or by any other retailer, franchisee, master franchisee, developer of Franchisor, or development agent, or otherwise directly or indirectly induce such person to leave his or her employment; or

(iii) Own, maintain, operate, engage in, or have any interest in any Competitive Business, or any other business to manufacture, sell or otherwise distribute, market or advertise products that would compete with the products offered by Retail Locations, either within or outside the Development Area. A "**Competitive Business**" shall be considered to be a retail business in which the sale of brand name coffee and/or coffee related beverages and products comprise twenty percent (20%) or more of the business' Net Sales in any month.

(c) Member covenants and agrees that during the Post-Term Period (defined below), except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor, Individual shall not, either directly or indirectly, for itself, or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any person, persons, partnership, corporation, or entity, own, maintain, operate, engage in, or have any interest in any Competitive Business which is, or is intended to be, located within the Development Area, a three (3) mile radius of the Development Area, or a one (1) mile radius of any Retail Location operating at the time that the obligations under this Agreement commence.

(d) As used in this Agreement, the term "**Post-Term Period**" shall mean a continuous uninterrupted period of two (2) years from the date of: (a) a transfer permitted under **Section 7.2** of the Development Agreement; (b) expiration or termination of this Agreement (regardless of the cause for termination); (c) termination of Individual's employment with Developer; or, in the event of a challenge to (a), (b), or (c) above, then (d) a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction (after all appeals have been taken) with respect to any of the foregoing or with respect to the enforcement of this Agreement; either directly or indirectly (through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any persons, partnership, corporation or entity).

3. Injunctive Relief. Individual acknowledges that any failure to comply with the requirements of this Agreement will cause Franchisor irreparable injury, and Individual agrees to pay all court costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Franchisor in obtaining specific performance of, or an injunction against violation of, the requirements of this Agreement.

4. Severability. All agreements and covenants contained in this Agreement are severable. If any of them, or any part or parts of them, shall be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction for any reason, then the Individual agrees that the court shall have the authority to reform and modify that provision in order that the restriction shall be the maximum necessary to protect Franchisor's and/or Developer's legitimate business needs as permitted by applicable law and public policy. In so doing, the Individual agrees that the court shall impose the provision with retroactive effect as close as possible to the provision held to be invalid.

5. Delay. No delay or failure by the Franchisor or Developer to exercise any right under this Agreement, and no partial or single exercise of that right, shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right provided in this Agreement, and no waiver of any violation of any terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver of any succeeding violation of the same or any other provision of this Agreement.

6. Third-Party Beneficiary. Individual hereby acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor is an intended third-party beneficiary of this Agreement with the right to enforce it, independently or jointly, with Developer.

7. Any capitalized terms that are not defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings given to them in the Development Agreement and shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with **Sections 14 and 15** of the Development Agreement (including, without limitation, the terms regarding governing law, jurisdiction and venue, waiver of punitive damages, waiver of jury trials, injunctive relief, and limitations on periods for bringing claims). This Agreement shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises. In the event of any conflict of law, the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises shall prevail (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of such state's conflict of law rules).

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Developer and Individual each attest that he, she, or it has read and understands the terms of this Agreement, and voluntarily signed this Agreement on the date first written above.

DEVELOPER

INDIVIDUAL

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT C**

**LIST OF STATE ADMINISTRATORS**

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We intend to register this disclosure document as a “franchise” in some or all of the following states, if required by the applicable state laws. If and when we pursue franchise registration (or otherwise comply with the franchise investment laws) in these states, the following are the state administrators responsible for the review, registration, and oversight of franchises in these states:

<p><b>CALIFORNIA</b>          Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation          Department of Financial Protection and Innovation          320 West Fourth Street, Suite 750          Los Angeles, California 90013-2344          (213) 576-7500 / Toll Free: (866) 275-2677          Email: ASK.DFPI@dfpi.ca.gov          Website: <a href="http://www.dfpi.ca.gov">http://www.dfpi.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><b>NEW YORK</b>          NYS Department of Law          Investor Protection Bureau          28 Liberty St. 21st Fl          New York, NY 10005          (212) 416-8222</p>
<p><b>HAWAII</b>          Commissioner of Securities          Department of Commerce &amp; Consumer Affairs          Business Registration Division          Securities Compliance Branch          335 Merchant Street, Room 203          Honolulu, Hawaii 96813          (808) 586-2722</p>	<p><b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>          North Dakota Securities Department          State Capitol          Department 414          600 East Boulevard Avenue, Fourteenth Floor          Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0510          (701) 328-4712</p>
<p><b>ILLINOIS</b>          Illinois Office of the Attorney General          Franchise Bureau          500 South Second Street          Springfield, Illinois 62706          (217) 782-4465</p>	<p><b>RHODE ISLAND</b>          Department of Business Regulation          Securities Division, Building 69, First Floor          John O. Pastore Center          1511 Pontiac Avenue          Cranston, Rhode Island 02920          (401) 462-9527</p>
<p><b>INDIANA</b>          Secretary of State          Franchise Section          302 West Washington, Room E-111          Indianapolis, Indiana 46204          (317) 232-6681</p>	<p><b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>          Division of Insurance          Securities Regulation          124 South Euclid Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor          Pierre, South Dakota 57501          (605) 773-3563</p>
<p><b>MARYLAND</b>          Office of the Attorney General          Securities Division          200 St. Paul Place          Baltimore, Maryland 21202-2020          (410) 576-6360</p>	<p><b>VIRGINIA</b>          State Corporation Commission          Division of Securities and Retail Franchising          1300 East Main Street, 9th Floor          Richmond, Virginia 23219          (804) 371-9051</p>
<p><b>MICHIGAN</b>          Michigan Attorney General’s Office          Corporate Oversight Division, Franchise Section          525 West Ottawa Street          G. Mennen Williams Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor          Lansing, Michigan 48913          (517) 335-7567</p>	<p><b>WASHINGTON</b>          Department of Financial Institutions          Securities Division          P.O. Box 41200          Olympia, Washington 98504-1200          (360) 902-8760</p>
<p><b>MINNESOTA</b>          Minnesota Department of Commerce          85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 280          St. Paul, Minnesota 55101          (651) 539-1600</p>	<p><b>WISCONSIN</b>          Division of Securities          4822 Madison Yards Way, North Tower          Madison, Wisconsin 53705          (608) 266-2139</p>

**EXHIBIT D**

**AGENTS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS**

## AGENTS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

We intend to register this disclosure document as a “franchise” in some or all of the following states, if required by the applicable state law. If and when we pursue franchise registration (or otherwise comply with the franchise investment laws) in these states, we will designate the following state offices or officials as our agents for service of process in these states. There may be states in addition to those listed below in which we have appointed an agent for service of process. There may also be additional agents in some of the states listed.

<p><b>CALIFORNIA</b>          Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation          Department of Financial Protection and Innovation          320 West Fourth Street, Suite 750          Los Angeles, California 90013-2344          (213) 576-7500 / Toll Free: (866) 275-2677          Email: ASK.DFPI@dfpi.ca.gov          Website: <a href="http://www.dfpi.ca.gov">http://www.dfpi.ca.gov</a></p>	<p><b>NEW YORK</b>          New York Secretary of State          One Commerce Plaza          99 Washington Avenue          Albany, NY 12231          (518) 473-2492</p>
<p><b>HAWAII</b>          Commissioner of Securities          Department of Commerce &amp; Consumer Affairs          Business Registration Division          Securities Compliance Branch          335 Merchant Street, Room 203          Honolulu, Hawaii 96813          (808) 586-2722</p>	<p><b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>          North Dakota Securities Commissioner          State Capitol          Department 414          600 East Boulevard Avenue, Fourteenth Floor          Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0510          (701) 328-4712</p>
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<p><b>MARYLAND</b>          Maryland Securities Commissioner          200 St. Paul Place          Baltimore, Maryland 21202-2020          (410) 576-6360</p>	<p><b>VIRGINIA</b>          Clerk of the State Corporation Commission          1300 East Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor          Richmond, Virginia 23219          (804) 371-9733</p>
<p><b>MICHIGAN</b>          Michigan Attorney General's Office          Corporate Oversight Division, Franchise Section          525 West Ottawa Street          G. Mennen Williams Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor          Lansing, Michigan 48913          (517) 335-7567</p>	<p><b>WASHINGTON</b>          Director of Department of Financial Institutions          Securities Division – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor          150 Israel Road, Southwest          Tumwater, Washington 98501          (360) 902-8760</p>
<p><b>MINNESOTA</b>          Commissioner of Commerce          Minnesota Department of Commerce          85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 280          St. Paul, Minnesota 55101          (651) 539-1600</p>	<p><b>WISCONSIN</b>          Division of Securities          4822 Madison Yards Way, North Tower          Madison, Wisconsin 53705          (608) 266-2139</p>

**EXHIBIT E**

**LIST OF CURRENT AND FORMER FRANCHISEES**

**LIST OF FRANCHISED LOCATIONS (AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023) in USA**

<b>Franchisee</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
JW Marriott Hotel, Los Angeles at L.A. LIVE	900 W. Olympic Boulevard	Los Angeles	CA	90015	213-216-3390
SOARING FOODS	San Francisco Airport - T1 Harvey Milk Terminal 1B	San Francisco	CA	94128	510-710-1914
CBD Denver Suites LLC	Renaissance Denver Downtown City Center Hotel 918 17 <sup>th</sup> Street	Denver	CO	80202	303-867-8100
Areas USA MIA, LLC	Terminal J, 2100 NW 42nd Avenue	Miami	FL	33126	305-869-1424
AIRPANCHO'S LLC	MCO Terminal C 1 Jeff Fuqua Boulevard	Orlando	FL	32827	407-617-1212
HBF APU JV LLC	Tampa International Airport Airside F near Gate 85 4100 George J Bean Outbound Parkway	Tampa	FL	33607	813-387-9842
HBF APU JV LLC	Tampa International Airport Airside E 4100 George J Bean Outbound Parkway	Tampa	FL	33607	770-826-7292
Ali & Babwari	264 19 <sup>th</sup> Street NW Suite 2140	Atlanta	GA	30363	678-468-7098
INNOVA ELITE LLC	1450 Ala Moana Boulevard, #K-3-2	Honolulu	HI	96814	702-293-5156

<b>Franchisee</b>	<b>Street Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Compass Group USA Inc.	NBC Tower 455 N Cityfront Plaza Drive	Chicago	IL	60611	312-374-1169
HBF APU JV LLC	Detroit Airport - Terminal A Concourse A, McNamara Terminal	Detroit	MI	48242	734-941-1206
NEW ELITE LLC	American Dream – Flower Garden 1 American Dream Way, FC314	East Rutherford	NJ	07073	702-293-5156
NEW ELITE LLC	American Dream – Food Court 1 American Dream Way, KB120	East Rutherford	NJ	07073	702-293-5156
Earning Curve LLC	Palazzo Hotel 3377 Las Vegas Boulevard., Suite 2150	Las Vegas	NV	89109	702-733-1077
SEVEN HILLS INC.	Philadelphia Airport Terminal A, Space AW5 8500 Essington Avenue	Philadelphia	PA	19153	267-468-9012
Renaissance Hotel Operating Company Inc.	Renaissance Capital View Hotel 2800 South Potomac Avenue	Arlington	VA	22202	703-413-1300
Extraordinary Ventures, LLC Attn: ADAM STEELY	Colonial Williamsburg 435 W Duke of Gloucester Street	Williamsburg	VA	23185	757-208-0006

The following location is operating under an agreement that is on a form agreement required by the licensee that was then negotiated. The agreement has operational and financial obligations that vary significantly from other agreements:

Legends OWO, LLC  
 Illy Caffè  
 One World Observatory, 285 Fulton Street, Floor 101  
 New York, NY 10007

**LIST OF FORMER FRANCHISEES**

**Left the System For Any Reason from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023**

<b><i>Franchisee</i></b>	<b><i>Location Type</i></b>	<b><i>Street Address</i></b>	<b><i>City</i></b>	<b><i>State</i></b>	<b><i>Zip</i></b>	<b><i>Telephone</i></b>
MOZART CAFÉ INC.	Illy Caffé	3120 Coney Island Avenue	Brooklyn	NY	11235	718-915-2172

If you buy this franchise, your contact information may be disclosed to other buyers when you leave our System.

**List of Franchisees Who Have Signed Agreement But Are Not Yet Open as of December 31, 2022**

<b><i>Franchisee</i></b>	<b><i>Street Address</i></b>	<b><i>City</i></b>	<b><i>State</i></b>	<b><i>Zip</i></b>	<b><i>Telephone</i></b>
Ali & Babwari LLC**	2615 19 <sup>th</sup> Street NW, Suite 2140	Atlanta	GA	30363	678-468-7098
Ali & Babwari LLC**	699 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE, Suite 3	Atlanta	GA	30308	678-468-7098

\*\* Illy has two developers Ali & Babwari LLC and Bunnamore Trading (which has not signed any franchise agreements).

**EXHIBIT F**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECEMBER 31, 2022**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders  
Illy Caffè' North America, Inc. and Subsidiaries

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Illy Caffè' North America, Inc. (a Delaware corporation) and Subsidiaries (the Company), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income, changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respect, the financial position of Illy Caffè' North America, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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**Illy Caffè' North America Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Independent Auditor's Report (Cont.)**  
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**Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements (Cont.)**

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 the Company's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

**Cont.**



### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Cont.)**

- 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 consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company'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.

### **Disclaimer of Opinion on Supplementary Information**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of consolidating balance sheets, consolidating statements of operations and comprehensive income and consolidating statements of selling, general and administrative expenses, which are the responsibilities of management, are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

*Funaro & Co., P.C.*

New York, N.Y.

March 15, 2024

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u><b>ASSETS</b></u>	
	<u><b>2023</b></u>	<u><b>2022</b></u>
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,110,240	\$ 3,289,181
Accounts receivable, net - third parties	22,709,262	16,860,844
Accounts receivable - parent	6,477,266	6,415,847
Inventory, net	19,984,319	21,888,326
Prepaid expenses and other receivable	273,625	330,826
Other assets - current	<u>1,279,399</u>	<u>740,082</u>
 Total current assets	 <u>52,834,112</u>	 <u>49,525,106</u>
 Property and equipment		
Leasehold improvements	978,088	2,596,626
Machinery and equipment	28,387,337	25,886,083
Other assets	<u>233,274</u>	<u>209,447</u>
 Property and equipment, at cost	 29,598,699	 28,692,156
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(20,818,729)</u>	<u>(19,308,798)</u>
 Property and equipment, net	 <u>8,779,970</u>	 <u>9,383,358</u>
 Other non-current assets		
Deferred tax assets	1,874,416	2,703,821
Intangible assets, net	428,408	777,187
Operating lease right-of-use-assets	2,015,672	2,832,713
Other assets - non current	<u>189,442</u>	<u>220,046</u>
 Total other non-current assets	 <u>4,507,937</u>	 <u>6,533,767</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 66,122,019</u>	 <u>\$ 65,442,231</u>

See independent auditor's report and notes to consolidated financial statements.

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Current liabilities		
Account payable - third parties	\$ 4,202,779	\$ 5,180,318
Account payable - related parties	258,679	
Account payable - parent	17,052,195	21,666,421
Accrued expenses - third parties	3,321,055	2,714,226
Accrued expenses - related parties		714
Accrued expenses - parent	60,775	550,903
Contract liabilities	40,000	
Other current liabilities	4,926,444	3,203,312
Operating lease obligations	<u>911,725</u>	<u>865,018</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>30,773,652</u>	<u>34,180,912</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Non-current operating lease obligations	<u>1,225,299</u>	<u>2,136,865</u>
Total non-current liabilities	<u>1,225,299</u>	<u>2,136,865</u>
Total liabilities	<u>31,998,951</u>	<u>36,317,777</u>
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholder's equity		
Common stock: Authorized 10,000 shares		
Issued and outstanding 4,970 shares		
Par value \$1	4,970	4,970
Additional paid-in capital	37,895,030	37,895,030
Accumulated deficit	(3,849,216)	(8,831,823)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	<u>72,284</u>	<u>56,277</u>
Total stockholder's equity	<u>34,123,068</u>	<u>29,124,454</u>
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	<u>\$ 66,122,019</u>	<u>\$ 65,442,231</u>

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**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Sales, net	\$ 120,837,539	\$ 104,177,501
Cost of goods sold	<u>74,503,244</u>	<u>69,068,195</u>
Gross profit	<u>46,334,295</u>	<u>35,109,306</u>
Other operating income	2,951,418	1,843,552
Operating expenses		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	41,040,158	(34,602,010)
Restructuring costs, net	<u>(722,908)</u>	<u>(275,418)</u>
Income from operations	<u>7,522,647</u>	<u>2,075,430</u>
Other income (expense)		
Interest expense, net	(485,656)	(283,966)
Realized exchange (loss)	(289,608)	(303,228)
Unrealized exchange income (loss), net	<u>172,488</u>	<u>(73,210)</u>
Total other expense, net	<u>(602,776)</u>	<u>(660,404)</u>
Income before taxes	6,919,871	1,415,026
Income tax (expense) benefit	<u>(1,937,265)</u>	<u>936,622</u>
Net Income	4,982,606	2,351,648
Foreign currency translation adjustment	<u>16,007</u>	<u>(25,535)</u>
Comprehensive Income	<u>\$ 4,998,613</u>	<u>\$ 2,326,113</u>

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**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Additional paid-in capital</u>	<u>Accumulated deficit</u>	<u>Accumulated other comprehensive income</u>	<u>Total stockholder's equity</u>
Balance at January 1, 2022	\$ 4,970	\$ 32,495,030	\$ (5,908,435)	\$ 81,812	\$ 26,673,377
Merger		5,400,000	(5,275,036)		124,964
Translation reserve				(25,535)	(25,535)
Net income			<u>2,351,648</u>		<u>2,351,648</u>
Balance at December 31, 2022	4,970	37,895,030	(8,831,823)	56,277	29,124,454
Translation reserve				16,007	16,007
Net income			<u>4,982,606</u>		<u>4,982,606</u>
Balance at December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 4,970</u>	<u>\$ 37,895,030</u>	<u>\$ (3,849,216)</u>	<u>\$ 72,284</u>	<u>\$ 34,123,068</u>

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**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ <u>4,982,606</u>	\$ <u>2,351,648</u>
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Deferred taxes	869,405	(1,092,642)
Translation reserve	16,007	(25,535)
Depreciation, amortization and impairment losses	6,008,029	4,777,552
Amortization of right-of-use assets	817,042	880,393
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivables, net - third parties	(5,848,418)	(2,589,969)
Accounts receivable - related parties		576,079
Accounts receivable - parent	(61,420)	(686,612)
Inventory	1,904,007	(4,397,624)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(482,116)	(302,753)
Accounts payable, net - third parties	(977,539)	1,174,135
Accounts payable, net - related parties	258,679	(793,472)
Accounts payable, net - parent	(4,614,226)	3,725,441
Accrued liabilities and other liabilities	1,839,118	(1,792,874)
Operating lease liabilities	<u>(864,859)</u>	<u>(832,456)</u>
Total adjustments	<u>(1,136,291)</u>	<u>(1,380,337)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>3,846,315</u>	<u>971,311</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net capital expenditures	(5,055,861)	(3,933,290)
Other net investing activities	<u>30,605</u>	<u>24,104</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(5,025,256)</u>	<u>(3,909,186)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,178,941)	(2,937,875)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of the year	3,289,181	4,809,099
Net cash received from merger		<u>1,417,957</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - end of the year	\$ <u><u>2,110,240</u></u>	\$ <u><u>3,289,181</u></u>
<u>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information</u>		
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 1,283,627	\$ 502,869
Cash paid for interest	\$ 484,230	\$ 282,660

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **NOTE 1**      **BACKGROUND AND NATURE OF BUSINESS**

Illy Caffè' North America, Inc. ("Illy Caffè'") is a wholly owned subsidiary of Illycaffè S.p.A. (the Parent), an Italian corporation. Illy Caffè' is primarily a wholesale distributor of premium coffees and coffee machines, selling to brokers, restaurants and supermarkets across the USA and Canada. Substantially all of Illy Caffè's purchases are made from the Parent.

Effective September 30, 2022, Espressamente Illy Americas, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Parent, was merged with and into Illy Caffè' North America, Inc. The merger was intended to constitute a reorganization under Section 368 (a) (1) of the code.

Illy Caffè San Francisco LLC, wholly-owned by Illy Caffè' North America Inc., managing retail coffee shops in San Francisco, California, ceased operations in June 2023 and was dissolved on November 30, 2023.

### **NOTE 2**      **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES**

#### Basis of reporting

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Illy Caffè' North America Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries Illy Espresso Canada Inc. and Illy Caffè' San Francisco LLC until its dissolution. (collectively "the Company").

Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTE 2**      **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONT.)**

Use of estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Accounts receivable

The Company carries its accounts receivable at invoiced amounts less allowances for doubtful accounts and other deductions. Effective January 1, 2023, the Company uses historical loss information based on the aging of receivables as the basis to determine expected credit losses for receivables and believes that the composition of accounts receivables at year-end is consistent with historical conditions as credit terms and practices and the customer base have not changed significantly.

An allowance for discounts is based on those discounts relating to open invoices where trade discounts have been extended to customers. Costs associated with potential returns of merchandise as well as allowable customer markdowns and operational charge backs, net of expected recoveries, are part of the provision for allowances included in accounts receivable, net.

The allowance for doubtful accounts as of December 31, 2022 was estimated based on the Company's historical losses, the existing economic conditions in the industry, and the financial stability of its customers.

Accounts receivable are written off when they are determined to be uncollectible.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022 the allowance for doubtful accounts and discounts totaled \$1,262,328 and \$824,278 respectively.

The balance of the Company's accounts receivable as of January 1, 2022 was \$14,173,137 net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$579,740.

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTE 2**      **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONT.)**

Inventory

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value and is comprised primarily of finished goods. The Company values its inventory using the "first-in, first-out" method. Freight and duty costs are included in cost of goods sold in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. On an on-going basis, inventories are evaluated for obsolescence and slow moving items. If the Company's review indicates a reduction in utility below carrying value, inventories are reduced to a new cost basis.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Intangible assets that are subject to amortization are reviewed for potential impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that carrying amounts may not be recoverable. The estimated useful life of computer software is 5 years.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shortest of lease terms and useful life. Machinery and equipment, transportation equipment, furniture and fixtures and computer equipment are being depreciated over their estimated useful lives on the straight-line basis. Routine maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. The cost of major additions, replacements and improvements is capitalized. Gains and losses from sales or retirements of property, plant and equipment are included in the results of operations for the period. Construction in progress is neither depreciated nor amortized until placed in service.

The estimated useful lives of property equipment are as follows:

Leasehold improvements	Lesser of lease terms or estimated useful life
Furniture and fixtures	7 years (store furniture) or 5 years (office furniture)
Electronic equipment	5 years
Vehicles	5 years
Loaned equipment	3, 5, 7 or 10 years

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **NOTE 2** **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONT.)**

#### Long-lived assets

The Company reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the estimated cash flows from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition are below the asset's carrying value, the asset is deemed to be impaired and is written down to its fair value.

#### Fair Value Measurements

The Company applies the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) ASC Subtopic 820 (ASC 820) for fair value measurements of financial assets and financial liabilities and for fair value measurements of nonfinancial items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the consolidated financial statements on a recurring basis. ASC 820 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. ASC 820 also establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. All cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses are short-term in nature, and therefore their carrying amount approximates fair value.

The fair values of amounts due to and from related parties or guaranteed by related parties are not estimable given their nature.

#### Foreign exchange

The Company's functional currency is the US dollar. All foreign currency transactions are initially measured and recorded in US dollars using the exchange rate on the date of the transaction. Foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities are measured at the end of each reporting period using the exchange rate at that date with resulting gains or losses included in the consolidated statements of operations.

Currency adjustments resulting from translation of the financial statements of foreign operations are reported as a separate component of other comprehensive income.

#### Income taxes

The Company utilizes the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the carrying amounts and the tax bases of assets and liabilities as well as from net operating loss carryforwards. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in operations in the period that includes the enactment date.

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**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTE 2**      **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONT.)**

Income taxes (Cont.)

Under this accounting standard for uncertain income tax positions, recognition of a tax benefit occurs when a tax position is estimated by management to be more likely than not to be sustained upon examination, based solely on its technical merits. Derecognition of a previously recognized tax position would occur if it is subsequently determined that the tax position no longer meets the more-likely-than-not threshold of being sustained. Recognized tax positions are measured at the largest amount that management believes has greater than 50% likelihood of being finalized.

Pension plan

The Company provides a 401(k) retirement plan for the benefit of eligible employees who elect to participate. Participants may elect to contribute through payroll deferral, no minimum and not more than 100 % of pre-tax annual earnings subject to the Internal Revenue Code rules and regulations.

The Company makes a safe harbor matching contribution to the Plan in an amount equal to 100 percent on the first 3% percent of the participant's eligible compensation and 50 percent of the next 1% percent of the participant's eligible compensation during the Plan year. The Company may also make discretionary matching contributions of the participant's eligible compensation. The pension expense for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$52,697 and \$52,517 respectively.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is primarily generated from the sale of finished products to customers. This is determinable based on observable standalone selling prices. A performance obligation is a promise to transfer a distinct good to a customer and represents the unit of accounting for revenue recognition. The finished products generated by the Company contain a single performance obligation.

Revenue is recognized when it satisfies performance obligations as evidenced when control of the finished product is transferred to the customer at a single point in time, which is generally at the time of shipment. Revenue is recognized in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for the finished product. Discounts are recorded as a reduction of sales in the same period the revenue is recognized.

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**NOTE 2**      **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONT.)**

Leases

The Company's apply the provision of Financial Accounting Standard Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standard Update (ASU) No. 2016-02, Leases (ASC Topic 842), which requires lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset (ROU) and a lease liability that arise from leases.

The Company adopted the new standard on January 1, 2022, by recognizing a ROU asset of \$3,627,863 and a lease liability of \$3,834,339 as opening balances on the balance sheet at the date of initial application. The adoption did not have a material impact on the consolidated statements of operations and cash flows.

At contract inception, the Company determines if an arrangement is or contains a lease. A lease conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. If determined to be or contain a lease, the lease is assessed for classification as either an operating or finance lease at the lease commencement date, defined as the date on which the leased asset is made available for use by the Company. Where the Company is the lessee, for each lease with a term greater than twelve months, the Company records a right-of-use asset and lease liability.

A right-of-use asset represents the economic benefit conveyed to the Company by the right to use the underlying asset over the lease term. A lease liability represents the obligation to make lease payments arising from the use of the asset over the lease term.

Lease liabilities are measured at lease commencement and calculated as the present value of the future lease payments in the contract using the rate implicit in the contract, when available. If an implicit rate is not readily determinable, the Company uses the risk-free rate.

Right-of-use assets are measured as the amount of the initial lease liability plus initial direct costs and prepaid lease payments, less lease incentives granted by the lessor. The lease term is measured as the noncancelable period in the contract, adjusted for any options to extend or terminate when it is reasonably certain the Company will extend the lease term via such options based on an assessment of economic factors present as of the lease commencement date. The Company elected the practical expedient to not recognize leases with a lease term of twelve months or less. The Company has elected the practical expedient to account for lease and non-lease components together as a single lease component for all underlying assets and allocate all of the contract consideration to the lease component only.

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**NOTE 2** **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONT.)**

Leases (cont.)

The Company's operating leases are presented in the consolidated balance sheets as operating lease right-of-use assets, classified as non-current assets, and operating lease liabilities, classified as current and non-current liabilities. Operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Variable costs associated with a lease, such as maintenance and utilities, are not included in the measurement of the lease liabilities and right-of-use assets but rather are expensed when the events determining the amount of variable consideration to be paid have occurred.

New Accounting Pronouncements

Effective January 1, 2023, the Company adopted ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments, as amended, which modified the measurement of expected credit losses on certain financial instruments. Topic 326 requires measurement and recognition of expected versus incurred losses for financial assets held. Financial assets held by the Company that are subject to ASU 2016-13 include accounts receivable.

The adoption of this ASU did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

**NOTE 3** **INVENTORIES**

Inventories as of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 are summarized as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Coffee and tea	\$ 15,879,570	\$ 16,290,400
Machines	4,426,731	4,284,552
Accessories	1,479,034	1,373,993
Other (including spare parts)	<u>1,560,309</u>	<u>2,131,591</u>
Total inventory FIFO	23,345,644	24,080,536
Reserve for obsolescence	<u>(3,361,325)</u>	<u>(2,192,210)</u>
Net inventory balance	<u>\$ 19,984,319</u>	<u>\$ 21,888,326</u>

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**NOTE 4** **PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Leasehold improvements	\$ 978,088	\$ 2,596,626
Machinery and equipment	28,387,337	25,886,083
Vehicles	<u>233,274</u>	<u>209,447</u>
	29,598,699	28,692,156
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(20,818,729)</u>	<u>(19,308,798)</u>
Property and equipment net	<u>\$ 8,779,970</u>	<u>\$ 9,383,358</u>

The Company loans different types of machines (coffee, espresso and tea) to customers based on signed pre-determined agreements guaranteeing a certain minimum volume of coffee purchased by each customer per year. In the event the customer does not maintain sales expectations, they will have to terminate the agreement returning the equipment or the customer would have the option to pay the full value of the machine and keep it. Contracts are usually based on a three year time period.

Each machine is identified with a serial number and, once the contract is signed and entered in the system, the Company links a unique serial number to the related customer. The Company used to depreciate its American coffee and tea equipment from 5 to 7 years while the espresso machines were depreciated over 10 years. There are specific machines, Illy Blade machines and the Wittenborg machines, that are depreciated over 3 years. Effective January 1, 2022 all loaned equipments were prospectively depreciated over 5 years.

The reserve for loss of loaned equipment as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 amounts to \$2,252,746 and \$1,351,818 respectively.

On December 30, 2022, the Company exercised its contractual right to terminate its lease for the premises located at 220 Montgomery Street, Suite 148 and Suite 144, San Francisco, California, effective June 5, 2023. In connection with the termination, the Company paid its landlord the amount of \$542,274 for reimbursement of certain renovations at the premises in accordance with the Company's obligations under its lease. The landlord acknowledged receipt of the notice of termination. As a result the Company accelerated the depreciation of its furniture and leasehold improvements recording additional depreciation of \$678,482 in 2022.

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**NOTE 5**      **INCOME TAXES**

Income tax expense (benefit) for the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 consists of:

<u>Year ended December 31, 2023</u>	Federal	State and Local	Total
Current taxes	\$ 310,345	\$ 740,072	\$ 1,050,417
Deferred taxes	<u>946,550</u>	<u>(59,702)</u>	<u>886,848</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,256,895</u>	<u>\$ 680,370</u>	<u>\$ 1,937,265</u>
<u>Year ended December 31, 2022</u>	Federal	State and Local	Total
Current taxes	\$ 38,739	\$ 58,142	\$ 96,881
Deferred taxes	<u>(853,503)</u>	<u>(180,000)</u>	<u>(1,033,503)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (814,764)</u>	<u>\$ (121,858)</u>	<u>\$ (936,622)</u>

Significant components of the Company's deferred income tax assets and liabilities were as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Deferred tax assets:</u>		
Net operating loss carryovers	\$ 709,997	\$ 1,610,767
Allowance for bad debts	303,846	164,895
Inventory reserve	887,133	587,925
Various accruals and reserves	1,461,442	1,411,769
Other	<u>289,719</u>	<u>45,842</u>
Total deferred tax assets	<u>3,652,137</u>	<u>3,821,198</u>
<u>Deferred tax liabilities:</u>		
Depreciation	<u>1,777,721</u>	<u>1,117,377</u>
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>1,777,721</u>	<u>1,117,377</u>
Deferred tax assets, net	<u>\$ 1,874,416</u>	<u>\$ 2,703,821</u>

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### NOTE 6 RELATED PARTIES

The Company is economically dependent on the Parent as the primary supplier of its coffee products. Accounts receivable from Parent amounts to \$6,477,266 and \$6,415,847 at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 respectively.

Accounts payable to Parent amounts to \$17,052,195 and \$21,666,421 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The Company's payables to related parties amounts to \$258,679 and \$0 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 the Company had the following related parties transactions:

#### 2023

Purchases of merchandise for resale from Parent	\$ 60,669,707
Purchases of merchandise for resale from Related Parties	\$ 5,752,045
Fee Income from Parent(*)	\$ 13,309,117

#### 2022

Purchases of merchandise for resale from Parent	\$ 63,387,389
Purchases of merchandise for resale from Related Parties	\$ 7,002,570
Fee Income from Parent(*)	\$ 6,375,000

*(\*) Please refer to Note 7 Bilateral Advance Pricing Agreement for further information about Fee Income from Parent.*

### NOTE 7 BILATERAL ADVANCE PRICING AGREEMENT

On April 10, 2020, Illy Caffè' has filed a request for a Bilateral Advance Pricing Agreement (“BAPA”) with the IRS for the years 2019-2023. On December 30, 2019, Parent filed a BAPA request with the Italian tax authorities. Illy Caffè' proposed that the BAPA covers the following intercompany transactions: (i) the purchase of coffee and related products by Illy Caffè' from SpA for resale in the U.S. and (ii) the marketing contribution from SpA to Illy Caffè San Francisco LLC (“ICSF”) to support the penetration phase of ICSF’s brick and mortar operations. For both transactions, Illy Caffè' proposed using the Comparable Profits Method (“CPM/TNMM”) with Illy Caffè' and ICSF, respectively, as the Tested Party and the operating margin (“OM”) as the profit level indicator (“PLI”).

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### NOTE 7 BILATERAL ADVANCE PRICING AGREEMENT (CONT.)

In accordance with the transfer pricing methodology proposed in the context of the BAPA request filed in 2020, Illy Caffè' and ICSF should normally earn an arm's length operating margin (operating income divided by net sales) between 1.05% and 3.76% and 0.22% and 4.50%, respectively. Results below the range should be adjusted to the lower quartile, results above the range should be adjusted to the upper quartile.

In 2020 and 2021, because of the unique economic conditions posed by COVID-19 and government responses to the pandemic, management decided to apply the methodology proposed in the BAPA request to Illy Caffè's and ICSF's financials as resulting from the official budget approved rather than to the actual numbers. The rationale was that, had COVID-19 not occurred, the Group would have likely met its targets set. Beginning in 2022, as ICNA's and ICSF's operations progressively returned to normality, actual data were used to compute the adjustments.

On July 19, 2023, Illy Caffè' and its wholly owned subsidiary ICSF, a single member disregarded entity for U.S. tax purposes, executed the BAPA, made by and between Illy Caffè' (and ICSF) and the Internal Revenue Service. The BAPA covers, for taxable years ending December 31, 2019, through December 31, 2023, the following transactions:

- Covered Transaction 1: The purchase of finished products (coffee and related products) by ICNA from Illycaffè S.p.A. for resale in the US.
- Covered Transaction 2: The trademark promotion service ICSF renders to Illycaffè S.p.A. for which it receives a marketing contribution.

Specifically:

- For Covered Transaction 1, the Transfer Pricing Method ("TPM") applied is the Transactional Net Margin Method ("TNMM"), Illy Caffè' is the Tested Party, and the Return on sales ("ROS") is the net profit indicator ("NPI"). Illy Caffè' must report a ROS, defined as Illy Caffè's operating income divided by sales revenue: (i) equal to 1.28% for the APA Tax Year 2019; (ii) equal to -1.12% for the APA Tax Year 2020; and (iii) within the Arm's Length Range which is between 1.84% and 2.71%, inclusive, with no associated median, for the APA Tax Years 2021, 2022, and 2023. If Illy Caffè's ROS does not comply with the Specific Point / Arm's Length Range, then an APA Primary Adjustment is required to align with the Specific Point / nearest edge of the Arm's Length Range.
- For Covered Transaction 2, the TPM applied is the TNMM, ICSF is the Tested Party, and the ROS is the NPI. ICSF must report a ROS, defined as ICSF's operating

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**NOTE 7**      **BILATERAL ADVANCE PRICING AGREEMENT (CONT.)**

income divided by sales revenue: (i) within Range which is between 0.08% and 5.77%, inclusive, with no associated median, for the APA Tax Year 2019; and (ii) equal to 0.0% for the APA Tax Years 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. If ICSF's ROS does not comply with the Specific Point / Arm's Length Range, then an APA Primary Adjustment is required to align with the Specific Point / nearest edge of the Arm's Length Range.

To comply with the terms of the BAPA, for the year ended December 31, 2023 the Company recorded \$9,950,838 in cost of goods sold and \$3,358,279 in other operating income. To comply with the terms of the BAPA, for the year ended December 31, 2022 the Company recorded \$4,864,881 in costs of goods sold and \$1,510,119 in other operating income.

**NOTE 8**      **OPERATING LEASES**

The company leases its two offices, one in New York City and the other in Rye Brook, both located in the state of New York, under operating lease agreements. The New York City lease expires in September 2026, while the Rye Brook lease expires in February 2026. The lease agreements provide for the payment of base rents plus real estate taxes, insurance, and other incidental expenses.

The future minimum payments under the leases as of December 31, 2023, are as follows:

2024	\$	932,508
2025		932,508
2026		<u>338,350</u>
Total undiscounted lease obligation	\$	2,203,366
Less: present value discount		<u>(66,342)</u>
Net lease obligation	\$	<u><u>2,137,024</u></u>

At December 31, 2023, the weighted average remaining term of the leases was approximately 3 years and the discount rate was 2.70%.

**NOTE 9**      **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 15, 2024 the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued and the Company did not incur any significant events that would affect the report as issued.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**ASSETS**

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' North America, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Espresso Canada, Inc.</u>
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,110,240	\$ (318,898)	\$ 2,268,402	\$ 160,736
Accounts receivable, net - third parties	22,709,262	(5,521)	21,436,801	1,277,982
Accounts receivable, net - related parties		(2,011,703)	2,010,692	1,011
Accounts receivable, net - parent	6,477,266	(962,658)	6,477,266	962,658
Inventory, net	19,984,319	(24,383)	18,877,451	1,131,251
Prepaid expenses and other receivable	273,625		260,441	13,184
Other assets - current	<u>1,279,399</u>		<u>1,205,218</u>	<u>74,181</u>
 Total current assets	 <u>52,834,112</u>	 <u>(3,323,163)</u>	 <u>52,536,271</u>	 <u>3,621,003</u>
<b>Property and equipment</b>				
Leasehold improvements	978,088		978,088	
Machinery and equipment	28,387,337		26,020,250	2,367,087
Other assets	<u>233,274</u>		<u>233,274</u>	
Property and equipment, at cost	29,598,699		27,231,612	2,367,087
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(20,818,729)</u>		<u>(19,190,282)</u>	<u>(1,628,447)</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>8,779,970</u>		<u>8,041,330</u>	<u>738,640</u>
<b>Other non-current assets</b>				
Investments		(758,215)	758,215	
Deferred tax assets	1,874,416	7,022	1,867,394	
Intangible assets, net	428,408		417,008	11,400
Operating lease right-of-use-assets	2,015,672		2,015,672	
Other assets - non current	<u>189,442</u>		<u>189,442</u>	
 Total other non-current assets	 <u>4,507,938</u>	 <u>(751,193)</u>	 <u>5,247,731</u>	 <u>11,400</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 66,122,019</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (4,074,356)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 65,825,332</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,371,043</u></b>

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**CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS**

**ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY**

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Illy Caffe' North America, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Espresso Canada, Inc.</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Account payable - third parties	\$ 4,202,779	\$ (318,898)	\$ 4,318,956	\$ 202,721
Account payable - related parties	258,679	(2,801,023)	258,594	2,801,109
Account payable - parent	17,052,195		17,052,195	
Accrued expenses - third parties	3,321,055	(97)	3,009,533	311,618
Accrued expenses - related parties		(191,713)		191,713
Accrued expenses - parent	60,775	19,034		41,741
Deferred revenues	40,000		40,000	
Other current liabilities	4,926,443		4,877,512	48,931
Operating lease obligations	<u>911,725</u>		<u>911,725</u>	
 Total current liabilities	 <u>30,773,651</u>	 <u>(3,292,697)</u>	 <u>30,468,515</u>	 <u>3,597,833</u>
 Non-current liabilities				
Non-current operating lease obligations	<u>1,225,299</u>		<u>1,225,299</u>	
 Total non-current liabilities	 <u>1,225,299</u>		 <u>1,225,299</u>	
 Total liabilities	 <u>29,548,352</u>	 <u>(3,292,697)</u>	 <u>31,693,814</u>	 <u>3,597,833</u>
 Commitment and contingencies				
 Stockholder's equity				
Par value \$1	4,970	(1,509,432)	4,970	1,509,432
Additional paid-in capital	37,895,030		37,895,030	
Accumulated deficit	(3,849,216)	658,212	(3,768,482)	(738,946)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	<u>72,284</u>	<u>69,561</u>		<u>2,724</u>
 Total stockholder's equity	 <u>34,123,068</u>	 <u>(781,659)</u>	 <u>34,131,518</u>	 <u>773,210</u>
 Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	 <u>\$ 66,122,019</u>	 <u>\$ (4,074,356)</u>	 <u>\$ 65,825,332</u>	 <u>\$ 4,371,043</u>

**ILLY CAFFÈ' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**ASSETS**

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' North America, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Espresso Canada, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' San Francisco, LLC</u>
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,289,181		\$ 2,766,804	\$ 367,887	\$ 154,490
Accounts receivable, net - third parties	16,860,844		15,597,969	1,257,933	4,942
Accounts receivable, net - related parties		\$ (7,875,897)	4,018,410	3,173	3,854,314
Accounts receivable, net - parent	6,415,847		4,904,873		1,510,974
Inventory, net	21,888,326	(152,129)	19,966,652	2,048,556	25,247
Prepaid expenses and other receivable	330,826		302,539	18,165	10,122
Other assets - current	<u>740,082</u>		<u>696,584</u>	<u>45,910</u>	<u>(2,412)</u>
Total current assets	<u>49,525,106</u>	<u>(8,028,026)</u>	<u>48,253,831</u>	<u>3,741,624</u>	<u>5,557,677</u>
Property and equipment					
Leasehold improvements	2,596,626		978,088		1,618,538
Machinery and equipment	25,886,083		23,148,510	2,103,323	634,250
Other assets	<u>209,447</u>		<u>209,447</u>		
Property and equipment, at cost	28,692,156		24,336,045	2,103,323	2,252,788
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(19,308,798)</u>		<u>(15,964,692)</u>	<u>(1,421,254)</u>	<u>(1,922,852)</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>9,383,358</u>		<u>8,371,353</u>	<u>682,069</u>	<u>329,936</u>
Other non-current assets					
Investments		(6,025,761)	6,025,761		
Deferred tax assets	2,703,821	43,813	2,258,524		401,484
Intangible assets, net	777,187		738,504	30,383	8,300
Operating lease right-of-use-assets	2,832,713		2,832,713		
Other assets - non current	<u>220,046</u>		<u>189,442</u>		<u>30,604</u>
Total other non-current assets	<u>6,533,767</u>	<u>(5,981,948)</u>	<u>12,044,944</u>	<u>30,383</u>	<u>440,388</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 65,442,231</u>	<u>\$(14,009,974)</u>	<u>\$ 68,670,128</u>	<u>\$ 4,454,076</u>	<u>\$ 6,328,001</u>

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**CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY**

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' North America, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Espresso Canada, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' San Francisco, LLC</u>
Current liabilities					
Account payable - third parties	\$ 5,180,318		\$ 5,037,746	\$ 84,926	\$ 57,646
Account payable - related parties		\$ (7,692,993)	4,204,740	3,468,365	19,888
Account payable - parent	21,666,421		21,666,421		
Accrued expenses - third parties	2,714,226		1,779,500	264,620	670,106
Accrued expenses - related parties	714	62,708	714	(24,959)	(37,749)
Accrued expenses - parent	550,903	11,415	535,004	4,484	
Other current liabilities	3,203,312		3,036,963	44,809	121,540
Operating lease obligations	<u>865,018</u>		<u>865,018</u>		
Total current liabilities	<u>34,180,912</u>	<u>(7,618,870)</u>	<u>37,126,106</u>	<u>3,842,245</u>	<u>831,431</u>
Non-current liabilities					
Non-current operating lease obligations	<u>2,136,865</u>		<u>2,136,865</u>		
Total non-current liabilities	<u>2,136,865</u>		<u>2,136,865</u>		
Total liabilities	32,044,047	(7,618,870)	34,989,241	3,842,245	831,431
Commitment and contingencies					
Stockholder's equity					
Par value \$1	4,970	(1,479,359)	4,970	1,477,359	2,000
Additional paid-in capital	37,895,030	(12,698,000)	37,895,030		12,698,000
Accumulated deficit	(8,831,823)	7,729,978	(8,492,843)	(865,528)	(7,203,430)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	<u>56,277</u>	<u>56,277</u>			
Total stockholder's equity	<u>29,124,454</u>	<u>(6,391,104)</u>	<u>29,407,157</u>	<u>611,831</u>	<u>5,496,570</u>
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	<u>\$ 65,442,231</u>	<u>\$(14,009,974)</u>	<u>\$ 68,670,128</u>	<u>\$ 4,454,076</u>	<u>\$ 6,328,001</u>

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Illy Caffe' North America, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Espresso Canada, Inc.</u>
Sales, net	\$120,837,539	\$ (3,732,159)	\$117,104,134	\$ 7,465,564
Cost of goods sold	<u>74,503,244</u>	<u>(4,580,527)</u>	<u>73,364,541</u>	<u>5,719,230</u>
Gross profit	<u>46,334,295</u>	<u>848,368</u>	<u>43,739,593</u>	<u>1,746,334</u>
Other operating income	2,951,418	(106,486)	3,205,828	(147,924)
Operating expenses				
Selling, general and administrative expenses	1,799,075	(486,174)		1,312,902
Restructuring costs, net	<u>722,908</u>	<u>10,344</u>	<u>712,565</u>	<u>                    </u>
Income from operations	<u>46,763,730</u>	<u>245,364</u>	<u>46,232,856</u>	<u>285,508</u>
Other income (expense)				
Interest expense, net	(485,656)	(432)	(359,145)	(126,943)
Realized exchange (loss)	(289,608)	(5)	(276,419)	(13,194)
Unrealized exchange income	<u>172,488</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>172,488</u>	<u>                    </u>
Total other expense, net	<u>(602,776)</u>	<u>(437)</u>	<u>(463,076)</u>	<u>(140,137)</u>
Income before income tax expense	46,160,954	245,801	45,769,780	145,372
Income tax expense	<u>(1,937,265)</u>	<u>(132,929)</u>	<u>(1,804,336)</u>	<u>                    </u>
Net Income	44,223,689	112,872	43,965,445	145,372
Foreign currency translation adjustment	<u>16,007</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>16,007</u>
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 44,239,696</u>	<u>\$ 112,872</u>	<u>\$ 43,965,445</u>	<u>\$ 161,379</u>

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Illy Caffe' North America, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Espresso Canada, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Caffe' San Francisco, LLC</u>
Sales, net	\$104,177,501	\$ (6,910,264)	\$102,140,615	\$ 8,335,060	\$ 612,090
Cost of goods sold	<u>69,068,195</u>	<u>(6,993,487)</u>	<u>69,096,085</u>	<u>6,736,201</u>	<u>229,396</u>
Gross profit	<u>35,109,306</u>	<u>83,223</u>	<u>33,044,530</u>	<u>1,598,859</u>	<u>382,694</u>
Other operating income	1,843,552	(987,140)	1,467,635	(147,062)	1,510,119
Operating expenses					
Selling, general and administrative expenses					
Restructuring costs, net	<u>275,418</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>356,341</u>	<u>107,971</u>	<u>(188,894)</u>
Income from operations	<u>36,677,440</u>	<u>(903,917)</u>	<u>34,155,824</u>	<u>1,343,826</u>	<u>2,081,707</u>
Other income (expense)					
Interest expense, net	(283,966)		(201,197)	(82,769)	
Realized exchange (loss)	(303,228)		(298,886)	(4,342)	
Unrealized exchange (loss), net	<u>(73,210)</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>(73,210)</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Total other expense, net	<u>(660,404)</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>(573,293)</u>	<u>(87,111)</u>	<u>                    </u>
Income before income tax benefit	36,017,036	(903,917)	33,582,531	1,256,715	2,081,707
Income tax benefit	<u>936,622</u>	<u>(43,813)</u>	<u>359,749</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>533,060</u>
Net Income	36,953,658	(860,104)	33,942,280	1,256,715	2,614,767
Foreign currency translation adjustment	<u>(25,535)</u>	<u>(25,535)</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 36,928,123</u>	<u>\$ (885,639)</u>	<u>\$ 33,942,280</u>	<u>\$ 1,256,715</u>	<u>\$ 2,614,767</u>

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders  
Illy Caffè' North America, Inc. and Subsidiaries

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Illy Caffè' North America, Inc. (a Delaware corporation) and Subsidiaries (the Company), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respect, the financial position of Illy Caffè' North America, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the consolidated financial statements are available to be issued.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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, including omissions, 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 the Company's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed. **(Cont.)**



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- 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 consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company'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.

**Disclaimer of Opinion on Supplementary Information**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedules of consolidating balance sheets, consolidating statements of operations and comprehensive loss and consolidating statements of selling, general and administrative expenses, which are the responsibilities of management, are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements, and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

*Funaro & Co., P.C.*

New York, N.Y.

March 28, 2023

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**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>ASSETS</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,289,181	\$ 4,809,099
Accounts receivable, net - third parties	16,860,844	14,173,137
Accounts receivable, net - related parties		514,867
Accounts receivable, net - parent	6,415,847	5,724,182
Inventory, net	21,888,326	17,490,704
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	330,826	473,208
Other assets - current	<u>740,082</u>	<u>283,672</u>
 Total current assets	 <u>49,525,106</u>	 <u>43,468,869</u>
 Property and equipment		
Leasehold improvements	2,596,626	2,701,516
Machinery and equipment	25,886,083	23,387,188
Other	<u>209,447</u>	<u>319,916</u>
 Property and equipment, at cost	 28,692,156	 26,368,619
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(19,308,798)</u>	<u>(16,146,008)</u>
 Property and equipment, net	 <u>9,383,358</u>	 <u>10,222,611</u>
 Other assets		
Deferred tax assets	2,703,821	1,762,362
Other intangible assets, net	777,187	788,769
Operating lease right-of-use-assets	2,832,713	
Other assets - non current	<u>220,046</u>	<u>244,148</u>
 Total other assets	 <u>6,533,767</u>	 <u>2,795,279</u>
 Total assets	 <u>\$ 65,442,231</u>	 <u>\$ 56,486,759</u>

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**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DECEMBER 31, 2021**

**LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Current liabilities		
Account payable - third parties	\$ 5,180,318	\$ 4,002,934
Account payable - related parties		105,929
Account payable - parent	21,666,421	17,940,980
Accrued expenses - third parties	2,714,226	1,979,471
Accrued expenses - related parties	714	41,711
Accrued expenses - parent	550,903	164,966
Deferred revenues		151,183
Other current liabilities	3,203,312	5,426,208
Operating lease obligations	<u>865,018</u>	
Total current liabilities	<u>34,180,912</u>	<u>29,813,382</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Non-current operating lease obligations	<u>2,136,865</u>	
Total non-current liabilities	<u>2,136,865</u>	
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholder's equity		
Common stock: Authorized 10,000 shares		
Issued and outstanding 4,970 shares		
Par value \$1	4,970	4,970
Additional paid-in capital	37,895,030	32,495,030
Accumulated deficit	(8,831,823)	(5,908,435)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	<u>56,277</u>	<u>81,812</u>
Total stockholder's equity	<u>29,124,454</u>	<u>26,673,377</u>
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	<u>\$ 65,442,231</u>	<u>\$ 56,486,759</u>

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**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
(LOSS)**

**DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Sales, net	\$ 104,177,501	\$ 93,039,367
Cost of goods sold	<u>69,068,195</u>	<u>61,814,326</u>
Gross profit	<u>35,109,306</u>	<u>31,225,041</u>
Other operating income	1,843,552	1,967,439
Operating expenses		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(34,602,010)	(31,275,133)
Restructuring costs, net	<u>(275,418)</u>	<u>(3,428,742)</u>
Income (loss) from operations	<u>2,075,430</u>	<u>(1,511,395)</u>
Other income (expense)		
Interest expense, net	(283,966)	(44,683)
Realized exchange (loss) gain, net	(303,228)	106,372
Unrealized exchange loss net	<u>(73,210)</u>	<u>(156,249)</u>
Total other expense, net	<u>(660,404)</u>	<u>(94,560)</u>
Income (loss) before taxes	1,415,026	(1,605,955)
Income tax benefit	<u>936,622</u>	<u>878,747</u>
Net Income (loss)	2,351,648	(727,208)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	<u>(25,535)</u>	<u>(2,037)</u>
Comprehensive Income (loss)	\$ <u>2,326,113</u>	\$ <u>(729,245)</u>

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**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY**

**DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Additional paid-in capital</u>	<u>Accumulated deficit</u>	<u>Accumulated other comprehensive income</u>	<u>Total stockholder's equity</u>
Balance at January 1, 2021	\$ 4,970	\$ 32,495,030	\$ (5,181,227)	\$ 83,849	\$ 27,402,622
Translation reserve				(2,037)	(2,037)
Net loss			(727,208)		(727,208)
Balance at December 31, 2021	4,970	32,495,030	(5,908,435)	81,812	26,673,377
Merger		5,400,000	(5,275,036)		124,964
Translation reserve				(25,535)	(25,535)
Net income			2,351,648		2,351,648
Balance at December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 4,970</u>	<u>\$ 37,895,030</u>	<u>\$ (8,831,823)</u>	<u>\$ 56,277</u>	<u>\$ 29,124,454</u>

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**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ <u>2,351,648</u>	\$ <u>(727,208)</u>
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Deferred taxes	(1,092,642)	(1,063,310)
Translation reserve	(25,535)	
Depreciation, amortization and impairment losses	4,777,552	3,041,146
Amortization of right-of-use assets	880,393	
Disposal of fixed assets		(179,500)
Changes in certain assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivables, net - third parties	(2,589,969)	(3,726,519)
Accounts receivable - related parties	576,079	(115,203)
Accounts receivable - parent	(686,612)	(1,771,572)
Inventory	(4,397,624)	(3,753,845)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(302,753)	167,830
Accounts payable, net - third parties	1,174,135	1,262,324
Accounts payable, net - related parties	(793,472)	(287,253)
Accounts payable, net - parent	3,725,441	3,756,334
Accrued liabilities and other liabilities	(1,792,874)	5,155,883
Operating lease liabilities	<u>(832,456)</u>	
Total adjustments	<u>(1,380,337)</u>	<u>2,486,315</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>971,311</u>	<u>1,759,107</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net capital expenditures	(3,933,290)	(2,685,804)
Other net investing activities	<u>24,104</u>	<u>27,305</u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(3,909,186)</u>	<u>(2,658,499)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(2,937,875)	(899,392)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of the year	4,809,099	5,708,491
Net cash received from merger	<u>1,417,957</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents - end of the year	\$ <u><u>3,289,181</u></u>	\$ <u><u>4,809,099</u></u>
<u>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information</u>		
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ 502,869	\$ 61,662
Cash paid for interest	\$ 282,660	\$ 44,861

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **NOTE 1**      **BACKGROUND AND NATURE OF BUSINESS**

Illy Caffè' North America, Inc. ("Illy Caffè'") is a wholly owned subsidiary of Illycaffè S.p.A. (the Parent), a corporation organized and operated in Italy. Illy Caffè' is primarily a wholesale distributor of premium coffees and coffee machines, selling to brokers, restaurants and supermarkets across the USA and Canada. Substantially all of Illy Caffè's purchases are made from the Parent. Effective September 30, 2022, Espressamente Illy Americas, Inc. was merged with and into Illy Caffè' North America, Inc. The merger was intended to constitute a reorganization under Section 368 (a) (1) of the code.

### **NOTE 2**      **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES**

#### Principles of consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Illy Caffè' North America Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Illy Caffè San Francisco LLC and Illy Espresso Canada Inc. (collectively "the Company"). The Company's consolidated financial results are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US GAAP"). Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

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**NOTE 2**      **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONT.)**

Accounts receivable

The Company carries its accounts receivable at invoiced amounts less allowances for doubtful accounts and other deductions. The Company does not accrue interest on its receivables. On a periodic basis, the Company evaluates its accounts receivable and establishes allowances based on historical trends and collections as well as current credit conditions. The Company's policy for writing off receivables as uncollectible varies based on the customer arrangements and an estimate of the customer's ability to pay.

Inventory

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market and is comprised primarily of finished goods. The Company values its inventory using the "first-in, first-out" method. Freight and duty costs are included in cost of goods sold in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. On an on-going basis, inventories are evaluated for obsolescence and slow moving items. If the Company's review indicates a reduction in utility below carrying value, inventories are reduced to a new cost basis.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Intangible assets that are subject to amortization are reviewed for potential impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that carrying amounts may not be recoverable. The estimated useful lives of the intangible assets are as follows:

Customer's lists	15 years
Computer software	5 years

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONT.)

#### Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Leasehold improvements, machinery and equipment, transportation equipment, furniture and fixtures and computer equipment are being depreciated over their estimated useful lives on the straight-line basis. Routine maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. The cost of major additions, replacements and improvements is capitalized. Gains and losses from sales or retirements of property, plant and equipment are included in the results of operations for the period. Construction in progress is neither depreciated nor amortized until placed in service.

The estimated useful lives of property equipment are as follows:

Leasehold improvements	15 or 39 years
Furniture and fixtures	7 years (store furniture) or 5 years (office furniture)
Electronic equipment	5 years
Vehicles	5 years
Loaned equipment	3, 5, 7 or 10 years

#### Long-lived assets

The Company reviews long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If the estimated cash flows from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition are below the asset's carrying value, the asset is deemed to be impaired and is written down to its fair value.

#### Fair Value Measurements

The Company applies the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) ASC Subtopic 820 (ASC 820) for fair value measurements of financial assets and financial liabilities and for fair value measurements of nonfinancial items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. ASC 820 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. ASC 820 also establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. All cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses are short-term in nature, and therefore their carrying amount approximates fair value.

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**NOTE 2**      **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONT.)**

Foreign exchange

The Company's functional currency is the US dollar. All foreign currency transactions are initially measured and recorded in US dollars using the exchange rate on the date of the transaction. Foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities are measured at the end of each reporting period using the exchange rate at that date with resulting gains or losses included in the consolidated statements of operations.

Currency adjustments resulting from translation of the financial statements of foreign operations are reported as a separate component of other comprehensive income.

Income taxes

The Company utilizes the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the carrying amounts and the tax bases of assets and liabilities as well as from net operating loss carryforwards. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in operations in the period that includes the enactment date.

Under this accounting standard for uncertain income tax positions, recognition of a tax benefit occurs when a tax position is estimated by management to be more likely than not to be sustained upon examination, based solely on its technical merits. Derecognition of a previously recognized tax position would occur if it is subsequently determined that the tax position no longer meets the more-likely-than-not threshold of being sustained. Recognized tax positions are measured at the largest amount that management believes has greater than 50% likelihood of being finalized.

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**NOTE 2**      **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONT.)**

Revenue recognition

On January 1, 2019, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers and all the related amendments and applied it to all contracts that were not completed as of January 1, 2019 using the modified retrospective method.

Revenue is primarily generated from the sale of finished products to customers. This is determinable based on observable standalone selling prices. A performance obligation is a promise to transfer a distinct good to a customer and represents the unit of accounting for revenue recognition. The finished products generated by the Company contain a single performance obligation.

Revenue is recognized when it satisfies performance obligations as evidenced when control of the finished product is transferred to the customer at a single point in time, which is generally at the time of shipment. Revenue is recognized in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for the finished product. Discounts are recorded as a reduction of sales in the same period the revenue is recognized.

Leases

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standard Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standard Update (ASU) No. 2016-02, Leases (ASC Topic 842), which requires lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset (ROU) and a lease liability that arise from leases. The Company adopted the new standard on January 1, 2022, by recognizing a ROU asset of \$3,627,863 and a lease liability of \$3,834,339 as opening balances on the balance sheet at the date of initial application. The adoption did not have a material impact on its statements of operations or cash flows.

At contract inception, the Company determines if an arrangement is or contains a lease. A lease conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. If determined to be or contain a lease, the lease is assessed for classification as either an operating or finance lease at the lease commencement date, defined as the date on which the leased asset is made available for use by the Company. Where the Company is the lessee, for each lease with a term greater than twelve months, the Company records a right-of-use asset and lease liability.

A right-of-use asset represents the economic benefit conveyed to the Company by the right to use the underlying asset over the lease term. A lease liability represents the obligation to make lease payments arising from the use of the asset over the lease term.

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**NOTE 2** **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES (CONT.)**

Leases (cont.)

Lease liabilities are measured at lease commencement and calculated as the present value of the future lease payments in the contract using the rate implicit in the contract, when available. If an implicit rate is not readily determinable, the Company uses the risk-free rate.

Right-of-use assets are measured as the amount of the initial lease liability plus initial direct costs and prepaid lease payments, less lease incentives granted by the lessor. The lease term is measured as the noncancelable period in the contract, adjusted for any options to extend or terminate when it is reasonably certain the Company will extend the lease term via such options based on an assessment of economic factors present as of the lease commencement date. The Company elected the practical expedient to not recognize leases with a lease term of twelve months or less. The Company has elected the practical expedient to account for lease and non-lease components together as a single lease component for all underlying assets and allocate all of the contract consideration to the lease component only.

The Company's operating leases are presented in the balance sheet as operating lease right-of-use assets, classified as non-current assets, and operating lease liabilities, classified as current and non-current liabilities. Operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Variable costs associated with a lease, such as maintenance and utilities, are not included in the measurement of the lease liabilities and right-of-use assets but rather are expensed when the events determining the amount of variable consideration to be paid have occurred.

**NOTE 3** **INVENTORIES**

Inventories as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 are summarized as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Coffee and tea	\$ 16,290,400	\$ 11,244,247
Machines	4,284,552	6,667,243
Accessories	1,373,993	1,055,088
Other (including spare parts)	<u>2,131,591</u>	<u>1,044,328</u>
Total inventory FIFO	24,080,536	20,010,906
Reserve for obsolescence	<u>(2,192,210)</u>	<u>(2,520,202)</u>
Net inventory balance	<u>\$ 21,888,326</u>	<u>\$ 17,490,704</u>

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### NOTE 4 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consisted of the following:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Leasehold improvements	\$ 2,596,626	\$ 2,701,516
Machinery and equipment	25,886,083	23,247,188
Vehicles	<u>209,447</u>	<u>319,915</u>
	28,692,156	26,268,619
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(19,308,798)</u>	<u>(16,146,008)</u>
Property and equipment net	<u>\$ 9,383,358</u>	<u>\$ 10,122,611</u>

During 2021, the Company closed one location in San Francisco. Effective December 31, 2021, 90 New Montgomery ceased operation. The location had not been active since August 2020 and did not resume operations during 2021 and 2022. The net book value of the assets at these location, amounting to \$79,583, was impaired.

The company loans different types of machines (coffee, espresso and tea) to customers based on signed pre-determined agreements guaranteeing a certain minimum volume of coffee purchased by each customer per year. In the event the customer does not maintain sales expectations, they will have to terminate the agreement returning the equipment or the customer would have the option to pay the full value of the machine and keep it. Contracts are usually based on a three year time period.

Each machine is identified with a serial number and, once the contract is signed and entered in the system, the company links a unique serial number to the related customer. The company depreciates its American coffee and tea equipment from 5 to 7 years while the espresso machines are depreciated over 10 years. There are specific machines, Illy Blade machines and the Wittenborg machines, that are depreciated over 3 years. Effective January 1, 2022 all loaned equipments were prospectively depreciated over 5 years.

The reserve for loss of loaned equipment as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 amounts to \$1,351,818 and \$500,301 respectively.

On December 30, 2022, the Company exercised its contractual right to terminate its lease for the premises located at 220 Montgomery Street, Suite 148 and Suite 144, San Francisco, California, effective June 5, 2023. In connection with the termination, the Company paid its landlord the amount of \$542,274 for reimbursement of certain renovations at the premises in accordance with the Company's obligations under its lease. The landlord acknowledged receipt of the notice of termination. As a result the Company accelerated the depreciation of its furniture and leasehold improvements recording additional depreciation of \$678,482.

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**NOTE 5**      **INCOME TAXES**

Income tax benefit for the years ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 consists of:

<u>Year ended December 31, 2022</u>	Federal	State and Local	Total
Current taxes	\$ 38,739	\$ 58,142	\$ 96,881
Deferred taxes	<u>(853,503)</u>	<u>(180,000)</u>	<u>(1,033,503)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (814,764)</u>	<u>\$ (121,858)</u>	<u>\$ (936,622)</u>

<u>Year ended December 31, 2021</u>	Federal	State and Local	Total
Current taxes	\$	\$ 184,564	\$ 184,564
Deferred taxes	<u>(668,051)</u>	<u>(395,260)</u>	<u>(1,063,311)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (668,051)</u>	<u>\$ (210,696)</u>	<u>\$ (878,747)</u>

Significant components of the Company's deferred income tax assets and liabilities were as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Deferred tax assets:</u>		
Net operating loss carryovers	\$ 1,610,767	\$ 471,306
Allowance for bad debts	164,895	105,183
Inventory reserve	587,925	692,544
Various accruals and reserves	1,411,769	1,372,992
Other	<u>45,842</u>	<u>222,060</u>
Total deferred tax assets	<u>\$ 3,821,198</u>	<u>\$ 2,864,085</u>

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Deferred tax liabilities:</u>		
Depreciation	<u>\$ 1,117,377</u>	<u>\$ 1,101,723</u>
Total deferred tax liabilities	<u>\$ 1,117,377</u>	<u>\$ 1,101,723</u>
Deferred tax assets, net	<u><u>\$ 2,703,821</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,762,362</u></u>

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**NOTE 6**      **RELATED PARTIES**

The Company is economically dependent on the Parent as the primary supplier of its coffee products. Accounts receivable from Parent amounts to \$6,415,847 and \$5,724,182 at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 respectively. Accounts receivables from related parties amounts to \$0 and \$514,867 as of December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively.

Accounts payable to Parent amounts to \$21,666,421 and \$17,940,980 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The Company's payables to related parties amounts to \$0 and \$105,929 at December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

For the years ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 the Company had the following related parties transactions:

2022

Purchases of merchandise for resale from Parent	\$ 63,387,389
Purchases of merchandise for resale from Related Parties	\$ 7,002,570
Fee Income from Parent	\$ 6,375,000

2021

Purchases of merchandise for resale from Parent	\$ 54,373,967
Purchases of merchandise for resale from Related Parties	\$ 5,033,038
Fee Income from Parent	\$ 1,800,000

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### **NOTE 7** **BILATERAL ADVANCE PRICING AGREEMENT**

On April 10, 2020, Illy Caffè North America, Inc. (“ICNA”) has filed a request for a Bilateral Advance Pricing Agreement (“BAPA”) with the IRS for the years 2019-2023. Please note that on December 30, 2019, illycaffè S.p.A. (“SpA”) filed a BAPA request with the Italian tax authorities. ICNA is proposing that the BAPA covers the following intercompany transactions: (i) the purchase of coffee and related products by ICNA from SpA for resale in the U.S. and (ii) the marketing contribution from SpA to Illy Caffè San Francisco LLC (“ICSF”) to support the penetration phase of ICSF’s brick and mortar operations. For both transactions, ICNA proposes using the Comparable Profits Method (“CPM/TNMM”) with ICNA and ICSF, respectively, as the Tested Party and the operating margin (“OM”) as the profit level indicator (“PLI”).

In accordance with the transfer pricing methodology proposed in the context of the BAPA request filed in 2020, ICNA and ICSF should normally earn an arm’s length operating margin (operating income divided by net sales) between 1.05% and 3.76% and 0.22% and 4.50%, respectively. Results below the range should be adjusted to the lower quartile, results above the range should be adjusted to the upper quartile.

In 2020 and 2021, because of the unique economic conditions posed by COVID-19 and government responses to the pandemic, management decided to apply the methodology proposed in the BAPA request to ICNA’s and ICSF’s financials as resulting from the official budget approved rather than to the actual numbers. The rationale was that, had COVID-19 not occurred, the Group would have likely met its targets set. In 2022, as ICNA’s and ICSF’s operations progressively returned to normality, actual data were used to compute the adjustments.

ICNA’s operating margin for 2022 was -3.55%, which is below the arm’s length range provided in the BAPA request. Thus, an adjustment of approximately \$4.87 million was necessary to bring the results to the lower quartile. The operating margin after the adjustment was 1.05%.

On the other hand, ICSF’s budgeted operating margin for 2021 was -246.47%, which is below the arm’s length range. Thus, an adjustment of approximately \$1.5 million was necessary to bring the results to the lower quartile. The operating margin after the adjustment was 0.22%.

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**NOTE 8**      **OPERATING LEASES**

Lease commitments

In December 2021, the Company, decided not to move forward with its plans of opening a new retail location in Westfield mall, San Francisco. As of December 2021, Management started negotiating with the landlord the terms for ceasing the leasing agreement in place. The Company recorded an accrual of \$1,750,000 as of December 31, 2021 to record all past and future rent commitment and legal expenses. The settlement agreement and the mutual general release was signed on August 31, 2022. The termination fee paid by the Company amounted to \$1,100,000.

At December 31, 2021 the Company recorded \$800,000 in connection with a lease buy-out for 90 New Montgomery location closed as of December 31, 2021. The settlement agreement and the mutual general release was signed on June 20, 2022.

Effective June 19, 2022, the Company ceased operations and closed its Pier 39 location. The termination fee paid by the Company amounted to \$46,475.

The company leases its two offices, one in NYC and the other in Rye Brook, both located in the state of New York, under operating lease agreements. The NYC lease expires in September 2026, while the Ray lease expires in February 2026. The total rent expense for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$315,963. The lease agreements provide for the payment of base rents plus real estate taxes, insurance, and other incidental expenses. The future minimum payments under the leases as of December 31, 2022, are as follows:

2023	\$	932,508
2024		932,508
2025		932,508
2026		<u>338,350</u>
Total undiscounted lease obligation	\$	3,135,874
Less: present value discount		<u>(133,991)</u>
Net lease obligation	\$	<u>3,001,883</u>

At December 31, 2022 the remaining term of the leases was 4 years and the discount rate was 2.70%.

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**NOTE 9**      **SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 28, 2023 the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued and the Company did not incur any significant events that would affect the report as issued.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' North America, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Espresso Canada, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' San Francisco, LLC</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,289,181	\$	\$ 2,766,804	\$ 367,887	\$ 154,490
Accounts receivable, net - third parties	16,860,844		15,597,969	1,257,933	4,942
Accounts receivable, net - related parties		(7,875,897)	4,018,410	3,173	3,854,314
Accounts receivable, net - parent	6,415,847		4,904,873		1,510,974
Inventory, net	21,888,326	(152,129)	19,966,652	2,048,556	25,247
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	330,826		302,539	18,165	10,122
Other assets - current	<u>740,082</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>696,584</u>	<u>45,910</u>	<u>(2,412)</u>
 Total current assets	 <u>49,525,106</u>	 <u>(8,028,026)</u>	 <u>48,253,831</u>	 <u>3,741,624</u>	 <u>5,557,677</u>
<b>Property and equipment</b>					
Leasehold improvements	2,596,626		978,088		1,618,538
Machinery and equipment	25,886,083		23,148,510	2,103,323	634,250
Other	<u>209,447</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>209,447</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Property and equipment, at cost	28,692,156		24,336,045	2,103,323	2,252,788
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(19,308,798)</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>(15,964,692)</u>	<u>(1,421,254)</u>	<u>(1,922,852)</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>9,383,358</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>8,371,353</u>	<u>682,069</u>	<u>329,936</u>
<b>Other assets</b>					
Investments		(6,025,761)	6,025,761		
Deferred tax assets	2,703,821	43,813	2,258,524		401,484
Other intangible assets, net	777,187		738,504	30,383	8,300
Operating lease right-of-use-assets	2,832,713		2,832,713		
Other assets - non current	<u>220,046</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>189,442</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>30,604</u>
 Total other assets	 <u>6,533,767</u>	 <u>(5,981,948)</u>	 <u>12,044,944</u>	 <u>30,383</u>	 <u>440,388</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 65,442,231</u></b>	<b><u>\$(14,009,974)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 68,670,128</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,454,076</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,328,001</u></b>

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Illy Caffe' North America, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Espresso Canada, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Caffe' San Francisco, LLC</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
Account payable - third parties	\$ 5,180,318	\$	\$ 5,037,746	\$ 84,926	\$ 57,646
Account payable - related parties		(7,692,993)	4,204,740	3,468,365	19,888
Account payable - parent	21,666,421		21,666,421		
Accrued expenses - third parties	2,714,226		1,779,500	264,620	670,106
Accrued expenses - related parties	714	62,708	714	(24,959)	(37,749)
Accrued expenses - parent	550,903	11,415	535,004	4,484	
Deferred taxes					
Other current liabilities	3,203,312		3,036,963	44,809	121,540
Operating lease obligations	<u>865,018</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>865,018</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<u>34,180,912</u>	<u>(7,618,870)</u>	<u>37,126,106</u>	<u>3,842,245</u>	<u>831,431</u>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>					
Non-current operating lease obligations	<u>2,136,865</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>2,136,865</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<u>2,136,865</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>2,136,865</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Stockholder's equity					
Par value \$1	4,970	(1,479,359)	4,970	1,477,359	2,000
Additional paid-in capital	37,895,030	(12,698,000)	37,895,030		12,698,000
Accumulated deficit	(8,831,823)	7,729,978	(8,492,843)	(865,528)	(7,203,430)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	<u>56,277</u>	<u>56,277</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Total stockholder's equity	<u>29,124,454</u>	<u>(6,391,104)</u>	<u>29,407,157</u>	<u>611,831</u>	<u>5,496,570</u>
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	<u>\$ 65,442,231</u>	<u>\$(14,009,974)</u>	<u>\$ 68,670,128</u>	<u>\$ 4,454,076</u>	<u>\$ 6,328,001</u>

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' North America, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Espresso Canada, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' San Francisco, LLC</u>
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,809,099	\$	\$ 2,354,273	\$ 151,274	\$ 2,303,552
Accounts receivable, net - third parties	14,173,137	3,457,344	10,085,445	1,532,521	(902,173)
Accounts receivable, net - related parties	514,867	(11,702,344)	12,252,169	(32,499)	(2,459)
Accounts receivable, net - parent	5,724,182	2,267	(3,122)		5,725,037
Inventory, net	17,490,704	(339,878)	16,118,832	1,669,949	41,801
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	473,208		368,996		104,211
Other assets - current	<u>283,672</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>269,475</u>	<u>23,773</u>	<u>(9,576)</u>
Total current assets	<u>43,468,869</u>	<u>(8,582,611)</u>	<u>41,446,068</u>	<u>3,345,018</u>	<u>7,260,393</u>
Property and equipment					
Leasehold improvements	2,701,516		980,814		1,720,702
Machinery and equipment	23,387,188		20,551,376	2,107,378	728,434
Other	<u>319,916</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>319,916</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Property and equipment, at cost	26,368,619		21,812,105	2,107,378	2,449,136
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(16,146,008)</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>(13,743,450)</u>	<u>(1,287,884)</u>	<u>(1,114,674)</u>
Property and equipment, net	10,222,611		8,068,655	819,494	1,334,462
Other assets					
Investments		(14,065,328)	14,065,328		
Deferred tax assets	1,762,362		963,562		798,800
Other intangible assets, net	788,769		675,920	52,849	60,000
Other assets - non current	<u>244,148</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>193,929</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>50,219</u>
Total other assets	<u>2,795,279</u>	<u>(14,065,328)</u>	<u>15,898,739</u>	<u>52,849</u>	<u>909,019</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 56,486,759</u>	<u>\$(22,647,939)</u>	<u>\$ 65,413,462</u>	<u>\$ 4,217,361</u>	<u>\$ 9,503,874</u>

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS**

**DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Illy Caffe' North America, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Espresso Canada, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Caffe' San Francisco, LLC</u>
Current liabilities					
Account payable - third parties	\$ 4,002,934	\$ (2,141,415)	\$ 5,609,020	\$ 127,410	\$ 407,919
Account payable - related parties	105,929	(4,643,205)	1,245,804	3,490,383	12,947
Account payable - parent	17,940,980	2,267	17,938,713		
Accrued expenses - third parties	1,979,471	(1,347,278)	1,875,133	116,070	1,335,546
Accrued expenses - related parties	41,711	19,552	714	(19,552)	40,997
Accrued expenses - parent	164,966	19,847	116,631	28,488	
Deferred revenue	151,183		60,000		91,183
Other current liabilities	<u>5,426,208</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>2,714,862</u>	<u>58,227</u>	<u>2,653,119</u>
 Total current liabilities	 <u>29,813,382</u>	 <u>\$ (8,090,232)</u>	 <u>29,560,877</u>	 <u>3,801,026</u>	 <u>4,541,711</u>
Stockholder's equity					
Common stock	4,970	(1,575,890)	4,970	1,573,890	2,000
Additional paid-in capital	32,495,030	(12,698,000)	32,495,030		12,698,000
Accumulated deficit	(5,908,435)	(368,229)	3,352,585	(1,154,955)	(7,737,837)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	<u>81,812</u>	<u>84,412</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>(2,600)</u>	<u>                    </u>
 Total stockholder's equity	 <u>26,673,377</u>	 <u>(14,557,707)</u>	 <u>35,852,585</u>	 <u>416,335</u>	 <u>4,962,163</u>
 Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	 <u>\$ 56,486,759</u>	 <u>\$ (22,647,939)</u>	 <u>\$ 65,413,462</u>	 <u>\$ 4,217,361</u>	 <u>\$ 9,503,874</u>

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS)  
INCOME**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' North America, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Espresso Canada, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' San Francisco, LLC</u>
Sales, net	\$104,177,501	\$ (6,910,264)	\$102,140,615	\$ 8,335,060	\$ 612,090
Cost of goods sold	<u>69,068,195</u>	<u>(6,993,487)</u>	<u>69,096,085</u>	<u>6,736,201</u>	<u>229,396</u>
Gross profit	<u>35,109,306</u>	<u>83,223</u>	<u>33,044,530</u>	<u>1,598,859</u>	<u>382,694</u>
Other operating income	1,843,552	(987,140)	1,467,635	(147,062)	1,510,119
Operating expenses					
Selling, general and administrative expenses	34,602,010		31,485,964	1,035,685	2,080,361
Restructuring costs, net	<u>275,418</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>356,341</u>	<u>107,971</u>	<u>(188,894)</u>
Income (loss) from operations	<u>2,075,430</u>	<u>(903,917)</u>	<u>2,669,860</u>	<u>308,141</u>	<u>1,346</u>
Other income (expense)					
Interest expense, net	(283,966)		(201,197)	(82,769)	
Realized exchange (loss) gain, net	(303,228)		(298,886)	(4,342)	
Unrealized exchange loss net	<u>(73,210)</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>(73,210)</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Total other expense, net	<u>(660,404)</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>(573,293)</u>	<u>(87,111)</u>	<u>                    </u>
Income (loss) before income tax benefit	1,415,026	(903,917)	2,096,567	221,030	1,346
Income tax benefit	<u>936,622</u>	<u>(43,813)</u>	<u>359,749</u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>533,060</u>
Net Income (loss)	<u>\$ 2,351,648</u>	<u>\$ (860,104)</u>	<u>\$ 2,456,316</u>	<u>\$ 221,030</u>	<u>\$ 534,406</u>
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(25,535)	(25,535)			
Comprehensive income (loss)	<u>\$ 2,326,113</u>	<u>\$ (885,639)</u>	<u>\$ 2,456,316</u>	<u>\$ 221,030</u>	<u>\$ 534,406</u>

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Illy Caffe' North America, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Espresso Canada, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Caffe' San Francisco, LLC</u>
Sales, net	\$ 93,039,367	\$ (5,950,853)	\$ 91,233,268	\$ 7,403,677	\$ 353,275
Cost of goods sold	<u>61,814,326</u>	<u>(6,974,791)</u>	<u>62,655,280</u>	<u>5,971,636</u>	<u>162,201</u>
Gross profit	<u>31,225,041</u>	<u>1,023,938</u>	<u>28,577,988</u>	<u>1,432,041</u>	<u>191,074</u>
Other operating income	1,967,439		281,763	(158,398)	1,844,074
Operating expenses					
Selling, general and administrative expenses	31,275,133		28,576,974	1,062,469	1,635,690
Restructuring costs, net	<u>3,428,742</u>		<u>810,607</u>	<u>(45,435)</u>	<u>2,663,570</u>
Loss from operations	<u>(1,511,395)</u>	<u>1,023,938</u>	<u>(527,830)</u>	<u>256,609</u>	<u>(2,264,112)</u>
Other income (expense)					
Interest expense, net	(44,683)		(5,443)	(39,240)	
Realized exchange loss	106,372		130,464	(24,159)	67
Unrealized exchange gain	<u>(156,249)</u>		<u>(156,249)</u>		
Total other income (expenses), net	<u>(94,560)</u>		<u>(31,228)</u>	<u>(63,399)</u>	<u>(67)</u>
Loss before income tax benefit	(1,605,955)	1,023,938	(559,058)	193,210	(2,264,045)
Income tax benefit	<u>878,747</u>		<u>(168,000)</u>		<u>1,046,747</u>
Net loss	<u>(727,208)</u>	<u>1,023,938</u>	<u>(727,058)</u>	<u>193,210</u>	<u>(1,217,298)</u>
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(2,037)	(2,037)			
Comprehensive loss	<u>\$ (729,245)</u>	<u>\$ 1,021,901</u>	<u>\$ (727,058)</u>	<u>\$ 193,210</u>	<u>\$ (1,217,298)</u>

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
EXPENSES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' North America, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Espresso Canada, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' San Francisco, LLC</u>
Selling, general and administrative expenses:					
Salaries and wages	\$ 13,306,085	\$	\$ 12,722,986	\$ 307,793	\$ 275,306
Marketing	6,058,408		5,923,810	133,479	1,119
D&A and imparment losses	4,777,552		3,419,310	238,923	1,119,319
Employee benefits	1,662,871		1,560,912	26,461	75,498
Rent & leasing expense	1,560,696		1,225,992	3,687	331,017
IT & Data Communications	1,410,581		1,378,881	8,442	23,258
Repairs and maintenance	1,163,837		1,060,339	74,861	28,637
Payroll Taxes	817,683		777,995	10,521	29,167
Professional fees	711,245		566,423	108,374	36,448
Bank fees	675,489		586,057	49,153	40,279
Bad debt expense	340,033		317,604	22,429	
Temporary workers	286,960		286,960		
T&E	275,881		258,457	17,082	342
Insurance	250,696		219,248	12,454	18,994
Recycling expenses	172,032		166,138	5,894	
Penalties	157,620		152,309	5,311	
Recruiting	128,890		128,890		
Other taxes	128,739		123,190		5,549
Warranty expense	124,157		124,157		
Sponsorship	118,934		118,934		
Training	102,826		102,826		
Meals & entertainment	91,133		86,462	4,546	125
Supplies	69,284		56,357	1,065	11,862
Royalty expense	57,632		26,691		30,941
Utilities	53,139		1,654		51,485
Postage, courier	40,598		38,882	701	1,015
Conferences	30,296		30,296		
Membership fees	28,713		24,204	4,509	
	<u>34,602,010</u>		<u>31,485,964</u>	<u>1,035,685</u>	<u>2,080,361</u>
Total selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ <u>34,602,010</u>	\$ <u>                    </u>	\$ <u>31,485,964</u>	\$ <u>1,035,685</u>	\$ <u>2,080,361</u>

**ILLY CAFFE' NORTH AMERICA, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021**

	<u>Consolidated</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' North America, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Espresso Canada, Inc.</u>	<u>Illy Caffè' San Francisco, LLC</u>
Selling, general and administrative expenses:					
Salaries and wages	\$ 12,629,188	\$	12,027,854	\$ 345,288	\$ 256,046
Marketing	5,203,522		5,097,313	106,209	
D&A	3,041,146		2,202,503	257,970	580,673
IT & Data Communications	1,947,172		1,871,960	32,838	42,374
Employee benefits	1,558,496		1,517,937	22,264	18,295
Rent & leasing expense	1,552,372		1,164,098	3,829	384,445
Repairs and maintenance	813,884		699,997	59,786	54,101
Professional fees	767,508		546,772	122,548	98,188
Payroll Taxes	760,491		719,967	10,557	29,967
Bank fees	633,069		554,914	51,612	26,543
Sponsorship	284,683		284,683		
Warranty expense	258,813		258,458	355	
Bad debt expense	251,614		254,008	(2,394)	
Recruiting	222,775		222,775		
Recycling expenses	206,525		198,652	7,873	
T&E	194,271		180,037	13,243	991
Insurance	190,156		155,426	12,643	22,087
Penalties	186,942		186,774	168	
Other taxes	159,920		123,816	2,649	33,455
Supplies	90,552		67,102	2,183	21,267
Training	80,809		80,474		335
Meals & entertainment	67,700		64,144	3,133	423
Utilities	46,081		1,204		44,877
Postage, courier	30,569		29,324	553	692
Conferences	25,474		25,474		-
Temporary workers	24,250		24,250		
Royalty expense	20,931				20,931
Membership fees	17,426		17,058	368	
Donations	8,794			8,794	
	<u>8,794</u>		<u>17,058</u>	<u>368</u>	
Total selling, general and administrative expenses	<u>\$ 31,275,133</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 28,576,974</u>	<u>\$ 1,062,469</u>	<u>\$ 1,635,690</u>

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**STANDARD RELEASE LANGUAGE**

## **STANDARD RELEASE LANGUAGE**

In the event we require you to sign a general release, unless the parties agree otherwise, the following will be the language you will be required to sign:

**[Retailer or Franchisee or Developer]**, its officers and directors, its owners, and their respective agents, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns (the "**Franchisee Group**"), hereby forever release and discharge, and forever hold harmless illy caffè North America, Inc., its current and former affiliates and predecessors, and their respective shareholders, partners, members, directors, officers, agents, representatives, heirs, administrators, successors, and assigns (the "**Franchisor Group**"), from any and all claims, demands, debts, liabilities, actions or causes of action, costs, agreements, promises, and expenses of every kind and nature whatsoever, at law or in equity, whether known or unknown, foreseen and unforeseen, liquidated or unliquidated, which the Franchisee Group and/or its owners had, have, or may have against any member of the Franchisor Group, including, without limitation, any claims or causes of action arising from, in connection with or in any way related or pertaining, directly or indirectly, to the **[Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement or Development Agreement]**, the relationship created by that agreement, or the development, ownership, or operation of the franchised business. The Franchisee Group further indemnifies and holds the Franchisor Group harmless against, and agrees to reimburse them for any loss, liability, expense, or damages (actual or consequential) including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys', accountants', and expert witness fees, costs of investigation and proof of facts, court costs, and other litigation and travel and living expenses, which any member of the Franchisor Group may suffer with respect to any claims or causes of action which any customer, creditor, or other third party now has, ever had, or hereafter would or could have, as a result of, arising from, or under the **[Retail Location Agreement or Franchise Agreement or Development Agreement]** or the franchised business. The Franchisee Group and its owners represent and warrant that they have not made an assignment or any other transfer of any interest in the claims, causes of action, suits, debts, agreements, or promises described herein. This general release shall not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

**EXHIBIT I**

**STATE-SPECIFIC DISCLOSURES**

## California Disclosure

In recognition of the requirements of the California Franchise Investment Law, Cal. Corp. Code §§ 31000-31516, and the California Franchise Relations Act, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 20000-20043, the Franchise Disclosure Document for illy caffè North America, Inc. in connection with the offer and sale of ILLY Locations for use in the State of California shall be amended to include the following:

1. Our website, [www.illy.com](http://www.illy.com), has not been reviewed or approved by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation. Any complaints concerning the content of the website may be directed to the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation at [www.dfpi.ca.gov](http://www.dfpi.ca.gov).

2. 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.

3. SECTION 31125 OF THE CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS CODE REQUIRES US TO GIVE YOU A DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT, IN A FORM CONTAINING THE INFORMATION THAT THE COMMISSIONER MAY BY RULE OR ORDER REQUIRE, BEFORE A SOLICITATION OF A PROPOSED MATERIAL MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING FRANCHISE.

4. YOU MUST SIGN A GENERAL RELEASE WHEN YOU EXECUTE OR TRANSFER YOUR RETAIL LOCATION AGREEMENT / FRANCHISE AGREEMENT / DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND IF YOU RENEW YOUR RETAIL LOCATION AGREEMENT/FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS CODE § 31512 VOIDS A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW (CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS CODE §§ 31000 THROUGH 31516). BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE § 20010 VOIDS A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FRANCHISE RELATIONS ACT (BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE §§ 20000 THROUGH 20043).

5. In Item 1, "Industry-Specific Regulations," shall be amended by the addition of the following sentence:

Franchisees must comply with the requirements set forth in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act and the California Code of Regulations for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

6. In Item 3, "Litigation," shall be amended by the addition of the following paragraphs:

Pursuant to California law, this Item does not include any information regarding the arrest of any person(s) that did not result in a conviction or plea of nolo contendere.

Neither we, nor any person identified in Item 2 above, 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, 15 U.S.C. § 78a, et seq.) suspending or expelling such person from membership in such association or exchange.

7. Item 12, "Territory", shall be amended by the addition of the following paragraph:

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.

8. Item 17, "Renewal, Termination, Transfer and Dispute Resolution," shall be amended by the addition of the following paragraph(s) at the conclusion of the Item:

The following notice is required to be inserted in this Disclosure Document by the state of California whenever an applicable provision is included in a Retail Location Agreement/Franchise Agreement. We reserve the right to attempt to enforce all of the provisions listed below in which we indicate that this provision may not be enforceable under California law.

California Business and Professions Code Sections 20000 through 20043 provide rights to the franchisee concerning termination, non-renewal or transfer of a Retail Location Agreement/Franchise Agreement. If the Retail Location Agreement/Franchise Agreement contains a provision that is inconsistent with the law, the law will control.

The Retail Location Agreement, Franchise Agreement and Development Agreement provide for termination upon bankruptcy. These provisions may not be enforceable under federal bankruptcy law (11 U.S.C. § 101, et seq.).

The Franchise Agreement and Development Agreement contain a covenant not to compete which extends beyond the termination of the Franchise Agreement and Development Agreement. These provisions may not be enforceable under California law.

The Retail Location Agreement, Franchise Agreement and Development Agreement require application of the laws of the state in which we maintain our principal place of business when the dispute arises (currently, New York). This provision may not be enforceable under California law.

9. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**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.**

## Illinois Disclosure

In recognition of the requirements of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act (Ill. Comp. Stat. §§ 705/1 to 705/44, the "Act"), the Franchise Disclosure Document for illy caffè North America, Inc. (the "**Disclosure Document**"), for use in the State of Illinois, is amended in the following ways:

1. If there is any conflict between any part of the Act and any part of the Retail Location Agreement or the Development Agreement, the provisions of the Act will control.
2. Item 5, "Initial Fees," is amended by the addition of the following language:

Based upon our financial condition, the Office of Attorney General of the State of Illinois has required a financial assurance. Payment of all initial fees is postponed until after we have completed all of initial obligations and your ILLY Location is open for business. In addition, payment of the Development Fee is postponed until after Developer opens the first Retail Location under the Development Agreement.

3. Item 17 of the Disclosure Document is amended by adding the following language to the beginning of the Item:

"Notice Required By Law

THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH YOUR FRANCHISE CAN BE TERMINATED AND YOUR RIGHTS UPON NON RENEWAL MAY BE AFFECTED BY ILLINOIS LAW, 815 ILCS 705/19 - 705/20."

4. The "Summary" section of Item 17 (v), entitled Choice of Forum, is amended by adding the following language:

However, any provision in the Retail Location Agreement, Franchise Agreement or Development Agreement that designates jurisdiction or venue in a forum outside of the State of Illinois is void under section 4 of the current Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act.

5. The "Summary" section of Item 17 (w), entitled Choice of Law, is amended by adding the following language:

However, except for federal law, Illinois law applies if the jurisdiction requirements of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act of 1987 (as amended) are met.

7. Each provision of this Addendum to the Disclosure Document is effective only to the extent (with respect to that provision) that the Act would apply to your Retail Location or development rights, without reference to this Addendum.

## Maryland Disclosure

In recognition of the requirements of the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law, the Franchise Disclosure Document for illy caffè North America, Inc. for use in the State of Maryland shall be amended as follows:

1. Item 5, "Initial Fees," shall be amended by the addition of the following sentence:

Based upon the franchisor's financial condition, the Maryland Securities Commissioner has required a financial assurance. Therefore, all initial fees and payments owed by franchisees shall be deferred until the franchisor completes its pre-opening obligations under the franchise agreement. In addition, all development fees and initial payments by area developers shall be deferred until the first franchise under the development agreement opens.

2. Item 17, "Renewal, Termination, Transfer and Dispute Resolution," shall be amended by the addition of the following language:

The Franchise Agreement provides for termination upon bankruptcy. This provision may not be enforceable under federal bankruptcy law (11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.).

The general release required as a condition of renewal, sale/or assignment/transfer shall not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

A franchisee may bring a lawsuit in Maryland for claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

Any claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law must be brought within three (3) years after the grant of the franchise.

3. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

## New York Disclosure

In recognition of the requirements of the New York General Business Law, Article 33, Sections 680 through 695, and of the regulations promulgated thereunder (N.Y. Comp. Code R. & Regs. tit. 13, §§ 200.1 through 201.16), the Franchise Disclosure Document (the “**Disclosure Document**”) for illy caffè North America, Inc. for use in the State of New York shall be amended as follows:

1. The following is added to the State Cover Page:

INFORMATION COMPARING FRANCHISORS IS AVAILABLE. CALL THE STATE ADMINISTRATORS LISTED IN **EXHIBIT C** OR YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR SOURCES OF INFORMATION. REGISTRATION OF THIS FRANCHISE BY NEW YORK STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT NEW YORK STATE RECOMMENDS IT OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT. IF YOU LEARN THAT ANYTHING IN THE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT IS UNTRUE, CONTACT THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND NYS DEPARTMENT OF LAW, INVESTOR PROTECTION BUREAU, 28 LIBERTY STREET, 21ST FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10005, 212-416-8236.

THE FRANCHISOR MAY, IF IT CHOOSES, NEGOTIATE WITH YOU ABOUT ITEMS COVERED IN THE PROSPECTUS. 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 PROSPECTUS.

2. Item 3, “Litigation,” shall be deleted in its entirety, and the following Item 3 shall be substituted in lieu thereof:

Neither we, nor any of our predecessors, nor any person identified in Item 2 above, nor any affiliate offering franchises under our trademark, 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.

Neither we, nor any of our predecessors, nor any person identified in Item 2 above, nor any affiliate offering franchises under our trademark, has been convicted of a felony or pleaded nolo contendere to a felony charge or, within the ten-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.

Neither we, nor any of our predecessors, nor any person identified in Item 2 above, nor any affiliate offering franchises under our trademark, 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 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.

Accordingly, no litigation is required to be disclosed in this Disclosure Document.

3. Item 4, "Bankruptcy" shall be deleted in its entirety, and the following Item 4 shall be substituted in lieu thereof:

Neither we, nor our predecessor or affiliate, nor any of our or their officers or general partners, during the 10-year period immediately before the date of the Disclosure Document: (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 the officer or general partner of ours held this position in the company or partnership.

4. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

5. Item 17, "Renewal, Termination, Transfer and Dispute Resolution," shall be amended by deleting "d", "j", "w" in each chart and the following new "d", "j", "w" shall be substituted in lieu thereof:

Retail Location Agreement / Franchise Agreement/Development Agreement

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Selection in Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
d. Termination by you	RLA and FA: Not Applicable DA: Not Applicable	Pursuant to New York General Business Law, you may terminate the Agreement upon any grounds available by law.
j. Assignment of contract by us	RLA and FA: §14.1 DA: §7.1	There are no limits on our right to assign the Agreement. No assignment will be made except to an assignee who, in our judgment, is willing and able to assume our obligation under the Agreement.
w. Choice of law	RLA and FA: §25.1 DA: §15.1	The law of the State in which we maintain our principal place of business (currently, New York). The foregoing choice of law should not be considered as a waiver of any right conferred upon us or you by the General Business Law of the State of New York, Article 33.

5. There are circumstances in which an offering made by us would not fall within the scope of the New York General Business Law, Article 33, such as when the offer and acceptance occurred outside the state of New York. However, an offer or sale is deemed made in New York if the franchisee is domiciled in or the franchise will be opened in New York. We are required to furnish a New York prospectus to every prospective franchisee who is protected under the New York General Business Law, Article 33.

**EXHIBIT J**

**STATE-SPECIFIC AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS**

## California Retail Location Agreement Amendment

In recognition of the requirements of the California Franchise Investment Law, Cal. Corp. Code §§ 31000-31516, and the California Franchise Relations Act, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 20000-20043, the parties to the attached illy caffè North America, Inc. ("**Franchisor**") Retail Location Agreement (the "**Agreement**") agree as follows:

1. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed, sealed and delivered this California Amendment to the Retail Location Agreement on the same date as the Retail Location Agreement was executed.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Retailer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## California Franchise Agreement Amendment

In recognition of the requirements of the California Franchise Investment Law, Cal. Corp. Code §§ 31000-31516, and the California Franchise Relations Act, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 20000-20043, the parties to the attached illy caffè North America, Inc. ("**Franchisor**") Franchise Agreement (the "**Agreement**") agree as follows:

1. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed, sealed and delivered this California Amendment to the Franchise Agreement on the same date as the Franchise Agreement was executed.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Franchisee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## California Development Agreement Amendment

In recognition of the requirements of the California Franchise Investment Law, Cal. Corp. Code §§ 31000-31516, and the California Franchise Relations Act, Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §§ 20000-20043, the parties to the attached illy caffè North America, Inc. ("**Franchisor**") Development Agreement (the "**Agreement**") agree as follows:

1. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed, sealed and delivered this California Amendment to the Development Agreement on the same date as the Development Agreement was executed.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Developer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Illinois Retail Location Agreement Amendment

In recognition of the requirements of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act (Ill. Comp. Stat. §§ 705/1 to 705/44, the “Act”), the parties to the attached illy caffè North America, Inc. (“Franchisor”) Retail Location Agreement (the “Agreement”) agree as follows:

1. The following new Section 2.3 is added to Section 2 of the Agreement (“Term and Renewal”):

2.3 *Illinois Renewal Law.* If any of the provisions of this Section 2 are inconsistent with Section 20 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, the provisions of the Act will apply. If Franchisor refuses to renew this Agreement, Franchisor must compensate Retailer if (and to the extent) such compensation is required under Section 20 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act.

2. The following sentence is added to Section 4.1 of the Agreement (“Fees; Sales Reporting”):

Payment of the Initial Fee is postponed until after all of Franchisor’s initial obligations are complete and the Retail Location is open for business.

3. The following new Section 15.7 is added to the Section 15 of the Agreement (“Default and Termination”):

15.6 *Illinois Termination Law.* If any of the provisions of this Section 15 concerning termination are inconsistent with Section 19 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, then Illinois law will apply.

4. The following new Section 23.3 is added to Section 23 of the Agreement (“Entire Agreement and Amendment”) and will be considered an integral part of the Agreement:

23.3 *Reliance on Illinois Law.* Nothing contained in this Section will constitute a condition, stipulation, or provision purporting to bind any person to waive compliance with any provision of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act or any other Illinois law (as long as the jurisdictional requirements of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act are met).

5. Section 25.1 of the Agreement (under the heading “Applicable Law and Dispute Resolution”) is deleted and replaced with the following new Section 25.1:

25.1 *Choice of Law.* This Agreement takes effect upon its acceptance and execution by Franchisor, and shall be interpreted and construed exclusively under the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises (“HQ State”), which laws shall prevail in the event of any conflict of law (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of HQ State’s choice-of-law rules); provided, however, that if the covenants in Section 17 of this Agreement would not be enforceable under the laws of HQ State and the

Approved Location is located outside of HQ State, then such covenants shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the state in which the Approved Location is located. Nothing in this Section 25.1 is intended by the parties to subject this Agreement to any franchise or similar law, rule, or regulation of HQ State to which this Agreement would not otherwise be subject

6. The following language is added to the end of Section 25.3 of the Agreement (under the heading "Applicable Law and Dispute Resolution"):

Retailer and Franchisor agree that the preceding limitations of this Section 25.3 will not apply with respect to claims arising under the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, which provides that "any provision in a franchise agreement that designates jurisdiction or venue in a forum outside this state (Illinois) is void."

7. Each section of this Amendment will be effective only to the extent (for that section) that the jurisdictional requirements of the Act are independently met (without reference to this Amendment).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed, sealed and delivered this Illinois amendment to the Retail Location Agreement on the same date as the Retail Location Agreement was executed.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Retailer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Illinois Franchise Agreement Amendment

In recognition of the requirements of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act (Ill. Comp. Stat. §§ 705/1 to 705/44, the “Act”), the parties to the attached illy caffè North America, Inc. (“Franchisor”) Franchise Agreement (the “Agreement”) agree as follows:

1. The following new Section 2.3 is added to Section 2 of the Agreement (“Term and Renewal”):

2.3 *Illinois Renewal Law.* If any of the provisions of this Section 2 are inconsistent with Section 20 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, the provisions of the Act will apply. If Franchisor refuses to renew this Agreement, Franchisor must compensate Franchisee if (and to the extent) such compensation is required under Section 20 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act.

2. The following sentence is added to Section 4.1 of the Agreement (“Fees; Sales Reporting”):

Payment of the Initial Fee is postponed until after all of Franchisor’s initial obligations are complete and the Retail Location is open for business.

3. The following new Section 15.7 is added to the Section 15 of the Agreement (“Default and Termination”):

15.6 *Illinois Termination Law.* If any of the provisions of this Section 15 concerning termination are inconsistent with Section 19 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, then Illinois law will apply.

4. The following new Section 23.3 is added to Section 23 of the Agreement (“Entire Agreement and Amendment”) and will be considered an integral part of the Agreement:

23.3 *Reliance on Illinois Law.* Nothing contained in this Section will constitute a condition, stipulation, or provision purporting to bind any person to waive compliance with any provision of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act or any other Illinois law (as long as the jurisdictional requirements of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act are met).

5. Section 25.1 of the Agreement (under the heading “Applicable Law and Dispute Resolution”) is deleted and replaced with the following new Section 25.1:

25.1 *Choice of Law.* This Agreement takes effect upon its acceptance and execution by Franchisor, and shall be interpreted and construed exclusively under the laws of the State in which Franchisor maintains its principal place of business when the dispute arises (“HQ State”), which laws shall prevail in the event of any conflict of law (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of HQ State’s choice-of-law rules); provided, however, that if the covenants in Section 17 of this Agreement would not be enforceable under the laws of HQ State and the Retail

Location is located outside of HQ State, then such covenants shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the state in which the Retail Location is located. Nothing in this Section 25.1 is intended by the parties to subject this Agreement to any franchise or similar law, rule, or regulation of HQ State to which this Agreement would not otherwise be subject.

6. The following language is added to the end of Section 25.3 of the Agreement (under the heading "Applicable Law and Dispute Resolution"):

Franchisee and Franchisor agree that the preceding limitations of this Section 25.3 will not apply with respect to claims arising under the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, which provides that "any provision in a franchise agreement that designates jurisdiction or venue in a forum outside this state (Illinois) is void."

7. Each section of this Amendment will be effective only to the extent (for that section) that the jurisdictional requirements of the Act are independently met (without reference to this Amendment).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed, sealed and delivered this Illinois amendment to the Franchise Agreement on the same date as the Franchise Agreement was executed.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**

Franchisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Franchisee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Illinois Development Agreement Amendment

In recognition of the requirements of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act (Ill. Comp. Stat. §§ 705/1 to 705/44, the “**Act**”), the parties to the attached illy caffè North America, Inc. (“**Franchisor**”) Development Agreement (the “**Agreement**”) agree as follows:

1. The following sentence is added to Section 4.1 of the Agreement (“Fees; Sales Reporting”):

Payment of the Development Fee is postponed until after Developer opens the first Retail Location under the Development Agreement.

2. The following new Section 6.9 is added to Section 6 of the Agreement (“Default and Termination”):

6.8 *Illinois Termination Law.* If any of the provisions of this Section 6 concerning termination are inconsistent with Section 19 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, then said Illinois law shall apply.

3. The following new paragraph is added to the end of Section 13 of the Agreement (“Entire Agreement and Amendment”):

Nothing contained in this Section will constitute a condition, stipulation, or provision purporting to bind any person to waive compliance with any provision of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act or any other Illinois law (as long as the jurisdictional requirements of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act are met).

4. Section 15.1 of the Agreement (under the heading “Applicable Law”) is deleted and replaced with the following new Section 15.1:

15.1 *Choice of Law.* This Agreement takes effect upon its acceptance and execution by Franchisor. Claims arising under the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act (which provides that “any provision in a franchise agreement that designates jurisdiction or venue in a forum outside this state (Illinois) is void”) may be brought in Illinois and will be governed by Illinois law (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of Illinois conflict-of-laws rules). Nothing in this Section 15.1 is intended by the parties to subject this Agreement to any franchise or similar law, rule, or regulation of the State of Illinois to which it would not otherwise be subject.

5. The following language is added to the end of Section 15.3 of the Agreement (under the heading “Applicable Law”):

Developer and Franchisor agree that the preceding limitations of this Section 15.3 will not apply with respect to claims arising under the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, which provides that “any provision in a franchise agreement that designates jurisdiction or venue in a forum outside this state (Illinois) is void.”

6. Each section of this Amendment will be effective only to the extent (for that section) that the jurisdictional requirements of the Act are independently met (without reference to this Amendment).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed, sealed and delivered this Illinois amendment to the Development Agreement on the same date as the Development Agreement was executed.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**

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Developer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Maryland Retail Location Agreement Amendment

In recognition of the requirements of the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law, the parties to the attached illy caffè North America, Inc. Retail Location Agreement (the "Agreement") agree as follows:

1. The following sentence is added to Section 4.1 of the Agreement ("Fees; Sales Reporting"):

Payment of the Initial Fee is postponed until after all of Franchisor's initial obligations are complete and the Retail Location is open for business.

2. Section 2.2.7 of the Agreement, under the heading "Term And Renewal," shall be amended by the addition of the following:

The general release required as a condition of renewal, sale/or assignment/transfer shall not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

3. Section 14.2 of the Agreement, under the heading "Transfer of Interest," shall be amended by the addition of the following:

The general release required as a condition of renewal, sale/or assignment/transfer shall not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

4. Sections 25.1 and 25.7 of the Agreement, under the heading "Applicable Law and Dispute Resolution," shall be amended by the addition of the following:

A franchisee may bring a lawsuit in Maryland for claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

Any claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law must be brought within three (3) years after the grant of the franchise.

5. Section 26 of the Agreement, under the heading "Acknowledgments," shall be amended by the addition of the following sections:

26.13 The general release required as a condition of renewal, sale/or assignment/transfer shall not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

26.14 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.

26.15 The Franchisee Compliance Confirmation is not intended to, and shall not act, as a release, estoppel or waiver of any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

6. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

7. 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 are met independently without reference to this amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed and delivered this Maryland amendment to the Retail Location Agreement on the same date as the Retail Location Agreement was executed.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**

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Retailer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Maryland Franchise Agreement Amendment

In recognition of the requirements of the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law, the parties to the attached illy caffè North America, Inc. Franchise Agreement (the "Agreement") agree as follows:

1. The following sentence is added to Section 4.1 of the Agreement ("Royalty Fees; Sales Reporting"):

Payment of the Initial Franchise Fee is postponed until after all of Franchisor's initial obligations are complete and the Retail Location is open for business.

2. Section 2.2.7 of the Agreement, under the heading "Term And Renewal," shall be amended by the addition of the following:

The general release required as a condition of renewal, sale/or assignment/transfer shall not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

3. Section 14.4.1 of the Agreement, under the heading "Transfer of Interest," shall be amended by the addition of the following:

The general release required as a condition of renewal, sale/or assignment/transfer shall not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

4. Sections 25.1 and 25.7 of the Agreement, under the heading "Applicable Law and Dispute Resolution," shall be amended by the addition of the following:

A franchisee may bring a lawsuit in Maryland for claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

Any claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law must be brought within three (3) years after the grant of the franchise.

5. Section 26 of the Agreement, under the heading "Acknowledgments," shall be amended by the addition of the following sections:

26.12 The general release required as a condition of renewal, sale/or assignment/transfer shall not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

26.13 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.

26.14 The Franchisee Compliance Confirmation is not intended to, and shall not act, as a release, estoppel or waiver of any liability 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 are met independently without reference to this amendment.

7. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed and delivered this Maryland amendment to the Franchise Agreement on the same date as the Franchise Agreement was executed.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**  
Franchisor

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Franchisee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## Maryland Development Agreement Amendment

In recognition of the requirements of the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law, the parties to the attached illy caffè North America, Inc. Development Agreement (the "Agreement") agree as follows:

1. The following sentence is added to Section 2.1 of the Agreement ("Development Fee"):

Payment of the Development Fee is postponed until after Developer opens the first Retail Location under the Development Agreement.

2. Section 7.2 of the Agreement, under the heading "Transfers," shall be amended by the addition of the following:

The general release required as a condition of renewal, sale/or assignment/transfer shall not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

3. Sections 15.1 and 15.7 of the Agreement, under the heading "Applicable Law and Dispute Resolution," shall be amended by the addition of the following:

A franchisee may bring a lawsuit in Maryland for claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

Any claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law must be brought within three (3) years after the grant of the franchise.

4. Section 16 of the Agreement, under the heading "Acknowledgments," shall be amended by the addition of the following sections:

16.14 The general release required as a condition of renewal, sale/or assignment/transfer shall not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

16.15 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.

16.16 The Franchisee Compliance Confirmation is not intended to, and shall not act, as a release, estoppel or waiver of any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

5. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

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 are met independently without reference to this amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed and delivered this Maryland amendment to the Development Agreement on the same date as the Development Agreement was executed.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**

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Developer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## New York Retail Location Agreement Amendment

In recognition of the requirements of the New York General Business Law, Article 33, Sections 680 through 695, and of the regulations promulgated thereunder (N.Y. Comp. Code R. & Regs., tit. 13, §§ 200.1 through 201.16), the parties to the attached illy caffè North America, Inc. (“**Franchisor**”) Retail Location Agreement (the “**Agreement**”) agree as follows:

1. The following sentence is added to the end of Section 2.2.7 (Renewal), Section 14.2 (Transfer), and Section 26.9 (General Release):

Any provision in this Agreement requiring Retailer to sign a general release of claims against Franchisor does not release any claim Retailer may have under New York General Business Law, Article 33, Sections 680-695.

2. The first paragraph of Section 25.2 of the Agreement, under the heading “Mediation,” shall be deleted in its entirety, and shall have no force or effect; and the following paragraph shall be substituted in lieu thereof:

**25.2 Mediation.** Before any party may bring an action in court against the other, the parties must first meet to mediate the dispute (except as otherwise provided in **Section 25.5** relating to injunctions). Any such mediation shall be non-binding and shall be conducted by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its then-current rules for mediation of commercial disputes. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, this **Section** shall not bar either party from seeking injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause it loss or damages, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, without having to engage in mediation; including, without limitation, claims involving the Proprietary Marks.

3. Section 25.5 of the Agreement, under the heading “Injunctions,” shall be deleted in its entirety, and shall have no force or effect; and the following paragraph shall be substituted in lieu thereof:

**25.5 Injunctions.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall bar Franchisor’s or Retailer’s right to seek injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause it loss or damages, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining restraining orders and preliminary injunctions.

4. Section 25 of the Agreement, under the heading “Applicable Law and Dispute Resolution,” shall be supplemented by the addition of the following language:

**25.10 New York Franchise Law.** Nothing in this Agreement should be considered a waiver of any right conferred upon Retailer by New York General Business Law, Sections 680-695.

5. There are circumstances in which an offering made by Franchisor would not fall within the scope of the New York General Business Law, Article 33, such as when the offer and acceptance occurred outside the state of New York. However, an offer or sale is deemed made

in New York if Retailer is domiciled in or the franchise will be opening in New York. Franchisor is required to furnish a New York prospectus to every prospective Retailer who is protected under the New York General Business Law, Article 33.

6. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed and delivered this New York amendment to the Retail Location Agreement on the same date as the Retail Location Agreement was executed.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**

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Retailer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## New York Franchise Agreement Amendment

In recognition of the requirements of the New York General Business Law, Article 33, Sections 680 through 695, and of the regulations promulgated thereunder (N.Y. Comp. Code R. & Regs., tit. 13, §§ 200.1 through 201.16), the parties to the attached illy caffè North America, Inc. Franchise Agreement (the “**Agreement**”) agree as follows:

1. The following sentence is added to the end of Section 2.2.7 (Renewal), Section 14.4.1 (Transfer), and Section 26.10 (General Release):

Any provision in this Agreement requiring Franchisee to sign a general release of claims against Franchisor does not release any claim Franchisee may have under New York General Business Law, Article 33, Sections 680-695.

2. The first paragraph of Section 25.2 of the Agreement, under the heading “Mediation,” shall be deleted in its entirety, and shall have no force or effect; and the following paragraph shall be substituted in lieu thereof:

**25.2 Mediation.** Before any party may bring an action in court against the other, the parties must first meet to mediate the dispute (except as otherwise provided in **Section 25.5** relating to injunctions). Any such mediation shall be non-binding and shall be conducted by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its then-current rules for mediation of commercial disputes. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, this **Section** shall not bar either party from seeking injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause it loss or damages, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, without having to engage in mediation; including, without limitation, claims involving the Proprietary Marks.

3. Section 25.5 of the Agreement, under the heading “Injunctions,” shall be deleted in its entirety, and shall have no force or effect; and the following paragraph shall be substituted in lieu thereof:

**25.5 Injunctions.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall bar Franchisor’s right to seek injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause it loss or damages, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining restraining orders and preliminary injunctions.

4. Section 25 of the Agreement, under the heading “Applicable Law and Dispute Resolution,” shall be supplemented by the addition of the following language:

**25.10 New York Franchise Law.** Nothing in this Agreement should be considered a waiver of any right conferred upon Franchisee by New York General Business Law, Sections 680-695.

5. There are circumstances in which an offering made by Franchisor would not fall within the scope of the New York General Business Law, Article 33, such as when the offer and acceptance occurred outside the state of New York. However, an offer or sale is deemed made

in New York if Franchisee is domiciled in or the franchise will be opening in New York. Franchisor is required to furnish a New York prospectus to every prospective franchisee who is protected under the New York General Business Law, Article 33.

6. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed and delivered this New York amendment to the Franchise Agreement on the same date as the Franchise Agreement was executed.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**  
Franchisor

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Franchisee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## New York Development Agreement Amendment

In recognition of the requirements of the New York General Business Law, Article 33, Sections 680 through 695, and of the regulations promulgated thereunder (N.Y. Comp. Code R. & Regs., tit. 13, §§ 200.1 through 201.16), the parties to the attached illy caffè North America, Inc. Development Agreement (the “**Agreement**”) agree as follows:

1. The following sentence is added to the end of Section 7.2 (Transfer) and Section 16.12 (General Release):

Any provision in this Agreement requiring Developer to sign a general release of claims against Franchisor does not release any claim Developer may have under New York General Business Law, Article 33, Sections 680-695.

2. The first paragraph of Section 15.2 of the Agreement, under the heading “Mediation,” shall be deleted in its entirety, and shall have no force or effect; and the following paragraph shall be substituted in lieu thereof:

**15.2 Mediation.** Before any party may bring an action in court against the other, the parties must first meet to mediate the dispute (except as otherwise provided in **Section 15.5** relating to injunctions). Any such mediation shall be non-binding and shall be conducted by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with its then-current rules for mediation of commercial disputes. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, this **Section** shall not bar either party from seeking injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause it loss or damages, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining restraining orders and preliminary injunctions, without having to engage in mediation; including, without limitation, claims involving the Proprietary Marks.

3. Section 15.5 of the Agreement, under the heading “Injunctions,” shall be deleted in its entirety, and shall have no force or effect; and the following paragraph shall be substituted in lieu thereof:

**15.5 Injunctions.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall bar Franchisor’s right to seek injunctive relief against threatened conduct that will cause it loss or damages, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining restraining orders and preliminary injunctions.

4. Section 15 of the Agreement, under the heading “Applicable Law and Dispute Resolution,” shall be supplemented by the addition of the following language:

**15.10 New York Franchise Law.** Nothing in this Agreement should be considered a waiver of any right conferred upon Developer by New York General Business Law, Sections 680-695.

5. There are circumstances in which an offering made by Franchisor would not fall within the scope of the New York General Business Law, Article 33, such as when the offer and acceptance occurred outside the state of New York. However, an offer or sale is deemed made

in New York if Developer is domiciled in or the franchise will be opening in New York. Franchisor is required to furnish a New York prospectus to every prospective developer who is protected under the New York General Business Law, Article 33.

6. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed and delivered this New York amendment to the Development Agreement on the same date as the Development Agreement was executed.

**illy caffè North America, Inc.**

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Developer

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT K**  
**EQUIPMENT LOAN AGREEMENT**



## EQUIPMENT LOAN AGREEMENT

Date:

Customer:

Customer Address:

Customer City/State:

Customer Contact:

Contact Title:

THIS CUSTOMER EQUIPMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made effective as the date listed above, by and between illy caffè North America, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("illy"), and the Customer listed above, a legal entity in the state listed above ("Customer"). Among other things, the Agreement governs the parties' rights and responsibilities with respect to certain equipment owned by illy used in the preparation of coffee that is to be loaned by illy to Customer (the "Equipment").

1. List and Description of Equipment: A complete list and description of the Equipment to be loaned from illy to Customer is attached hereto as "Attachment A." From time to time and upon reasonable notice to Customer, illy may substitute, remove or add to the Equipment listed on Attachment A. Such modifications shall be reflected by additional written attachments detailing the substitutions, removals and additions. These attachments shall be signed by an authorized agent of the Customer. If Customer is not in agreement with the removal, substitution or addition of Equipment, Customer may purchase the Equipment being changed at the then current market cost. Any equipment exchanged cannot be of inferior quality and must be in good working order.

2. Customer's Obligations: In exchange for illy's agreement to loan the Equipment to Customer, Customer agrees to the following:

(a) That Customer shall use illy Coffee Products and Dammann Tea exclusively in connection with the use of any Equipment;

(b) That for a minimum of one (1) year following the execution of the Agreement, Customer shall purchase an average monthly minimum of 15 kilos of illy Coffee Products, as measured by a three-month rolling average and customer agrees to use Dammann Freres tea exclusively throughout the premises; At the end of the original term and of each renewal period, the Agreement will be automatically renewed for a period of one (1) year unless written notice is given by either party to the other party at least 90 prior to the expiration date.

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(c) That Customer will keep the Equipment in good and satisfactory working condition, pursuant to the Service Terms set forth within "Attachment B", and as may be determined from time-to-time in illy's sole discretion;

(d) That the Equipment will remain the property of illy at all times, including before, during and after the term of the Agreement, that title to the Equipment shall remain in illy's name exclusively, and that Customer agrees to keep the Equipment free and clear of any encumbrances, security interests, liens or claims;

(e) That Customer irrevocably authorizes illy to file UCC financing statements wherever illy deems appropriate to reflect the vendor-customer relationship evidenced by this Agreement and illy's ownership of the Equipment; and

(f) That Customer will pay illy for the supply of Coffee Products within the agreed-upon terms.

3. illy's Obligations:

(a) illy shall provide installation, maintenance and follow-up service for the duration of the Agreement subject to the terms and conditions listed herein and within "Attachment B"; and

(b) illy grants Customer a revocable, non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use certain of illy's intellectual property in connection with Customer's efforts to sell illy Coffee Products. The terms of this license are set forth in "Attachment C", the terms of which are incorporated herein.

4. Termination:

(a) Either party may, for any reason (or no reason) terminate the Agreement on 30 days' written notice to the other party.

(b) Customer's failure to abide by any provision contained within Paragraph 2 above will result in illy having an option to allow Customer fourteen (14) days to cure or the option to terminate the Agreement immediately and without notice to Customer.

(c) In the event of either (a) a voluntary termination by Customer before the end of the initial term or of any renewal period, or (b) a termination by illy pursuant to Paragraph 4(b), Customer agrees to make a payment to illy in the amount of the greater of (i) two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) or (ii) 40% of the value of the Equipment as shown in Attachment A as may be updated time to time, whichever amount is greater. Alternatively, Customer may elect to purchase the Equipment at the then depreciated value, based upon the current Wholesale value at the time of purchase depreciated using a seven (7) year depreciation schedule starting at the installation date of each piece of equipment; such depreciated value shall not be less than 10% of the current Wholesale value at the time of purchase. Customer acknowledges and agrees that such payment is not a penalty, but rather represents fair compensation for the loss illy would suffer as a result of such early termination.

(d) If this Agreement terminates for any reason, the Equipment shall be made available for return to illy no later than ten (10) days from the effective date of termination.

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(e) In the event Customer does not meet the requirements set in Paragraph 2(b) above, illy may, at its sole discretion, reduce or substitute part or all the Equipment loaned to Customer; such substitution or removal, shall be reflected by an additional written attachment. If Customer is not in agreement with such removal or substitution of Equipment, Customer may purchase the Equipment being changed at the then current market cost.

5. Additional Rights and Obligations Upon Termination or Breach of Agreement: Upon termination of this Agreement, or in the event of Customer's default or breach of any part of this Agreement, including Customer's failure to pay any debt or obligation owed to illy, or if Customer becomes insolvent, ceases doing business, or makes or attempts to make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, becomes a debtor under any chapter of the bankruptcy act, or does or attempts to sell, transfer, encumber, sublet or part with possession of the Equipment, illy shall have the right, with notice to Customer, to exercise any legal right it may have, including but not limited to:

(a) Requiring that Customer assemble the Equipment and makes it available to illy at any reasonable location designated by illy; and

(b) Entering the premises where the Equipment is located, with legal process, and to take possession of the Equipment, in which case Customer expressly waives, to the extent allowed by law, any claims for injury or loss caused by Customer by such repossession.

Further, in the event suit is brought by illy to enforce the terms and conditions or other parts of this Agreement, illy shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees.

6. Warranties and Disclaimers: illy's liability shall be limited to the warranties expressly provided by the manufacturers of the Equipment. EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ALL EXHIBITS HERETO, NO WARRANTY IS GIVEN TO CUSTOMER, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. ILLY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF PROFITS, AND/OR REVENUES.

7. Indemnity: Customer assumes liability for and shall indemnify and hold harmless illy, its agents and servants from and against all losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, suits, costs, expenses and disbursements, including legal expenses of any kind and nature imposed upon, incurred by, or asserted against illy in any way relating to or arising out of: (a) Customer's possession, use, maintenance or operation of the Equipment; (b) Customer's destruction, damage or the loss of the Equipment; and/or (c) Customer's violation of any law, ordinance, rule or regulation pertaining to the Equipment or otherwise arising out of this Agreement. illy assumes liability for and shall indemnify and hold harmless Customer, its agents and servants from and against all losses, damages, penalties, claims, actions, suits, costs, expenses and disbursements, including reasonable legal expenses of any kind and nature imposed upon, incurred by, or asserted against Customer in any way relating to or arising out of: (a) illy's improper, faulty or negligent service, repair or maintenance of the Equipment; or (b) illy's violation of any law, ordinance, rule or regulation pertaining to the Equipment or otherwise arising out of this Agreement. The indemnities contained in this Section shall continue in full force and effect, notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement.

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8. Inspection by illy: Customer shall maintain the Equipment at the location identified above and shall not relocate the Equipment without illy's prior written consent. Customer shall allow illy to enter upon any building or place where the Equipment is located for the purpose of inspection, and to remove the Equipment forthwith, with reasonable notice to Customer, if in the sole opinion of illy the Equipment is being used beyond its capacity or is otherwise being improperly used or cared for.

9. Repairs: While the Equipment is in the Customer's possession, Customer shall promptly notify illy of any problems or defects in the operation of the Equipment and illy shall work with the manufacturer's warranty to replace any parts which need replacing and make any necessary repairs to the Equipment, provided, however that Customer shall reimburse illy for all costs related thereto if such repairs or replacements are necessary as a result of Customer misuse or abuse of the Equipment. See also "Attachment B", the terms of which are incorporated herein.

10. Miscellaneous: Customer shall not change or remove any insignia, lettering, or serial number on the Equipment and shall affirmatively identify each item of Equipment by lettering indicating illy ownership.

This Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of New York.

ATTACHMENT A: DESCRIPTION OF LOANED EQUIPMENT:

Equipment Category	
Family	Sub Family
Brewer, Iced Tea	Bunn
Grinder, Drip Coffee	Bunn
Brewer, Drip Dual	Bunn
Espresso Machine	La Marzocco
Grinder, Espresso	Compak
Grinder, Espresso Decaf	Compak
Server, Drip Coffee	Bunn
Cold Brew Kegerator	Kegco
Server, Iced Tea	Bunn
Hot Water Tower	Bunn

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Above equipment is provided on loan according to the conditions stipulated in the contract attached to this proposal.

Additional brewers, servers or carafes required in addition to the initial loaned volume are available for sale.

**ATTACHMENT B: EQUIPMENT WARRANTY / LOAN SERVICE TERMS**  
(Applies to equipment sold or loaned to Customer by illy (“Equipment”))

**Service and Installation:** For the duration of the warranty or loan agreement period, all service work, including the installation of Equipment, must be performed by an authorized illy representative and repaired with the proper OEM parts dispatched through the illy National Technical Support Center.

**Service calls:** All Service requests for Equipment must be routed through illy’s National Technical Support Center, at 800-872-4559 xt 1. Since many calls can be handled remotely, illy requests Customer cooperation for on-the-phone troubleshooting.

**Customer-Owned Equipment:** Customer is responsible for service and labor on Equipment outside of the standard warranty period. For other equipment not sold or loaned to Customer by illy, illy will assist Customer whenever possible in sourcing service and parts. In some cases, parts and service may only be obtained through manufacturer or manufacturer’s representative and may cause unavoidable delays. Service on non-illy equipment may require third-party involvement, which will be Customer’s responsibility.

**Utilities:** Customer will be responsible for any service costs incurred to Equipment due to the interruption and/or failure of the building utilities such as electrical supply, water supply, drain issues, etc.

**Water-Related Repairs:** It is Customer’s responsibility to provide adequately treated water for Equipment. Repair and parts replacement on Equipment due to water-related problems (i.e., mineral deposits, calcium, lime, scale and rust and including corrosion build-up or freezing conditions) will be the responsibility of Customer. Customer may be required to provide a water filter and/or a softener for Equipment and assume responsibility of monthly maintenance based on a recommendation from illy. If Customer fails to install and maintain water filters and/or softeners according to the manufacturers’ directions on Equipment that is either under warranty or subject to a Loan-Equipment Agreement with illy, any warranties shall be void and Customer will be responsible for all costs incurred to repair the Equipment.

**Daily Maintenance, Parts, and Normal Wear and Tear:** Customer is responsible for repairs from damage due to gross negligence in following the recommendations of the manufacturer and/or the manufacturer’s representative regarding use and cleaning of Equipment or use of non-OEM parts or aftermarket accessories. This includes the cost of normal wear and tear of external parts including valves, gaskets, water filtration and grinder blades.

**Auto-frother:** Daily cleaning of an installed Auto-frother is required any failure due to lack of proper maintenance is considered neglect and Customer will be responsible for costs incurred for repair.

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ESE and iperEspresso Adaptors: Any component removed from a machine owned by Customer to facilitate the installation of the illy adaptor(s) remains the Customer's responsibility. If Equipment is under loan and the corresponding illy Customer Loan Agreement is discontinued for any reason, the illy adaptor(s) will be removed from Customer's machine and Customer's original component may be required to render the machine operable. If the original component is not provided by Customer, then the parts must be sourced by Customer, at its expense, from the machine OEM.

Quality Checks & Quality Audits: Quality Checks and Audits are designed as a periodic check of Equipment function, maintenance and coffee quality. Such checks and audits are to provide immediate feedback to Customer—they are *not* a cleaning service. All visits to property will be coordinated with local management. Copies of quality control checks will be left with location and will be review periodically with corporate offices/ownership

Additional Costs and Periodic Maintenance: Customer is responsible for all paper filters for brewed coffee equipment. Customer is responsible for costs of consumables and after-market items on all Equipment. These may include water filters, lost parts, gaskets, grinder blades. Espresso machines and grinders may require periodic maintenance due to heavy usage and/or age of the equipment. This service is generally performed either at the 400 or 800 kilo usage mark. The determination of the service performed will be at the recommendation of an authorized illy technical representative. An estimate will be provided prior to the performance of such service. Illy will cover all labor and travel costs the cost of parts will be Customer's responsibility.

Failure to adhere to the conditions listed may result in illy executing option to immediately terminate any applicable warranties and/or Customer Loan Agreements and repossess the Equipment. In such case Customer shall remain responsible for all monies and obligations owed to illy pursuant to this Agreement or any applicable Customer Loan Agreement.

_____	_____
Client	Illycaffè North America, Inc
_____	_____
Signature of Authorized Agent	Signature of Authorized Agent
_____	_____
Print Name	Print Name
_____	_____
Date	Date

ATTACHMENT C: BRANDING AND TRADEMARK USAGE AGREEMENT

This Branding and Trademark Usage Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between illy caffè North America, Inc. (“illy”) and Client Listed Above (“Customer”).

1. Grant of Trademark License. illy hereby grants Customer a revocable, non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide license to use the name, logos, trademarks, service marks, and other indicia of origin of illy (collectively, the “Marks”), solely in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. This license is personal to Customer. This license may not be assigned or sublicensed by Customer, including without limitation to any subsidiary or affiliate of Customer, without illy’s prior written consent.

2. Term. The term of this Agreement shall continue until such time as either party gives thirty (30) days’ written notice to the other party of its intent to terminate. Without limiting the foregoing, this Agreement and the license granted herein shall automatically terminate in the event of a termination of the agreement to which this Agreement is attached as an exhibit or, if this Agreement is not attached to another agreement as an exhibit, in the event of a termination of the existing customer or distributor relationship between illy and Customer.

3. Trademark Ownership. illy is the exclusive owner of all right, title and interest in and to the Marks and all past, present or future goodwill which is attributable to or associated with the Marks, whether gained through use by illy or Customer. Customer acknowledges and agrees that such goodwill and the trademarks are the exclusive property of illy and disclaims all interest in or to such goodwill and the trademarks and that Customer will not challenge or contest such ownership, or illy’s registration of the Marks. Customer shall not seek to register or gain any rights in the Marks. Without limiting the foregoing, Customer shall not use any domain names, metatags, meta descriptors, or electronic mail (e-mail) addresses, server names or search engine markers that are identical to, or confusingly similar to the Marks.

4. Trademark Use. Customer shall use the Marks only in connection with the sale and advertising of genuine illy products supplied by illy or an authorized illy distributor, and only in such form and manner as may be approved in advance, in each instance, by illy in writing. Customer shall use the Marks only in approved promotional programs and materials employed in connection with operation of Customer’s business. Customer shall not, during the term of this Agreement, or thereafter, do or permit to be done any act or thing which prejudices, infringes or impairs the rights of illy with respect to the Marks, any trademarks, trade names, domain names, etc., of illy or any of its subsidiaries or affiliated companies, or any act or thing that damages or reflects adversely upon illy, its parent, subsidiaries or affiliated companies or any of their Marks. When using any of the federally registered trademarks of illy, Customer shall ensure that the federal trademark notice (®) is used.

When using any of illy’s non-federally registered trademarks, Customer shall include either the designation TM or SM as appropriate. Customer acknowledges and agrees that from time to time illy may obtain additional federal trademark registrations or may, at illy’s sole discretion, abandon certain federal trademark registrations. illy has no obligation to Customer to maintain or enforce any of its Marks against any third party.

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Client	Illycaffè North America, Inc
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Signature of Authorized Agent	Signature of Authorized Agent
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Print Name	Print Name
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5. illy's Right to Control Use of Trademarks. If a particular use of the Marks by a Customer is deemed objectionable by illy (at the sole discretion of illy), Customer shall cease said use immediately upon written notification by illy and Customer will undertake any reasonable corrective action when requested by illy.

6. Litigation. In the event any person who is not a licensee of illy uses or infringes the Marks, illy shall control all litigation and shall be the sole judge as to whether or not suit shall be defended, instituted, prosecuted or settled, the terms of settlement, and whether or not any other action is taken. Customer may be required to cease use of some or all of the Marks as a result of litigation and/or settlement or otherwise. Customer agrees to promptly cease use of such Marks upon notice from illy. Customer shall promptly notify illy of any such use or infringement of which it becomes aware.

7. Obligations on Termination. Upon termination of this license for any reason, Customer shall forthwith discontinue the use of the Marks or any part of them, and, except as otherwise authorized, shall not thereafter operate or do business under any name or in any manner that might tend to give the general public the impression that it is affiliated with illy.

8. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the controlling agreement between the parties with respect to the use of illy's Marks and supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations, letters of intent, understandings, and discussions of the parties, whether oral or written with respect to the use of said Marks. There are no representations of any kind, whether express or implied, with respect to the Marks except as contained herein.

**ATTACHMENT D: USE OF CUSTOMER'S INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

Without Customer's prior written consent, illy shall not use Customer's name, logos, trademarks, service marks, or other intellectual property for promotional purposes, including, but not limited to, in connection with any marketing or sales materials.

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Signature of Authorized Agent	Signature of Authorized Agent
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### **State Effective Dates**

The following states have franchise laws that 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 document is effective and may be used in the following states, where the document is filed, registered or exempt from registration, as of the Effective Date stated below:

<b>STATES</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
California	Pending
Illinois	Pending
Maryland	Pending
New York	Pending

Other states may require registration, filing, or exemption of a franchise under other laws, such as those that regulate the offer and sale of business opportunities or seller-assisted marketing plans.

**EXHIBIT L**

**RECEIPTS**

**ITEM 23 • RECEIPT**

*(Retain this copy for your records)*

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

If we offer you a franchise, we must provide this Disclosure Document to you 14 calendar-days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make a payment to, us or an affiliate in connection with the proposed offer or sale. New York requires that we give you this 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 our relationship with you. Iowa requires that we give you this disclosure document at the earlier of the first personal meeting or 14 days before the execution of the franchise or other agreement or the payment of any consideration that relates to the franchise relationship. Michigan requires that we give you this disclosure document at least 10 days before the execution of any binding franchise or other agreement or the payment of any consideration, whichever occurs first.

If we do not deliver this Disclosure Document on time or if it contains a false or misleading statement, or a material omission, a violation of federal law and state law may have occurred and should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580 and the state agencies listed in **Exhibit C**.

The franchisor is *illy caffè North America, Inc.*, located at 800 Westchester Avenue, Suite 440-S, Rye Brook, NY 10573. Its telephone number is (914) 253-4500.

Issuance date: March 29, 2024

The franchise seller for this offering is:

- Mark Roth, Senior Director Retail Development and Operations *illy caffè North America, Inc.*
- Jack Edwards, Director, President and Chief Executive Officer *800 Westchester Avenue, Suite 440-S  
Rye Brook, NY 10573  
(914) 253-4500*

*illy caffè North America, Inc.*, authorizes the respective state agencies identified in Exhibit D to receive service of process for it in the particular state.

I have received a Disclosure Document dated March 29, 2024 (with effective dates of state registration as listed on the State Cover Page) that included the following Exhibits:

- A-1 Retail Location Agreement
- A-2 Franchise Agreement
- B Development Agreement
- C List of State Administrators
- D Agents for Service of Process
- E List of Current and Former Franchisees
- F Financial Statements
- G Table of Contents of the Manuals
- H Standard Release Language
- I State-specific Disclosures
- J State-specific Agreement Amendments
- K Equipment Loan Agreement
- L Receipts (2 copies)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Prospective Retailer or Franchisee

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mobile Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Prospective Retailer or Franchisee

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mobile Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_