#### FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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You will operate a family-friendly creative arts studio business that features art parties, workshops, children's art classes and camps, and walk-in painting activities.

The total investment necessary to begin the operation of a Créatif franchise ranges from \$209,896 - \$340,248. This includes \$45,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or an affiliate.

The total investment necessary to begin the operation of a Créatif multi-unit development business ranges from \$277,396 - \$407,748, for a required minimum of 3 Créatif outlets to be developed. This includes \$112,500 that must be paid to the franchisor or an 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 the disclosure document at least 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. Note, however, that no government agency has verified the information contained in this document.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read your entire contract carefully. Show your contract and this disclosure document to an advisor, like a lawyer or accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this disclosure document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise", which can help you understand how to use this disclosure document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at 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:

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

# What You Need To Know About Franchising Generally

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

**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.

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

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

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

# Some States Require Registration

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

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

# Special Risks to Consider About This Franchise

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

1. <u>**Out-of-State Dispute Resolution.</u>** The franchise agreement requires you to resolve disputes with the franchisor by mediation and/or litigation only in California. Out-of-state mediation, arbitration, or litigation may force you to accept a less favorable settlement for disputes. It may also cost more to mediate, arbitrate, or litigate with the franchisor in California than in your own state.</u>

2. **Spouse Liability.** Your spouse must sign a document that makes your spouse liable for your financial obligations under the franchise agreement, even though your spouse has no ownership interest in the business. This guarantee will place both your and your spouse's personal and marital assets, perhaps including your house, at risk if your franchise fails.

3. <u>Mandatory Minimum Payments</u>. You must make minimum royalty or advertising fund payments, regardless of your sales levels. Your inability to make the payments may result in termination of your franchise and loss of your investment.

4. **<u>Financial Condition</u>**. The Franchisor's financial condition as reflected in its financial statements (see Item 21) calls into question the Franchisor's financial ability to provide services and support to you.

5. **Short Operating History.** The Franchisor is at an early stage of development and has a limited operating history. This franchise is likely to be a riskier investment than a franchise in a system with a longer operating history.

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

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

We were formed as a limited liability company in the State of California on April 24, 2020. Our principal business address is 5000 Hopyard Road, Suite 250, Pleasanton, California, 94588, and our telephone number is 925-640-5176. We do business under our company name, "Créatif" and its associated design (the "Mark"). We do not own or operate any businesses of the type you will be operating. We have not offered franchises in any other line of business. We only offer franchises which operate under the "Créatif" Mark. We began offering franchises on August 10, 2020.

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

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

We have no parents or predecessors.

We have an affiliated company, Créatif LLC, a California limited liability company with a principal address of 5480 Sunol Boulevard, Suite 2, Pleasanton, California, 94566. Créatif LLC was formed on September 21, 2016, and is the owner of the certain of our Marks and has exclusively licensed use of the Marks to us. Créatif LLC has not offered franchises in this or in any other lines of business previously.

We have a second affiliated company, Tvara LLC, a California limited liability company with a principal address of 5000 Hopyard Road, Suite 250, Pleasanton, California, 94588. Tvara LLC was formed on April 24, 2020, and is the owner of Créatif Studio Manager and Art Pad, the proprietary software used in the Créatif System. Tvara LLC, has licensed to us, with the right to sub-license to you, the use of Créatif Studio Manager and Art Pad during the Term of your Franchise Agreement. Although it has not done so, Tvara LLC, reserves the right to market and sell the Créatif Studio Manager and Art Pad software to other businesses, including competitors of Créatif. Tvara LLC has not offered franchises in this or in any other lines of business previously.

We have operated, through our affiliate, a creative arts studio featuring art parties, workshops, children's art classes and camps, and walk-in painting activities, using the Mark, since 2018. We may operate other Créatif concepts, including additional Créatif outlets, or other creative arts concepts in the future.

#### The Franchise Offered:

We grant franchises for the right to operate a creative arts studio featuring art parties, workshops, children's art classes and camps, and walk-in painting activities. You will provide products and services to customers under the "Créatif" Marks, using our distinctive operating procedures and standards in a limited protected territory and from a single location (the "Franchised Business"). The distinguishing characteristics of a Créatif Franchised Business include, but are not limited to, the Créatif distinctive trade dress, proprietary designs and technology, instructional methods, inventory,

procedures for management, training, advertising, and promotional programs, all of which may be changed, improved or further developed by us at any time (the "System").

We also offer qualified individuals the right to open a minimum of three (3) Créatif outlets in a designated area under the terms of a multi-unit development agreement. You must sign the thencurrent form of franchise agreement for each Franchised Business to be developed under the multi-unit development agreement, which may differ from the current Franchise Agreement included with this Franchise Disclosure Document.

#### Market and Competition:

The market for your Franchised Business consists of the general public seeking creative arts activities in a family-friendly environment. Many of our customers are parents who desire painting instruction, creative arts camps and birthday party options for children ages 3 through 12. We also host teen parties. Our franchises are located in shopping malls and/or are situated in central city, suburban or other high traffic locations and strip centers.

The market for creative arts experiences is developing. You will compete with businesses, including national, regional and local businesses, offering services similar to those offered by your Franchised Business, including other instructional arts studios and other creative arts businesses that offer children's classes, camps and parties. There are other instructional arts and do-it-yourself creative arts activities franchises, as well as independent businesses throughout the United States, that may offer similar products and services. The market for our products and services is not seasonal but does have peak periods and may be affected by economic conditions.

#### Industry Specific Regulations:

At all times during the operation of your Franchised Business, you, and your employees that serve food, must have a ServSafe<sup>®</sup> Food Handler certification. The jurisdiction where your Franchised Business is located may require additional food safety certifications. You must comply with all laws and regulations for proper food storage, service, and disposal.

You must comply with all best practices and environmental laws regarding the use, storage and disposal of paints and solvents. You may be required you to upgrade the ventilation systems at your premises due to the use of paints and solvents to ensure adequate air quality, and there may be laws, rules or regulations in your Territory that set minimum ventilation standards.

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

You should investigate whether there are any state or local regulations or requirements that may apply in the geographic area in which you intend to conduct business. You should consider both their effect on your business and the cost of compliance. You are responsible for obtaining all licenses and permits which may be required for your business.

# ITEM 2: BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

#### Jaya Aiyar - President & CEO

Jaya Aiyar has been our President and Chief Executive Officer since May 2020. She is also the founder and Chief Executive Officer of our affiliate, Creatif LLC, since September 2016. From October 2014 to May 2016, Jaya worked as a technical consultant at BNP - Bank of the West, in San Ramon, California.

#### Sriram Dayanandan - Co-owner and CTO

Sriram Dayanandan has been our Chief Technology Officer since May 2020. He is also the founder and Chief Executive Office of our affiliate, Tvara LLC, since May 2020. Sriram has been a technical advisor for Ubiquiti Inc. since January 2020. From January 2010 to December 2019, he worked as Principal Architect at Ubiquiti Inc., in San Jose, California.

#### 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

We will charge you an initial franchise fee ("Initial Franchise Fee") when you sign the Franchise Agreement. The Initial Franchise Fee is Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00). This payment is fully earned by us and due in lump sum when you sign the Franchise Agreement. The Initial Franchise Fee is not refundable under any circumstance.

We will charge you a development fee ("Development Fee") when you sign the Multi-Unit Development Agreement. The Development Fee is One Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$112,500.00) for the development of three (3) Créatif outlets. The Development Fee equals the full payment of the Initial Franchise Fee of \$45,000 for the first outlet, plus the full payment of the Initial Franchise Fees of \$33,750 each for the second and third outlets. The Initial Franchise Fee for the second and third outlets is discounted by twenty-five percent (25%).

The Development Fee is fully earned by us and due in lump sum when you sign the Multi-Unit Development Agreement. The Development Fee is not refundable under any circumstance. Upon execution of the Multi-Unit Development Agreement, you also will sign a franchise agreement for your first Créatif outlet. You will receive a \$45,000 credit from the Development Fee as payment in full of the Initial Franchise Fee for the first franchise agreement. Upon execution of a lease for each Créatif outlet you develop, you are required to sign our then-current franchise agreement for the next Créatif outlet you are to develop, in accordance with your

development schedule. Upon signing your second franchise agreement, you will receive a credit of \$33,750 from the Development Fee as payment in full of the Initial Franchise Fee due. Upon signing your third franchise agreement, you will receive a credit of \$33,750 from the Development Fee as payment in full of the Initial Franchise Fee due.

From time to time, we may offer special incentive programs as part of our franchise development activities. We reserve the right to offer, modify or withdraw any incentive program without notice to you. We currently offer an incentive whereby we will discount the Initial Franchise Fee by twenty percent (20%) to Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00) for a second and each subsequent Franchise Agreement you sign with us.

We currently offer a fifteen percent (15%) discount of the Initial Franchise Fee to Thirty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$38,250.00) for the first franchise purchased by active members and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who were honorably discharged.

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Continuing Royalty Fee	7% of weekly Gross Revenue, or a weekly minimum of \$175 (Calendar Year 2), \$200 (Calendar Year 3), \$235 (Calendar Year 4) and \$270 (Calendar Years 5+), whichever is greater.	Weekly on Tuesday for Gross Revenues earned in the prior week (Monday through Sunday)	Payable to us. See footnote 1.
Required Minimum Expenditure for Local Marketing and Advertising	\$1,200	Monthly	Payable to third parties. All advertising must be pre- approved by us. See footnote 2.
Brand Fund Contribution	1% of Gross Revenue, subject to increase to no more than 2% of Gross Revenue	Weekly on Tuesday for Gross Revenues earned in the prior week (Monday through Sunday)	Brand Fund Contributions are paid directly to the Brand Fund. See footnote 3.

# ITEM 6: OTHER FEES

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Advertising Cooperative	Your share of actual cost of advertising.	As determined by cooperative.	No cooperatives have been established as of the date of this Disclosure Document. You are required to join an advertising cooperative if one is formed. Cooperatives will be comprised of all franchised Créatif outlets in a designated geographic area. Any affiliate- owned outlets may participate in an advertising cooperative, in our sole discretion.
Late Charge	\$100	As incurred	If you fail to pay us the Continuing Royalty Fee, Brand Fund Fee, Technology Fee or if you fail to submit your Gross Revenue report when due, we may charge you \$100 for each late submission in addition to interest charges explained below.
Interest Charge	18% per annum from due date, or maximum allowed by law	As incurred	If you fail to pay us any amount when due, we may charge you interest on the unpaid balance until the payment is received.
Non-Sufficient Funds Fee	\$100	As incurred	If your check is returned or an electronic funds transfer from your bank account is denied for insufficient funds, for each occurrence we may charge you a Non-Sufficient Funds Fee.
Successor Agreement Fee	15% of the then- current initial franchise fee	Before signing successor agreement	Payable to us. See Item 17.
Transfer Fee – Franchise Agreement	75% of the then- current initial franchise fee. For transfers to: (i) an existing franchisee in good standing, the transfer fee is 50% of the then-current initial franchise fee, (ii) an entity owned	Before we approve the transfer.	Payable to us. See Item 17

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Transfer Fee – Multi-Unit Development Agreement	and controlled by the franchisee for convenience purposes or for transfers among owners that does not change management control, the transfer fee is \$1,500 and (iii) a spouse, parent or child upon death or permanent disability, the transfer fee is \$3,500. \$15,000. For transfers to: (i) an existing franchisee or developer in good standing, the transfer fee is \$10,000, (ii) for transfers among owners, the transfer fee is \$1,500 and (iii) a spouse, parent or child upon death or permanent disability, there is no transfer fee.	Before we approve the transfer.	Payable to us. See Item 17
Initial Training	No charge for initial training of up to three individuals. You pay all travel and other related expenses incurred by all trainees. The current fee to train additional personnel is \$200 per person per day.	Travel and related expenses are due as incurred. Fees for training your key personnel are due prior to the commencement of training.	Initial training takes place in Pleasanton, California. See Item 11.

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Additional Training	A reasonable fee for each training session. Fee is currently \$500. You pay all travel and other related expenses incurred by you and your personnel to attend training.	As incurred.	See footnote 4.
Remedial Training Fee	Our then-current per diem rate for each trainer, plus travel and other expenses. Our current per diem rate is \$550 per day.	As incurred.	We may impose this fee, payable to us, if you request additional training at your premises from time-to-time, or if you are operating below our standards and we require you to have additional training. You must also pay all costs of our trainer, which include but are not limited to, airfare, transportation, hotel and meals.
Interim Management Support Fee	Our then-current per diem rate for on-site management, plus expenses. Our current rate is the \$500 per day, plus travel and other expenses.	As incurred.	We may impose this fee (in addition to all regularly occurring fees such as the Continuing Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contributions), payable to us, if we provide on- site management of your Franchised Business. See footnote 5.
Examination of Books and Records	Cost of examination plus related expenses.	As incurred.	We have the right under the Franchise Agreement to examine your books, records and tax returns. If an examination reveals that you have understated any Gross Revenue report by two percent (2%) or more, you must pay to us the cost of the audit and all travel and related expenses, in addition to repaying monies owed and interest on the monies owed.
Evaluation Fee of Unapproved Item or Supplier	\$1,000	As incurred	Payable to us.

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Quality Review Services	Up to \$750, yearly, subject to increase	As incurred	Payable to third-party providers. See footnote 6.
Software/ Applications Fees	\$250 monthly, subject to increase	Monthly	Payable to us for Créatif Studio Manager and Art Pad software upon creation of the location- specific software for your outlet, which typically occurs 8 weeks prior to opening. We have the right to substitute or add different approved technologies, which you must use.
Website/IT Fee	\$200 monthly, subject to increase to \$300 monthly and 10% increases thereafter	Monthly	The Website/IT Fee is payable to us upon the launch of the specific website for your outlet, which typically occurs 8 weeks prior to opening. We reserve the right to impose a fee for new or improved technology for the benefit of the System and the Franchised Business, including but not limited to, assigned phone numbers and email addresses, a franchise portal, benchmarking platform or other operations or communications systems.
Accounting Services	Actual costs	As incurred.	We reserve the right to require you to use an external accounting service if (i) you do not keep your books and records in accordance with our requirements or (ii) we determine that use of an external service by all franchisees is beneficial to the System. During the first 2 years of the term of your franchise agreement, you are required to use an accounting firm designated by us.

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Relocation Fee	One-third (1/3) of the then-current initial franchise fee	As incurred	This fee is due if we approve your request to relocate your Créatif outlet.
Liquidated Damages	Up to 36 months of Royalty Fees and Brand Fund Contributions	Upon termination of the Franchise Agreement due to your default.	If your Franchise Agreement is terminated due to your default, you must pay us the average monthly Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution payable by you for the 12 months prior to your default multiplied by the lesser of 36 months or the number of months remaining in the term of your Franchise Agreement.
Indemnification	Amount of loss or damages plus costs	As incurred.	See footnote 7.
Critical Operations Standards Violation Fee	\$250 to \$1,000	As incurred.	Payable to us for failure to comply with operational standards as required and specified under the Franchise Agreement, plus inspection and re-inspection costs incurred by us. See footnote 8.
Reimbursement of legal fees and expenses	Our costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, incurred for your failure to pay amounts when due or failure to comply in any way with the Franchise Agreement.	As Incurred	Payable to us.
Confidential Operation Manual Replacement Fee	Currently \$250, subject to change	As incurred	Paid to us.

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Site Selection Extension Fee	\$5,000.00	As incurred.	Payable to us. See footnote 9.
Insurance Reimbursement	Amount paid by us for your insurance obligations, plus a 10% administrative fee and our legal fees, if any.	As incurred	You must reimburse us for any insurance costs and other fees we incur due to your failure to meet the insurance obligations required by the Franchise Agreement.
Taxes	Amount of taxes	When incurred.	You must reimburse us for any taxes that we must pay to any taxing authority on account of either the operation of your Franchised Business or payments that you make to us, including, but not limited to any sales taxes or income taxes imposed by any authority.

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

<sup>1</sup> "Gross Revenue" includes all sales of every kind and nature at or from your Franchised Business location or made pursuant to the rights granted to you by the Franchise Agreement, , regardless of whether you have collected the amount of the sales. "Gross Revenue" does not include (i) any sales tax or similar taxes collected from customers and turned over to the governmental authority imposing the tax, (ii) properly documented refunds to customers, (iii) properly documented promotional discounts (i.e. coupons), (iv) employee tips and (v) properly documented employee discounts (limited to 2% of Gross Revenue). Gross Revenue does not include gift card purchases, at the time of purchase, but Gross Revenue does include the redemption amount of purchases made by gift card. If you do not report revenues for any week, then we will collect 120% of the last Continuing Royalty Fee collected and settle the balance the next period in which you report revenue. You are required to set up authorization at your bank to allow us to electronically transfer funds from your bank account to our bank account. Interest and late fees will apply to any late payments or electronic funds transfer requests denied due to insufficient funds.

<sup>2</sup> This does not include purchase of posters, flyers and brochures required to be made available at the studio location for service information. Upon our request, you must furnish us with a quarterly report and documentation of local advertising expenditures during the previous calendar quarter. You may not use social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, blogs and other networking and sharing websites, unless you first receive our written approval to do so and such use is in strict accordance with our requirements. You may not enroll into any long term advertising plans ranging 3 months or more, without our prior written approval.

<sup>3</sup>Brand Fund Contribution payments are due at the same time and in the same manner as Royalty Fees. You are required to set up authorization at your bank to allow the Brand Fund to electronically transfer funds from your bank account to the Brand Fund's bank account. Interest and late fees will apply to any late payments or electronic funds transfer requests denied due to insufficient funds. If you do not report any sales in a week then the Brand Fund will collect 120% of the last Brand Fund Contribution collected and settle the balance the next week in which you report sales.

<sup>4</sup> We may offer mandatory and/or optional additional training programs, including an annual business meeting or convention, from time to time. If we require it, you must participate in additional training for up to five (5) days per year, at a location we designate. We reserve the right to impose a reasonable fee for all additional training programs, including the national business meeting or annual convention. You are responsible for any and all incidental expenses incurred by you and your personnel in connection with additional training or attendance at Franchisor's national business meeting or annual convention, including, without limitation, costs of travel, lodging, meals and wages.

<sup>5</sup> In the event of your death or disability, your default of the Franchise Agreement, absence of a qualified general manager, or other reasons, in our sole discretion, we may provide interim onsite management of your Franchised Business.

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

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

<sup>8</sup> In our sole discretion, we may issue you a fine for violations and alleged violations of critical operation standards as required and specified under the franchise agreement and/or manuals. We may rely on any evidence available to us that such violations have occurred, including customer complaints or reports that we find credible, at our sole discretion. The amount of the fine will be as set forth in the manual and may be issued for each violation. We may update the fines from time to time. We may also concurrently send you notice to correct the violation. If you do not correct the violation within the time required by us, we have the right to put you in default. All fines are to be paid in accordance with our electronic funds transfer or automatic withdrawal program.

<sup>9</sup> If you desire to extend the timeline to locate a site by an additional ninety (90) days, you shall request in writing and pay the Site Selection Extension Fee.

#### ITEM 7: ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT YOUR ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT (Single Unit)

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Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is Made
Initial Franchise Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$45,000	Lump sum payment in cash or available funds.	Upon signing the Franchise Agreement.	Us
Your Training Expenses <sup>2</sup>	\$1,000 - \$3,000	As required for transportation, lodging & meals	As required by suppliers of transportation, lodging & meals.	Suppliers of transportation, lodging & meals.
Premises deposit <sup>3</sup>	\$8,000 - \$11,600	As required by landlord	As required by landlord	Landlord
Utilities deposits <sup>4</sup>	\$250 - \$500	As required by utility providers	As required by utility providers	Utility providers
Design and Architect Fees	\$3,500 - \$8,500	As required by supplier	Before opening as required by supplier	Supplier
Leasehold Improvements, Construction and/or Remodeling <sup>5</sup>	\$55,000 - \$133,744	As required by supplier, contractor or landlord	Before opening, as required by supplier.	Suppliers, contractor and/or Landlord
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment <sup>6</sup>	\$53,213 - \$79,255	As required by supplier	Before opening	Designated Suppliers
Exterior Signage <sup>7</sup>	\$3,000 - \$6,260	As incurred	Before opening	Suppliers
Business Licenses and Permits <sup>8</sup>	\$750 - \$1,000	As required by government agencies	Before opening, as required by government agencies	Government Agencies
Certifications <sup>9</sup>	\$42 - \$56	As required by provider	Before opening as required by provider	Provider
Computer Systems <sup>10</sup>	\$5,250 - \$6,750	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers
Initial Inventory to Begin Operating <sup>11</sup>	\$5,000 - \$6,350	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers
Association Dues <sup>12</sup>	\$300-\$750	As required by association	Before opening	Chamber of Commerce or other local business organization

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is Made
Equipment <sup>13</sup>	\$1,789 - \$2,850	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers
Networking & Digital Display <sup>14</sup>	\$5,377 - \$6,383	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Approved Suppliers
Professional Fees <sup>15</sup>	\$2,500 - \$3,000	As required by providers	As incurred	Attorney, Accountant, Other Professional Service Providers
Initial Launch Marketing & Grand Opening Advertising	\$5,000	As required by supplier	As required by supplier	Suppliers
Insurance <sup>16</sup>	\$875 - \$1,050	As required by insurer	Before opening	Insurer
Operating Expenses / Additional Funds – 3 months <sup>17</sup>	\$14,050 - \$19,200	As incurred	Payroll weekly, other purchases according to agreed-upon terms	Employees, utilities, suppliers, etc.
TOTAL	\$209,896 - \$340,2	248	1	<u>.</u>

# YOUR ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT (Multi-Unit)

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is Made
Development Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$112,500	Lump sum payment in cash or available funds.	Upon signing the Franchise Agreement.	Us
Your Training Expenses <sup>2</sup>	\$1,000 - \$3,000	As required for transportation, lodging & meals	As required by suppliers of transportation, lodging & meals.	Suppliers of transportation, lodging & meals.
Premises deposit <sup>3</sup>	\$8,000 - \$11,600	As required by landlord	As required by landlord	Landlord

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is Made
Utilities deposits <sup>4</sup>	\$250 - \$500	As required by utility providers	As required by utility providers	Utility providers
Design and Architect Fees	\$3,500 - \$8,500	As required by supplier	Before opening as required by supplier	Suppliers
Leasehold Improvements, Construction and/or Remodeling <sup>5</sup>	\$55,000 - \$133,744	As required by supplier, contractor or landlord	Before opening, as required by supplier.	Suppliers, contractor and/or Landlord
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment <sup>6</sup>	\$53,213 - \$79,255	As required by supplier	Before opening	Approved Suppliers
Exterior Signage <sup>7</sup>	\$3,000 - \$6,260	As incurred	Before opening	Suppliers
Business Licenses and Permits <sup>8</sup>	\$750 - \$1,000	As required by government agencies	Before opening, as required by government agencies	Government Agencies
Certifications <sup>9</sup>	\$42 - \$56	As required by provider	Before opening as required by provider	Provider
Computer Systems <sup>10</sup>	\$5,250 - \$6,750	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers
Initial Inventory to Begin Operating <sup>11</sup>	\$5,000 - \$6,350	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers
Association Dues <sup>12</sup>	\$300-\$750	As required by association	Before opening	Chamber of Commerce or other local business organization
Equipment <sup>13</sup>	\$1,789 - \$2,850	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers
Networking & Digital Display <sup>14</sup>	\$5,377 - \$6,383	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Approved Suppliers
Professional Fees <sup>15</sup>	\$2,500 - \$3,000	As required by providers	As incurred	Attorney, Accountant, Other Professional Service Providers
Initial Launch Marketing &	\$5,000	As required by supplier	As required by supplier	Suppliers

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is Made
Grand Opening Advertising				
Insurance <sup>16</sup>	\$875 - \$1,050	As required by insurer	Before opening	Insurer
Operating Expenses / Additional Funds – 3 months <sup>17</sup>	\$14,050 - \$19,200	As incurred	Payroll weekly, other purchases according to agreed-upon terms	Employees, utilities, suppliers, etc.
TOTAL	\$277,396 - \$407,7	748		

<sup>1</sup> Please see Item 5, which provides information about incentive programs that may offer a discount on the Initial Franchise Fee and information about the calculation and application of the Development Fee.

<sup>2</sup> The cost of the Initial Training Program for up to three (3) individuals is included in the Initial Franchise Fee. The chart estimates the costs for transportation, lodging, and meals for your trainees. These incidental costs are not included in the Initial Franchise Fee. Your costs will depend on the number of people attending training, their point of origin, method of travel, class of accommodation and living expenses. The duration of the training program is approximately 10 days. This estimate does not include employee wages.

<sup>3</sup>We anticipate that you will rent the premises for your Créatif outlet. This estimate includes a three (3) month deposit of rent for a 1,600 – 1,800 square foot location at a minimum rent, common area maintenance (CAM) fees, real estate taxes and landlord's insurance costs ranging from \$18 - \$23 per square foot. Real estate costs vary widely from place to place. Rental rates may be more or less than this range depending on the location of your Franchised Business. You may also incur real estate broker fees, additional prepayments (e.g., first and./or last month's rent), advertising or promotional fund fees or other costs, depending on the terms of your lease. Pre-paid rent is generally non-refundable while security or other deposits may be refundable either in full or in part depending upon your lease or rental contract.

<sup>4</sup> Utility providers set the amounts of the utility deposits. A credit check may be required by the issuing utility company prior to the initiation of services, or a higher deposit required for first time customers. These costs will vary depending on the type of services required for the facility and the municipality or utility provider from which they are being contracted. We have based our estimate on the experiences of our affiliate. The figures in the chart include deposits that may be refundable to you at a later time. In most cases, your lease will require you to pay electric, gas, water, and other utilities directly; however, some landlords cover some utility charges through operating fees.

<sup>5</sup> This cost of leasehold improvements depends upon the condition and size of the leasehold, the local cost of contract work and the location of the Franchised Business. The estimated figures

assume a vanilla-shell, where no demolition is required, with a minimum of finished concrete floor, grid and tile ceiling, interior walls in paint-ready condition, HVAC of 1 ton per 250 square feet and existing and adequate electrical, plumbing systems and ADA-compliant restrooms based on the occupancy requirements. These amounts will vary based on the condition of the existing leasehold. Many locations are built in existing structures, while many others are new build-outs. You will incur expenditures in this category if you take over space which was occupied by a prior tenant. It is difficult, if not impossible, to estimate what it might cost to improve existing property. Tenant improvement allowances, if any, paid to you may defray a portion of build-out costs.

<sup>6</sup> The furniture and fixtures necessary for a Créatif outlet includes reception area furniture, shelving, tables, chairs, cabinets, lighting, countertops and booth seating. These estimates do not include taxes, freight or installs.

<sup>7</sup> This estimate is for the cost to produce and mount the storefront signage on the exterior of the premises. The higher end of the estimate is for illuminated signage.

<sup>8</sup> This is an estimate of the costs of building permits, sign permits and a certificate of occupancy for your premises. Not all locations will require all of these permits, depending on the prior use of the premises and the requirements of local ordinances. This estimate also includes the cost of a local business license. The costs of permits and licenses will vary by location. We cannot estimate the cost of this license because requirements and fees vary widely. Please contact your local governing agency for this information.

<sup>9</sup> You and any of your staff who handle food are required to obtain a ServSafe<sup>®</sup> Food Handler Certification. The above estimate is the tuition cost of 6-8 trainees. This course is on-line.

<sup>10</sup> We require you to purchase computer systems and software meeting our minimum specifications for use at your Franchised Business. This estimate includes the cost of the required Square POS System, reception desk Mac computer, 10 iPads, and license and installation cost of Acuity Scheduling software. You must also have a minimum internet speed of 200Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload and other telecommunications equipment and services in accordance with our standards to permit electronic transmission of our proprietary ArtPad app content, StudioManager software, other operational data and sales information. We reserve the right to change your requirements for computer hardware and software at any time.

<sup>11</sup> This estimate is for the cost of the initial inventory sufficient for approximately three (3) months of operation. Your initial inventory will include canvases, other painting surfaces, paints, solvents, brushes, cups, carts, paper, gloves, table covers, clips and sponges. This estimate also includes an initial order of thirty (30) staff uniforms. You will also need miscellaneous office and cleaning supplies.

<sup>12</sup> We require you to join your local Chamber of Commerce or other community business organization.

<sup>13</sup> This estimate includes a phone system, refrigerator, washer, dryer, blow dryers and a camera. This estimate does not include taxes, freight or installs.

<sup>14</sup> This estimate includes televisions, wifi equipment, camera surveillance system and audio system. This estimate does not include taxes, freight or installs.

<sup>15</sup> You may incur professional fees depending on the scope of work performed, which may include, legal and accounting fees to review franchise documents and costs of forming a separate legal entity and/or obtaining zoning approval. This list is not exhaustive. This amount will vary greatly depending on your specific needs and location. We strongly recommend that you seek the assistance of professional advisors when evaluating this franchise opportunity, this disclosure document and the Franchise Agreement. It is also advisable to consult these professionals to review any lease or other contracts that you will enter into as part of starting your franchise.

<sup>16</sup> Before you open for business, you must purchase and maintain at your sole cost and expense the insurance coverage that we specify. Insurance costs and requirements may vary widely in different localities. The estimate represents the cost of the quarterly premium of the required minimum coverage. We reserve the right to require additional types of insurance and coverage as provided in the Franchise Agreement.

<sup>17</sup>This is an estimate of the amount of additional operating capital that you may need to operate your Franchised Business during the first three (3) months after commencing operations. This estimate includes such items as utilities, internet service, initial payroll and payroll taxes, software fees, technology fees, local advertising expenses, repairs and maintenance, bank charges, music fees, initial staff recruiting expenses, and other miscellaneous items. These estimates do not include any compensation to you, nor do they include debt service. These items are by no means all-inclusive of the extent of possible expenses.

We relied upon the experience of our affiliate-owned Créatif outlet to compile these estimates. You should review these figures carefully with a business advisor before making any decision to invest in the franchise.

We do not offer financing for any part of the initial investment.

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

# ITEM 8: RESTRICTIONS ON SOURCES OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

We have identified various suppliers, distributors and manufacturers of equipment, inventory, and services that your Franchised Business must use or provide which meet our standards and requirements. You must purchase all equipment, fixtures, inventory, supplies and services from our designated suppliers and contractors or in accordance with our specifications.

You must engage the services of Experience Mint for assistance with layout and design of the premises of your Créatif outlet, and purchase your furniture, fixtures, and equipment from Experience Mint. Experience Mint is the sole approved vendor of these items.

You must purchase scheduling software from Acuity. Acuity is the sole approved supplier of these services.

Our affiliate, Tvara LLC, is the sole designated supplier of our proprietary software, Créatif Studio Manager and Art Pad. You must license the use of the proprietary software from us and pay us installation and continuing access fees. As of June 30, 2023, the date of our fiscal year end, we received \$3,850 of revenue from software licensing required by franchisees, which makes up 14.5% of our total revenue of \$26,500.

Other than Tvara LLC, none of our officers own any interest in any other approved or designated supplier for any product, good or service that you are required to purchase for the operation of your Franchised Business.

We have a preferred third-party retirement plan advisor, Benetrends, which assists in 401K rollovers and other business funding options. We will receive a referral fee of \$1,000 if you use your 401K rollover to fund your franchised business through Benetrends.

We approve suppliers after careful review of the quality of the products they provide to us and you. If you would like us to consider another item or supplier, you must make such request in writing to us and have the supplier give us samples of its product or service and such other information that we may require. If the item and/or supplier meet our specifications, as we determine in our sole discretion, we will approve it as an additional item or supplier. We will make a good-faith effort to notify you whether we approve or disapprove of the proposed item or supplier within 30 days after we receive all required information to evaluate the product or service. If we do not approve any request within 30 days, it is deemed unapproved. We reserve the right to revoke approval of any item or supplier that does not continue to meet our then-current standards. Our criteria for approving items and suppliers are not available to you. Along with your written request that we approve a proposed item or supplier, you must pay an Evaluation Fee of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), to offset our cost for time, review and testing.

We maintain written lists of approved items of equipment, fixtures, inventory and services (by brand name and/or by standards and specifications) and a list of designated suppliers and contractors for those items. We update these lists periodically and issue the updated lists to all franchisees.

Other than payments to our affiliate Tvara LLC for proprietary software, we do not receive any other revenue, rebates, discounts or other material consideration from any other suppliers based on your required purchases of products, supplies or equipment; however, we may do so in the future, and any rebates or discounts we receive may be kept by us in our sole discretion.

You must purchase and maintain at your sole cost and expense the insurance coverage that we specify, including comprehensive general liability insurance in the amount of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, including \$10,000 per person for medical expenses; property and casualty insurance to cover the full replacement value of your leasehold improvements, equipment, furniture, fixtures, and inventory; business interruption insurance in an amount necessary to satisfy your obligations under your franchise agreement for at least twelve (12) months; statutory worker's compensation insurance in the limits required by state law; employer's liability insurance in the amount of \$500,000; employee dishonesty insurance in the amount of \$25,000; electronic data loss in an amount of at least \$10,000; identity forgery, alteration or theft in an amount of at least \$2,500 per loss and \$5,000 for expenses; and if you operate a vehicle on behalf of your Franchised Business, comprehensive automobile liability insurance of at least a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of \$1,000,000. Each policy must be written by a responsible carrier or carriers acceptable to us, with an A.M. Best rating of not less than A-VII, and must name us and our respective officers, directors, partners, agents and employees as additional insured parties.

We estimate that your purchase or lease of products, supplies and services from approved suppliers (or those which meet our specifications) will represent approximately 60% of your costs to establish your Franchised Business and approximately 60-70% of your costs for ongoing operation.

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

From time to time, we may negotiate purchase arrangements, including price terms, with designated and approved suppliers on behalf of all franchisees. As of the date of this Disclosure Document, we have not created any purchasing arrangements with suppliers.

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

#### ITEM 9: FRANCHISEE'S OBLIGATIONS

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

	Obligation	Section or Article in Franchise Agreement	Section or Article in Multi-Unit Development Agreement	Item in Franchise Disclosure Document
a.	Site Selection and Acquisition/Lease	8.1	Not Applicable	11
b.	Pre-Opening Purchase/Leases	8.3, 10.5, 12.3.1	Not Applicable	7, 11
C.	Site Development & other Pre- Opening Requirements	8.2, 8.3, 12.1.1, 12.1.3	Article 5	11
d.	Initial and Ongoing Training	Article 7	Not Applicable	11
e.	Opening	8.2.3, 8.3	Not Applicable	11
f.	Fees	5.1, 5.2.7, Article 6, 12.3.7, 12.6, 15.6, 16.4, 18.1.4, 18.1.5, 18.1.8, 19.1.5	Article 4	5, 6, 7

	Obligation	Section or Article in Franchise Agreement	Section or Article in Multi-Unit Development Agreement	Item in Franchise Disclosure Document
g.	Compliance with Standards and Policies/Operating Manual	Article 9, 12.1, 19.1.1	Not Applicable	8, 11
h.	Trademarks and Proprietary Information	9.4, 12.1.8, Article 14, 19.2, 19.3, 19.4	Not Applicable	13, 14
i.	Restrictions on Products/Services Offered	12.1.1, 12.1.4, 12.6	Not Applicable	8
j.	Warranty and Customer Service Requirements	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
k.	Territorial Development and Sales Quotas	13.2	Article 5	12
I.	Ongoing Product/Service Purchases	12.1.4, 12.3.5	Not Applicable	8
m.	Maintenance, Appearance and Remodeling Requirements	Article 9, 12.1.2, 12.1.5, 12.1.9	Not Applicable	Item 11
n.	Insurance	Article 15	Not Applicable	7
	Advertising	12.1.9, Article 13	Not Applicable	6, 11
р.	Indemnification	15.6, 16.3.6, 21.1	Article 9	14
q.	Owner's Participation, Management, Staffing	11.1, 11.3, 12.1.6	Not Applicable	11, 15
r.	Records /Reports	12.2	Not Applicable	6
S.	Inspections and Audits	9.2, 12.1.7, 12.2.5	Not Applicable	6, 11
t.	Transfer	Article 16	Article 6	17

Obligation	Section or Article in Franchise Agreement	Section or Article in Multi-Unit Development Agreement	Item in Franchise Disclosure Document
u. Renewal	Article 5	Not Applicable	17
v. Post-Termination Obligations	Article 18	Section 7.4	17
w. Non-Competition Covenants	19.5	Article 8	17
x. Dispute Resolution	Article 20	Article 10	17
y. Guaranty	11.3, Attachment 7	Not Applicable	15

# ITEM 10: FINANCING

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

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

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

#### 1. Pre-Opening Obligations

Before you open your Franchised Business, we will:

a. provide you with site selection guidelines and approve a location for your Franchised Business. Within ninety (90) days of signing the Franchise Agreement, you must submit a written request for approval to us describing the proposed location and providing other information about the site that we reasonably request. We will respond within fifteen business (15) days, either accepting or rejecting the proposed location. We consider the following factors in approving a site: general location and neighborhood, distance from neighboring franchise territories, proximity to major roads and residential areas, traffic patterns, condition of premises, tenant mix, and demographic characteristics of the area. If you do not identify a site that meets our approval within ninety (90) days of signing the Franchise Agreement and obtain possession of the site within forty-five (45) days of our approval, we reserve the right to terminate the Franchise Agreement. We will not own and/or lease a site to you. You are responsible for negotiating a lease with the owner of a site we approve. If you signed our Multi-Unit Development Agreement, we will designate the site of each outlet that you open in accordance with our then-current standards. (Franchise Agreement, Sections 8.1.2, 8.1.3 10.1).

- b. provide you with specifications for the layout, design, appearance, and signage for your Créatif outlet. You, your architect, and your contractor are required to adapt our specifications for the construction of your premises and obtain permits. We do not adapt plans or obtain permits for you. You are required to use our designated designer and an architect and/or contractors that we approve for site development (Franchise Agreement, Sections 8.2.2, 10.2).
- c. loan to you the Créatif Operations Manual, other manuals and training aids we designate, and give you access to on-line learning modules for use in the operation of your Créatif Franchise, as they may be available and revised from time to time. (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.3).
- d. provide a written list of equipment, signage, supplies and products that will be required to open the Franchised Business. We and our affiliates are not obligated to install any of these items (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.5).
- e. provide initial training at our headquarters and/or affiliate-owned outlet. We reserve the right to designate an alternative location for the initial training. We will determine, in our sole discretion, whether you satisfactorily complete the initial training. (Franchise Agreement, Sections 7.1, 7.2).
- f. approve your proposed menu offerings and food service providers for events and parties at the Franchised Business (Franchise Agreement, Sections 8.3).
- g. provide a trainer at your premises for on-site training, supervision and assistance for up to four (4) days upon the opening of your Franchised Business. (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.3).
- h. provide you with standards for qualifications and training of your employees. We do not otherwise assist you with employee hiring and training (Franchise Agreement, Section 12.1.6).
- i. subject to applicable law, recommend minimum and maximum prices for products and services at your Créatif outlet (Franchise Agreement, Section 12.5).

# 2. Time to Open

We estimate the typical length of time between the signing of the Franchise Agreement and the time you open your Franchised Business is 180 days. Factors that may affect this time period include your ability to acquire financing or permits, build out of your location, have signs and equipment installed in your location, and completion of required training. You must find a site that we accept within ninety (90) days of signing the Franchise Agreement, and in all cases you must commence operations within three months of the time your execute a lease your site. If you have not opened your Franchised Business within 330 days after you sign the franchise agreement, you must obtain our consent to extend the time to open, which we may or may not grant, at our discretion. Failure to open your Franchised Business within the original time as extended, is a default of the Franchise Agreement. (Franchise Agreement, Sections 8.1, 8.3).

# 3. Obligations After Opening

During the operation of your franchise, we will:

- a. offer from time to time, in our discretion, mandatory or optional additional training programs, including an annual business meeting or convention. If we require it, you must attend mandatory additional training offered by us for up to five (5) days each year. Failure to attend mandatory additional training or an annual business meeting or conference is a default of the Franchise Agreement. We reserve the right to impose a reasonable fee for tuition and/or attendance for all additional training programs, including the annual business meeting or conference. You must also pay your transportation, lodging, meals and other expenses to attend any mandatory training program. If you fail to attend any mandatory training program, you are required to obtain the training at a location we designate, at your sole cost, which includes tuition at the then-current rate, plus all of your travel costs and our trainer's travel costs. (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.4).
- b. upon your request, or as we determine to be appropriate, provide remedial on-site training and assistance at your premises. For any on-site remedial training, you must reimburse all costs for the services of our trainer, including but not limited to the trainer's then-current per diem fee and all travel-related expenses, such as transportation, meals and lodging. The current fee is \$350 per trainer per day of on-site training (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.5).
- c. upon your request, provide individualized assistance to you within reasonable limits by telephone, video conferencing, electronic mail or postage service, subject at all times to availability of our personnel and in reasonable limits (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.6).
- e. from time to time, as may become available, provide you with samples or digital artwork, advertising and promotional materials (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.6).
- f. conduct inspections of your Franchised Business, at the frequency and duration that we deem advisable. Such inspections include evaluating your service and premises to ensure that they meet our standards (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.4).
- g. provide you with any written specifications for required equipment, products and services and updated lists of any approved suppliers of these items (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.7).
- h. subject to applicable law, recommend minimum and maximum prices for products and services at your Créatif outlet (Franchise Agreement, Section 12.5).
- i. approve or disapprove of all advertising, direct mail, and other promotional material and campaigns you propose in writing to us. We will respond within ten (10) business days, either accepting or rejecting the proposed material and/or campaign; however, if we do not respond within ten (10) business days, the proposed material and/or campaign is deemed "disapproved". (Franchise Agreement, Section 13.6).

# 4. Advertising

Local Advertising (Franchise Agreement, Sections 13.2 and 13.6)

We require you to spend at least Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) in opening advertising and promotional activities prior to and within the first thirty (30) days following the opening of your

Franchised Business in your territory. Thereafter, you are required to spend at least One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) per month on advertising for the Franchised Business in your territory. Local Advertising may include promotion and marketing through social media platforms, with our prior approval. Local Advertising expenditures also include contributions to a marketing fund operated by your landlord. We must approve all advertising materials. We reserve the right to collect some or all of your grand opening funds and/or your Local Advertising expenditure and implement grand opening campaign activities and/or Local Advertising on your behalf.

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

We do not provide for placement of local advertising on your behalf, and we have no obligation to spend any amount on advertising in your area or territory. You are responsible for local advertising placement. If feasible, you may do cooperative advertising with other Créatif franchisees in your area, with our prior written approval. You may not maintain any business profile on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube, TikTok, or any other social media and/or networking site without our prior written approval.

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

You are required to contribute to the Brand Fund up to two percent (2%) of weekly Gross Revenue generated by your Franchised Business. Your Brand Fund contribution is collected at the same time and in the same manner as your Royalty. Each Créatif outlet operated by our affiliate or us may contribute to the Brand Fund, in our discretion, but has no obligation to do so.

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

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

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

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

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

An annual unaudited financial statement of the Brand Fund is available to any franchisee upon written request.

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

During our most recent fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, Brand Fund contributions were used as follows: 30% for production, 50% for placement, and 20% for Grand Opening boost. Although the Brand Fund is intended to be of perpetual duration, we may terminate it at any time and for any reason or no reason. We will not terminate the Brand Fund, however, until all monies in the Brand Fund have been spent for advertising or promotional purposes or returned to contributors, without interest, on the basis of their respective contributions.

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

Currently, our System has no regional advertising fund or cooperative. However, we may decide to establish a regional fund or cooperative in the future and your participation may be mandatory, in our sole discretion. A regional cooperative will be comprised of all franchised Créatif outlets in a designated geographic area. Our affiliate-owned outlets may participate in a regional cooperative, in our sole discretion. We will determine in advance how each cooperative will be organized and governed. We have the right to form, dissolve, merge or change the structure of the cooperatives. If a cooperative is established during the term of your Franchise Agreement, you must sign all documents we request and become a member of the cooperative according to the terms of the documents. Currently, there are no governing documents available for your review.

If we establish a regional advertising fund or cooperative, you must contribute amounts equal to your share of the total cost of cooperative advertising. Your contributions to a regional advertising fund or cooperative will be in addition to your required contributions to the Brand Fund; however, contributions made by you to a regional advertising fund or cooperative will be credited against your required expenditures for local advertising and we may require you to contribute up to one-half of your local advertising requirement to a regional advertising fund or cooperative.

# Advertising Council (Franchise Agreement, Section 9.5)

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

# 5. <u>Computer Systems</u> (Franchise Agreement, Section 12.3)

You must purchase and use the point-of-sale system ("POS System") we specify, and have the latest versions of hardware, software and computer platforms to operate the POS System. The current requirement is a POS System developed by Square, Inc. The POS System performs a variety of functions, including inventory management, payment processing, on-line booking, and sales report generation.

You are required to use all software and applications that we specify and pay any subscription or access fees associated with them. The current required software and applications are Acuity Scheduling, Quickbooks Online and our proprietary Créatif Studio Manager and Art Pad.

The current cost of the required hardware and software for the POS System is \$5,250 - \$6,750, which includes 1 reception desk Mac computer, 10 iPads, and 1 printer. Software and applications fees are approximately \$312 per month, subject to increase, for continuing access fees.

We may in the future modify the sales reporting systems as we deem appropriate for the accurate and expeditious reporting of Gross Revenue, and you must fully cooperate in implementing any such system at your expense.

The Square POS System allows us to independently and remotely access all of your sales data, including your Gross Revenue, through the Internet. There are no contractual limitations on our right to have full access to this information. We may retrieve, download, analyze and store such information and data at any time. We own all customer data stored in your customer management account.

There are no contractual limitations on the frequency and cost of upgrades and/or updates to the above-described systems or programs. We have no obligation to maintain, repair, update or upgrade your computer and software. At your cost, you must provide on-going maintenance and repairs to your computer and software. You must upgrade your computer hardware and software as necessary to operate the most current version of the POS System or any replacements thereto. We cannot estimate the cost of maintaining, updating and upgrading your computer hardware and software and software because it will depend on the make and model of your hardware, required upgrades to operate our current management and payment processing applications, repair history, usage, local cost of computer maintenance services in your area and technological advances that we cannot predict.

# 6. Table of Contents of Operations Manual

The Table of Contents of our Créatif Operations Manual, current as of the date of this Disclosure Document is attached as Exhibit E. The Operations Manual has a total of 208 pages.

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

You (if the franchisee is an individual) or all of your owners (if the franchisee is a business entity), must complete our Initial Training Program, to our satisfaction, at least four (4) weeks before opening your Franchised Business. We will train you at our headquarters and/or affiliate-owned location in Pleasanton, California, or another location we specify, which may include virtual training through teleconference, video call and/or web-based applications.

#### **TRAINING PROGRAM**

Subject	Hours of Classroom Training	Hours of On The Job Training	Location
	_		Remotely,
Tour of Creatif studio	0	0.5	Pleasanton CA
Creatif History and Mission,	0.5	0	Remotely,
Core Values Overview of the Relationship	0.5	0	Pleasanton CA Remotely,
with the Franchisor	1	0	Pleasanton CA
Pre-Opening Procedures and	•	Ŭ	Remotely,
Grand Opening	1	0	Pleasanton CA
Marketing and Promoting the			Remotely,
Creatif Studio	4	0	Pleasanton CA
Human Resources & Training			Remotely,
Employees	4	0	Pleasanton CA
Management Best Practices—			
Managing the Team, the			Remotely,
Customer Experience, the	4	0	Pleasanton CA
Business	4	2	
	0	4	Remotely, Pleasanton CA
Daily Duties	2	1	
			Remotely,
Customer Service	2	2	Pleasanton CA
			Remotely,
Studio Operations	4	2	Pleasanton CA
			Remotely,
Workshops	4	1	Pleasanton CA
Party Packages and			Remotely,
Procedures	6	6	Pleasanton CA
			Remotely,
Walk-Ins	1	1	Pleasanton CA
			Remotely,
Camps	2	0	Pleasanton CA
Using the Software and			Remotely,
Processing Payment	6	2	Pleasanton CA
Required Cleaning and			Remotely,
Maintenance	1	2	Pleasanton CA
			Remotely,
Safety and Security	1	1	Pleasanton CA
			Remotely,
Inventory Management	2	1	Pleasanton CA
Operational and Franchise	-		Remotely,
Reporting	2	1	Pleasanton CA
TOTALS	47.5	22.5	

We periodically conduct our Initial Training Program throughout the year, as needed. Training is currently provided by Jaya Aiyar. Jaya is our president and chief executive officer. Jaya has over 7 years of training experience including over 4 years of studio training experience. Jaya established the Créatif concept in 2018 and oversees all aspects of the Créatif brand operations, including product and service improvements, instructional methods and techniques, sales, marketing, brand development, technology and process management.

Our training materials consist of our Operations Manual.

The cost of our instructors and training materials for up to three (3) individuals is included in the Initial Franchise Fee. You must pay for all of travel and personal expenses, including, but not limited to, all costs for your transportation, meals, and lodging for yourself and your personnel. Our current fee to provide initial training to any additional trainee is \$200 per person, per day.

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

We will provide you with on-site training, supervision and assistance for up to four (4) days upon the opening of your Franchised Business.

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

# ITEM 12: <u>TERRITORY</u>

Under the Franchise Agreement, you have the right to establish and operate one (1) Créatif outlet within a territory that will be defined after the location of your Créatif outlet is identified and approved by us (the "Territory"). You are required to find and obtain possession of a specific location for your Franchised Business that meets our site selection criteria and our approval. Your Territory is located in all or a portion of a listed town, city, or county, and is identified by a group of contiguous zip codes. The Territory is determined on an individual basis taking into account minimum numbers of households, average home prices and household incomes. Your Territory will have a minimum of either a population of 80,000 or, if less than 80,000 people reside within five (5) miles of your Créatif outlet, your Territory will have a radius of miles (5) miles.Your Territory will be identified and attached to your Franchise Agreement as Attachment 2. If you do not yet have a location at the time you sign the Franchise Agreement, you will receive a non-exclusive site search area listed on Attachment 2. If you sign our Multi-Unit Development Agreement, we will designate the site of each outlet you develop in accordance with our then-current standards.

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.

If you sign our Multi-Unit Development Agreement, you will not receive an exclusive development area. You may face competition from other franchisees, from outlets that we own, or from other channels of distribution or competitive brands that we control.

During the term of your Franchise Agreement, and provided that you are not in default of your Franchise Agreement, we will not open another Créatif outlet or grant the right to anyone else to open a Créatif outlet within your Territory. However, notwithstanding this limited protection right we grant to you, we reserve all rights to sell, either directly or through others, our products and services under the Marks in the Territory through alternative distribution channels.

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

You may not change the location of your Franchised Business, without our written consent, which we may withhold in our sole discretion. If we give our consent, we will charge you a relocation fee equal to one-third (1/3) of the then-current Initial Franchise Fee. The conditions under which we may allow you to relocate include the following: loss of your premises not due to your default, demographics of the surrounding area, proximity to other Créatif outlets, lease requirements, traffic patterns, vehicular and pedestrian access, proximity to major roads, available parking, and overall suitability. If you wish to relocate, you must identify a new location for the Franchised Business that meets our approval, in accordance with our then-current site selection procedures, and build out the approved location within 180 days. If you do not identify a site and complete the build-out within this time period, we may terminate the Franchise Agreement. You must continue to operate at your original premises until construction of the new site is complete.

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

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

We reserve the right to solicit, sell to, negotiated rates with, businesses that provide children's educational or creative arts programming across multiple areas or have multiple locations either regionally or nationally ("Commercial Accounts"). We may offer you the first right to service Commercial Accounts in your Territory, provided that you accept the negotiated terms; otherwise we can service these Commercial Accounts or permit other franchisees to do so.

We and our affiliates may sell products and services under the Mark within or outside the Territory through any method of distribution other than a dedicated Créatif outlet location, such as distribution through retail outlets, including but not limited to, arts and crafts, home goods and department stores; in captive market locations, such as schools, camps, institutional/professional campuses, conferences and other non-traditional settings; and the Internet ("Alternative Distribution Channels"). You will receive no compensation for our sales through Alternative Distribution Channels in the Territory. You may not use Alternative Distribution Channels to make sales inside or outside your Territory; however, we will include a listing on our website of your Créatif outlet location and customers may schedule classes, events and parties on-line at your location. In addition, with our approval and in strict accordance with our specifications, we may permit you to sell products and services outside of your premises through co-branding with other businesses in your Territory, at special events or through use of a virtual classroom.

You may only solicit sales from customers in your Territory. Your local advertising must target customers in your Territory, although the reach of your local advertising may extend beyond your Territory.

# ITEM 13: TRADEMARKS

Our affiliate Créatif LLC is the owner of the Marks and has granted us the exclusive right to use the Marks and license to others the right to use the Marks in the operation of a Créatif outlet in accordance with the system. The Franchise Agreement will license to you the right to operate your Créatif outlet under the Créatif service marks with design, registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as described below ("Principal Marks"):

Mark	Registration Date	Registration Number	Register
	July 23, 2019	5813970	Principal
You are the artiste	February 11, 2020	5984762	Principal
<b>eréatif</b>	June 9, 2020	6073880	Principal

Our affiliate has filed all required affidavits. No registrations have been required to be renewed as of the date of this disclosure document; however, our affiliate has filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office all required maintenance for the above Marks.

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

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

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

There are no currently effective material determinations of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Trademark Trial and Appeals Board, the Trademark Administration of any state, or any court relating to the Marks. There is no pending infringement, opposition or cancellation. There is no pending material federal or state court litigation involving the Principal Mark or other Marks.

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

# ITEM 14: PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

We hold no patents and have no pending patent applications that are material to the franchise. We have registered no copyright with the United States Copyright Office. However, we claim copyrights on certain forms, advertisements, promotional materials, designs and other written materials. We also claim copyrights and other proprietary rights in our Manual, website and our proprietary software, including but not limited to, the source code and audio-visual and written art instruction.

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

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

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

During the term of the Franchise Agreement, you may have access to and become acquainted with our trade secrets, including, but not limited to, designs, instructional methods, processes, customer lists, vendor partnerships and/or relationships, sales and technical information, financial information, costs, product prices and names, software tools and applications, website and/or email design, products, services, equipment, technologies and procedures relating to the operation of the Franchised Business; the Manual; methods of advertising and promotion; training materials; any other information which Franchisor may or may not specifically designate as "confidential" or "proprietary"; and the components of the System, whether or not such information

is protected or protectable by patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights (collectively called the "Confidential Information"). You agree that you will take all reasonable measures to maintain the confidentiality of all Confidential Information in your possession or control and that all such Confidential Information and trade secrets shall remain our exclusive property. You may never (during the Initial Term, any Successor Term, or after the Franchise Agreement expires or is terminated) reveal any of our confidential information to another person or use it for any other person or business. You may not copy any of our Confidential Information or give it to a third party except as we authorize in writing to you prior to any dissemination. Your personnel who have access to our Confidential Information must sign our Confidentiality/Non-Competition Agreement (Franchise Agreement, Attachment 8).

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

We reserve the right to modify or discontinue using the subject matter covered by a patent or copyright. In such event, we may require you, at your expense, to modify or discontinue using the subject matter in the operation of your Franchised Business.

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

The Franchise Agreement requires that you personally supervise your Créatif outlet. You may not appoint a general manager, unless we give our prior consent. If we approve, your general manager must successfully complete our Initial Management Training Program and all other training courses we require. Your general manager must devote full time to the job and cannot have an interest or business relationship with any of our competitors. If the franchisee is a business entity, your general manager is not required to have an equity interest in the franchisee entity. Your manager must devote full time to the job and cannot have an interest or business relationship with any of our competitors.

Your manager and all other personnel who will have access to our proprietary and Confidential Information and training must sign our Non-Disclosure/Non-Competition Agreement, which is attached to our Franchise Agreement as Attachment 8. If your Franchised Business is owned by an entity, all owners of the entity must personally sign the Franchise Agreement as a Principal. If you are a married individual, your spouse must sign our Spouse Guaranty, which is attached to our Franchise Agreement as Attachment 7.

# ITEM 16: RESTRICTION ON WHAT FRANCHISEE MAY SELL

You must offer and sell all products and services that are part of the System, and all services and products which we incorporate into the System in the future. You may only offer products and services that we have previously approved. You may only engage in providing products and services to end-consumers. Subject to applicable law, we will recommend minimum and maximum prices for products and services offered at your Créatif outlet.

You may not use our Principal Mark or other trademarks for any other business, and you may not conduct any other business from your Franchised Business location. You cannot engage in any other business (other than an additional Créatif outlet) that competes with your Franchised Business, with us or our affiliates, or with Créatif outlets owned by other franchisees, whether such business is inside or outside of the Territory.

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

You may only sell products and services in the manner we prescribe. You may only solicit sales from customers in your Territory. Your local advertising must target customers in your Territory, although the reach of your local advertising may extend beyond your Territory.

You may only sell products and services from your approved Franchised Business location. However, with our approval and in strict accordance with our specifications, we may permit you to sell products and services outside of your premises through co-branding with other businesses in your Territory, at special events or through use of a virtual classroom.

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

#### THE FRANCHISE RELATIONSHIP

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

	Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
a. b.	Length of the franchise term Renewal	Art. 4 Sections 5.1 and 5.4	Term is ten (10) years If you are in good standing as defined below, you can sign a successor agreement for one (1) additional term of ten (10) years, unless we have determined, in our sole discretion, to withdraw from the geographical area where your Franchise is located.

	Section in				
		Franchise			
	Provision	Agreement	Summary		
С.	Requirements for franchisee to renew or extend	Sections 5.2 and 5.3	Be in full compliance, have no more than three (3) events of default during current term; provide written notice to us at least six months before the end of the term; execute a new franchise agreement; pay us the Successor Agreement fee of fifteen percent (15%) of the then-current initial franchise fee; continue to maintain your location, current trade dress and other standards; execute a general release; comply with then-current qualifications and training requirements; including completion of additional training. You may be asked to sign a new Franchise		
			Agreement with materially different terms and conditions than your original Franchise Agreement.		
d.	Termination by franchisee	None	You may seek termination upon any grounds available by state law.		
е.	Termination by franchisor without cause	Section 16.7	The Franchise Agreement will terminate upon your death or permanent disability and the Franchise must be transferred within 6 months to a replacement franchisee that we approve.		
f.	Termination by franchisor with cause	Article 17	We may terminate only if you default. The Franchise Agreement describes defaults throughout. Please read it carefully.		
g.	"Cause" defined – curable defaults	Section 17.3	You have 5 days to cure non-payments and any other defaults (except for non-curable defaults listed in the Franchise Agreement and described in h. immediately below).		

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h.	"Cause" defined - non-curable	Sections 17.1 and	The Franchise Agreement will terminate
	defaults	17.2	automatically, without notice for the
			following defaults: insolvency; bankruptcy;
			written admission of inability to pay debts;
			receivership; levy; composition with
			creditors; unsatisfied final judgment for
			more than 30 days; or foreclosure
			proceeding that is not dismissed within 30
			days.
			We may terminate the Franchise
			Agreement upon notice to you if you: do
			not acquire a site, do not complete
			construction, obtain permits and/or open
			the Franchised Business within required
			time frames; falsify any report to us; cease
			operations for 5 days or more, unless the
			premises are damaged and you apply to
			relocate; lose possession of the premises,
			unless you are not at fault for loss and you
			timely apply to relocate; fail to restore and
			re-open the Franchised Business within
			120 days after a casualty, as may be
			extended by us; fail to comply with
			applicable laws; default under any lease
			for the premises; understate Gross
			Revenue two (2) or more times; fail to
			comply with insurance and indemnification
			requirements; attempt a transfer in
			violation of the Franchise Agreement; fail,
			or your legal representative fails to
			transfer as required upon your death or
			permanent disability; misrepresent or omit
			a material fact in applying for the
			Franchise; are convicted or plead no
			contest to a felony or crime or engages in
			conduct that could damage the goodwill or
			reputation of our trademarks or the
			System; receive an adverse judgment in
			any proceeding involving allegations of
			fraud, racketeering or improper trade
			practices or similar claim that could
			damage the goodwill or reputation of our
			trademarks or the System; conceal
			revenues or maintain false books; create a
			threat or danger to public health or safety;
			refuse an inspection or audit by us; use
			our trademarks, copyrighted material or
			Confidential Information in an
			unauthorized manner; make an
			unauthorized disclosure of Confidential
			Information; fail to comply with non-
			competition covenants; default in the
			performance of your obligations three (3)
			or more times during the term or receive
			two (2) or more default notices in any 12-
			month period; default under any other
			agreement with us or our affiliate (a
			default of the Multi-Unit Development
			Agreement is a default under the
			Franchise Agreement); have insufficient
			funds to honor a check or EFT two (2) or
			more times within any twelve (12)-month

		Section in		
		Franchise		
	Provision	Agreement	Summary	
			period; default, or your affiliate defaults,	
			under another agreement with us or our	
			affiliate; or terminate the Franchise	
			Agreement without cause.	
i.	Franchisee's obligations on	Article 18	Upon termination, you must: cease	
	termination/ non-renewal		operations; cease to identify yourself as a	
			Créatif franchisee; cease to use our	
			trademarks or other intellectual property;	
			cancel any assumed name registration	
			that contains any Mark; pay us and our	
			affiliates all sums owing; pay us any	
			damages, costs or expenses we incur in	
			obtaining any remedy for any violation of	
			the Franchise Agreement by you, including, but not limited to attorneys' fees;	
			deliver to us all Confidential Information.	
			the Operations Manual and all records and	
			files related to your Franchised Business;	
			comply with the non-disclosure and non-	
			competition covenants; pay liquidated	
			damages; sell to us, at our option, all	
			furnishing, fixtures, equipment, inventory	
			and supplies of your Franchised Business;	
			and assign, at our option, your telephone	
			numbers, directory and internet listings,	
			and social media and software accounts	
			and the lease for the location.	
j.	Assignment of contract by franchisor	Section 16.1.1	No restrictions on our right to assign.	
k.	"Transfer" by franchisee	Section 16.3	Any assignment, sale, transfer, gift, devise	
	defined		or encumbrance of any interest in the	
			Franchise Agreement, the Franchised	
			Business, any assets of the Franchised	
			Business, or in the Franchisee (if the	
			Franchisee is a business entity).	
1.	Franchisor approval of transfer		No transfer is allowed without our consent,	
	by franchisee		which we will not unreasonably withhold.	

	Section in			
		Franchise		
	Provision	Agreement	Summary	
m.	Conditions for franchisor approval of a transfer	Section 16.3 and 16.4	Conditions include: our decision not to exercise our right of first refusal; transferee meets our then-current standards for qualifying franchisees; transferee signs our then-current form of Franchise Agreement, which may have materially different terms from your Franchise Agreement; transferee successfully complete our Initial Training Program; you have paid us and third-party creditors all amounts owed; you and the transferee sign a General Release in the our then-current form; you shall subordinate any claims you have against the transferee to us; you will indemnify us for misrepresentations in the transfer process, excluding the representations we make in our Disclosure Document; our approval of the material terms and conditions of the transfer; payment of a transfer fee equal to 75% of the then-current initial franchise fee or 50% of the then-current initial franchise fee for transfer to an existing franchise in good standing, or \$1,500 for transfer among existing owners, or to add a new entity or shareholder or member to your entity and such transfer does not change management control of your entity, or \$3,500 for a transfer to a spouse, parent or child upon death or permanent disability.	
n.	Franchisor's right of first refusal to acquire franchisee's business	Section 16.6	You must promptly notify us of any written offer to purchase your Franchise. We have 30 days to exercise our first right to buy it on the same terms and conditions, provided that (a) we may substitute cash for any other consideration (b)we may pay the entire purchase price at closing, (c) our credit is deemed as good as the proposed purchaser, (d) we have at least 60 days to close and (e) you shall give us all customary seller's representations and warranties.	
0.	Franchisor's option to purchase franchisee's business	Section 18.2	Upon termination of the Franchise Agreement, we have the option to purchase your equipment, furniture, fixtures, signs, advertising materials, supplies, and inventory at your cost or fair market value, whichever is less.	
p.	Death or disability of franchisee	Sections 16.3, 16.4 and 16.7	The Franchise Agreement will terminate upon your death or permanent disability and the Franchise must be transferred within six months to a replacement franchisee that we approve.	

	Section in				
		Franchise			
	Provision	Agreement	Summary		
q.	Non-competition covenants during the term of the franchise	Section 19.5.1	You may not: divert, or attempt to divert, customers of any Créatif outlet (including yours) to any competitor, participate in any capacity, including, but not limited to as an owner, investor, officer, director, employee or agent, in any competing business; do any act that could damage the goodwill of the Marks or System, or disrupt or jeopardize our business or that of our franchisees.		
r.	Non-competition covenants after the franchise is terminated or expires	Section 19.5.2	For 24 months after the termination of the Franchise Agreement, you may not: divert, or attempt to divert, customers of any Créatif outlet (including yours) to any competitor, participate in any capacity, including, but not limited to as an owner, investor, officer, director, employee or agent, in any competing business within twenty (20) miles of your former Créatif outlet location or any other Créatif outlet location (franchised or company owned); do any act that could damage the goodwill of the Marks or System, or disrupt or jeopardize our business or that of our franchisees.		
S.	Modification of the agreement	Sections 9.4, 14.6, 19.1.4 and 22.4	No oral modifications generally, but we may change the Operations Manual and System standards at any time. You may be required to implement these changes at your own costs. We have the right to modify our Marks at any time upon written notice to you.		
t.	Integration/merger clause	Section 21.4	Only the terms of the Franchise Agreement and other related written agreements, such as any attachments to the Franchise Agreement or addenda, are binding (subject to applicable state law.) Any representations or promises outside of the disclosure document and Franchise Agreement may not be enforceable. Nothing in the agreement or in any related agreement is intended to disclaim the representations made in the Franchise Disclosure Document.		
u.	Dispute resolution by arbitration or mediation	Sections 20.1, 20.2 and 20.3	At our option, claims that are not resolved internally may be submitted to non-binding mediation at our headquarters.		
۷.	Choice of forum	Section 20.4	Litigation takes place in California (subject to applicable state law).		
w.	Choice of law	Section 20.4	The state where your franchised business is located.		

#### THE FRANCHISE RELATIONSHIP (UNDER THE MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT)

This table lists certain important provisions of the multi-unit development agreement. You should read these provisions in the agreement attached to this disclosure document.

	Provision	Section in Multi- Unit Development Agreement	Summary
a.	Length of the franchise term	Art. 4	As determined by you and us based on the number of Créatif outlets you are to develop.
b.	Renewal or extension of the Term	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
С.	Requirements for franchisee to renew or extend	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
d.	Termination by franchisee	Not Applicable	You may seek termination upon any grounds available by state law.
e.	Termination by franchisor without cause	Section 6.6	The Multi-Unit Development Agreement will terminate upon your death or permanent disability and the Development Rights must be transferred within 6 months to a replacement developer that we approve.
f.	Termination by franchisor with cause	Article 7	We may terminate only if you default. The Multi-Unit Development Agreement describes defaults throughout. Please read it carefully.
g.	"Cause" defined – curable defaults	Section 7.3	You have 5 days to cure non-payments and any other defaults (except for non- curable defaults listed in the Multi-Unit Development Agreement and described in h. immediately below).

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		Unit Development			
	Provision	Agreement	Summary		
h.	"Cause" defined - non-curable defaults	Sections 7.1 and 7.2	The Multi-Unit Development Agreement will terminate automatically, without notice for the following defaults: insolvency; bankruptcy; written admission of inability to pay debts; receivership; levy; composition with creditors; unsatisfied final judgment for more than 30 days; or foreclosure proceeding that is not dismissed within 30 days. We may terminate the Multi-Unit Development Agreement upon notice to you if you: misrepresent or omit a material fact in applying for the Development Rights; falsify any report to us; fail to comply with any federal, state or local law, rule or regulation, applicable to the development and operations of your Créatif outlets, including, but not limited to, the failure to pay taxes; fail to develop the Créatif outlets in accordance with the Mandatory Development Schedule; attempt a transfer in violation of the Franchise Agreement; are convicted or plead no contest to a felony or crime that could damage the goodwill or reputation of our trademarks or the System; receive an adverse judgment in any proceeding involving allegations of fraud, racketeering or improper trade practices or similar claim that could damage the goodwill or reputation of our trademarks or the System; fail to comply with non- competition covenants; default, or your affiliate defaults, under any other agreement, including any Franchise Agreement, with us or any of our affiliates, suppliers or landlord and does not cure such default within the time period provided in such other agreement; or terminate the Multi-Unit Development Agreement without cause.		
i.	Franchisee's obligations on termination/ non-renewal	Section 7.4	Upon termination, you must: cease all development operations and comply with the non-disclosure and non-competition covenants.		
j.	Assignment of contract by franchisor	Section 6.1	No restrictions on our right to assign.		
k.	"Transfer" by franchisee defined	Section 6.3	Any assignment, sale, transfer, gift, devise or encumbrance of any interest in the Multi-Unit Development Agreement or Development Rights.		
Ι.	Franchisor approval of transfer by franchisee	Sections 6.2, 6.3	No transfer is allowed without our consent, which we will not unreasonably withhold.		

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	Provision	Agreement	Summary
m.	Conditions for franchisor approval of a transfer	Section 16.3 and 16.4	Conditions include: our decision not to exercise our right of first refusal; transferee meets our then-current standards for qualifying developers; you have paid us all amounts owed; transferee signs our then-current form of Multi-Unit Development Agreement, which may have materially different terms from your Multi- Unit Development Agreement; you and the transferee sign a General Release in our then-current form; you shall subordinate any claims you have against the transferee to us; our approval of the material terms and conditions of the transfer; payment of a transfer fee equal to \$15,000 or \$10,000 for transfer to an existing developer or franchisee in good standing, or \$1,500 for transfers among owners. There is no fee for a transfer to a spouse, parent or child upon death or permanent disability.
n.	Franchisor's right of first refusal to acquire franchisee's business	Section 6.5	You must promptly notify us of any written offer to purchase your Development Rights. We have 30 days to exercise our first right to buy it on the same terms and conditions, provided that (a) we may substitute cash for any other consideration (b).we may pay the entire purchase price at closing, (c) our credit is deemed as good as the proposed purchaser, (d) we have at least 60 days to close and (e) you shall give us all customary seller's representations and warranties.
0.	Franchisor's option to purchase franchisee's business	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
p.	Death or disability of franchisee	Section 6.6	The Multi-Unit Development Agreement will terminate upon your death or permanent disability and the Development Rights must be transferred within 6 months to a replacement developer that we approve.
q.	Non-competition covenants during the term of the franchise	Section 8.3.1	You may not: divert, or attempt to divert, customers of any Créatif outlet (including yours) to any competitor, participate in any capacity, including, but not limited to as an owner, investor, officer, director, employee or agent, in any competing business; do any act that could damage the goodwill of the Marks or System, or disrupt or jeopardize our business or that of our franchisees.

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I <del></del>	Provision	Agreement	Summary		
r.	Non-competition covenants after the franchise is terminated or expires	Section 8.3.2	For 24 months after the termination of the Franchise Agreement, you may not: divert, or attempt to divert, customers of any Créatif outlet (including yours) to any competitor, participate in any capacity, including, but not limited to as an owner, investor, officer, director, employee or agent, in any competing business within twenty (20) miles of your former Créatif outlet location or any other Créatif outlet location (franchised or company owned); do any act that could damage the goodwill of the Marks or System, or disrupt or jeopardize our business or that of our franchisees.		
S.	Modification of the agreement	Section 12.4	No oral modifications. No amendment of the provisions will be binding upon either party unless the amendment has been made in writing and executed by all interested parties.		
t.	Integration/merger clause	Section 12.4	Only the terms of the Multi-Unit Development Agreement and other related written agreements are binding (subject to applicable state law.) Any representations or promises outside of Multi-Unit Development Agreement may not be enforceable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in the Multi-Unit Development Agreement is intended to disclaim the express representations made in this Franchise Disclosure Document.		
u.	Dispute resolution by arbitration or mediation	Sections 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3	At our option, claims that are not resolved internally may be submitted to non-binding mediation at our headquarters.		
٧.	Choice of forum	Section 10.4	California, subject to applicable state law.		
W.	Choice of law	Section 10.4	The state where your franchised business is located.		

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

## ITEM 18: PUBLIC FIGURES

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

## ITEM 19: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPRESENTATIONS

The FTC's Franchise Rule permits a franchisor to provide information about the actual or potential financial performance of its franchised and/or franchisor-owned outlets, if there is a reasonable basis for the information, and if the information is included in the disclosure document. Financial performance information that differs from that included in Item 19 may be given only if:

(1) a franchisor provides the actual records of an existing outlet you are considering buying; or (2) a franchisor supplements the information provided in this Item 19, for example, by providing information about possible performance at a particular location or under particular circumstances.

On June 30, 2023, our fiscal year end, we had 2 franchised outlets and 1 affiliate-owned outlet in operation. This Item contains an historic financial performance representation of 1 franchised outlet and our affiliate-owned Créatif outlet located in Pleasanton, California, which has been in operation since August 2018. We have excluded the results of 1 franchised outlet because it opened during fiscal year 2023 and thus was not in operation for the full year.

Affiliate Outlet				
Weekly Gross Revenue <sup>1</sup> – July 2022 to June 2023				
Low (\$) Median (\$) Average (\$) High (\$)				High (\$)
Weekly Revenue	1,238.00	6,283.00	6,223.08	12,102.00

Franchised Outlet Weekly Gross Revenue <sup>1</sup> – July 2022 to June 2023				
	Low (\$)	Median (\$)	Average (\$)	High (\$)
Weekly Revenue	356.00	3,293.00	3,403.08	7,133.50

<sup>1</sup>Gross Revenue means all revenue from sale of products and services, less taxes and refunds to customers.

Our affiliate-owned outlet operates in substantially the same manner as franchise outlets; however, our affiliate-owned outlet is not subject to the same fees which a franchisee will experience. Item 6 of this Disclosure Document outlines the fees to which a franchisee will be subject, such as royalty fees and brand fund contributions.

Written substantiation of the data used in preparing these figures will be made available to you upon reasonable request. The information presented above has not been audited.

# Our affiliate-owned outlet has earned this amount. Your individual results may differ. There is no assurance that you'll earn as much.

Other than the preceding financial performance representation, we do not make any representations about a franchisee's future financial performance or the past financial performance of company-owned or franchised outlets. We also do not authorize our employees or representatives to make any such representations either orally or in writing. If you are purchasing an existing outlet, however, we may provide you with the actual records of that outlet. If you receive any other financial performance information or projections of your future income, you should report it to the franchisor's management by contacting Jaya Aiyar, 5000 Hopyard Road, Suite 250, Pleasanton, California, 94588, or 925-640-5176, the Federal Trade Commission, and the appropriate state regulatory agencies.

## ITEM 20: OUTLETS AND FRANCHISEE INFORMATION

Table No. 1

Column 1 Outlet Type	Column 2 Year	Column 3 Outlets at the Start of the Year	Column 4 Outlets at the End of the Year	Column 5 Net Change
Franchised	2021	0	0	0
	2022	0	1	+1
	2023	1	2	+1
Company –	2021	1	1	0
Owned*	2022	1	1	0
	2023	1	1	0
Total	2021	1	1	0
Outlets	2022	1	2	+1
	2023	2	3	+1

## System-wide Outlet Summary For Years 2021 to 2023

\* Company-owned outlet is operated by our affiliate.

## Table No. 2

## Transfers of Outlets From Franchisees to New Owners (Other than the Franchisor) For Years 2021 to 2023

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
State	Year	Number of Transfers
None	2021	0
	2022	0
	2023	0
Total	2021	0
	2022	0
	2023	0

Table No. 3

Status of Franchised Outlets

# For Years 2021 to 2023

Column 1	Column 2	Column	Column	Column 5	Column	Column 7	Column 8	Column
State	Year	3	4	Terminations	6	Reacquired	Ceased	9
		Outlets	Outlets		Non-	by	Operations	Outlets
		at Start	Opened		renewals	Franchisor	-	at End
		of Year					Other	of the
							Reasons	Year
California	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
South	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carolina	2022	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2023	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2023	1	1	0	0	0	0	2

## Table No. 4

## Status of Company Owned\* Outlets For Years 2021 to 2023

Col. 1 State	Col. 2 Year	Col. 3 Outlets at Start of Year	Col. 4 Outlets Opened	Col. 5 Outlets Reacquired from Franchisees	Col. 6 Outlets Closed	Col. 7 Outlets Sold to Franchisees	Col. 8 Outlets at End of the Year
California	2021	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2022	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2023	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	2021	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2022	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2023	1	0	0	0	0	1

\* Company-owned stores are operated by affiliated entities.

Column 1 State	Column 2 Franchise Agreements Signed But Outlet	Column 3 Projected New Franchised Outlets in the Next Fiscal	Column 4 Projected New Company Owned Outlets in the Next
	Not Opened	Year	Fiscal Year
California	Ô	2	0
Florida	0	1	0
Georgia	0	1	0
Illinois	0	1	0
New Jersey	1	1	0
Texas	0	2	0
Total	0	8	0

\* Company-owned stores are operated by affiliated entities.

Exhibit F lists the location of each Créatif franchised outlet in our System and each franchisee during our last fiscal year who has had an outlet terminated, canceled, not renewed, or has otherwise voluntarily or involuntarily ceased to do business under the franchise agreement or has not communicated with us within 10 weeks of the date of this Disclosure Document. If you buy this franchise, your contact information may be disclosed to other buyers when you leave the franchise system.

No franchisee has signed confidentiality clauses during the last three years.

There are no trademark-specific franchisee organizations associated with the franchise system being offered in this Franchise Disclosure Document.

## ITEM 21: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our audited financial statements, which comprise the balance sheet and the related statements of operations and members equity, and cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2023, June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021 are included in Exhibit D.

Our fiscal year end is June 30.

## ITEM 22: CONTRACTS

Copies of all proposed agreements regarding the franchise offering are included in Exhibit B. These include our Franchise Agreement and all attachments to it (Acknowledgment Statement, Marks, Territory, General Release, ACH Authorization, Collateral Assignment of Lease, Statement of Ownership Interests in Franchisee, Telephone, Internet, and Social Media Listing Assignment Agreements, Spousal Guaranty, Confidentiality and Non-Compete Agreement, and Software License Agreement). Our Multi-Unit Development Agreement is included in Exhibit C.

## ITEM 23: <u>RECEIPT</u>

A receipt in duplicate is attached to this Disclosure Document as Exhibit J. You should sign both copies of the receipt. Keep one copy for your own records and return the other signed copy to Jaya Aiyar, 5000 Hopyard Road, Suite 250, Pleasanton, California, 94588.

## EXHIBIT A

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

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

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

State	State Agency	Agent for Service of Process
MINNESOTA	Minnesota Department of Commerce 85 7 <sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 280 St. Paul, MN 55101-2198 (651) 539-1500	Minnesota Commissioner of Commerce
NEW YORK	NYS Department of Law Investor Protection Bureau 28 Liberty Street, 21 <sup>st</sup> Floor New York, NY 10005 (212) 416-8222 Phone	Attention: New York Secretary of State New York Department of State One Commerce Plaza 99 Washington Avenue, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Albany, NY 11231-0001 (518) 473-2492
NORTH DAKOTA	North Dakota Securities Department 600 East Boulevard, 5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Bismarck, ND 58505-0510 (701) 328-4712	North Dakota Securities Commissioner
OREGON	Department of Consumer and Business Services Division of Finance and Corporate Labor and Industries Building Salem, Oregon 97310 (503) 378-4387	Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services
RHODE ISLAND	Department of Business Regulation Division of Securities 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 69-1 Cranston, RI 02920 (401) 462-9585	Director of Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation
SOUTH DAKOTA	Division of Insurance Securities Regulation 124 South Euclid, Suite 104 Pierre, SD 57501 (605) 773-3563	Director of Insurance-Securities Regulation
VIRGINIA	State Corporation Commission Division of Securities and Retail Franchising 1300 East Main Street, 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 371-9051	Clerk of State Corporation Commission 1300 East Main Street, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 371-9733
WASHINGTON	Department of Financial Institutions Securities Division P.O. Box 9033 Olympia, WA 98507-9033 (360) 902-8760	Director of Washington Financial Institutions Securities Division 150 Israel Road, SW Tumwater, WA 98501
WISCONSIN	Wisconsin Securities Commissioner Securities and Franchise Registration 345 W. Washington Avenue Madison, WI 53703 (608) 266-8559	Commissioner of Securities of Wisconsin

# EXHIBIT B

## FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

# **CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

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#### THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered this \_

(the "Effective Date") between the franchisor Creatif Franchising LLC, a California limited liability company, with its principal address at 5000 Hopyard Road, Suite 250, Pleasanton, California, 94588 (herein referred to as "Franchisor") and \_\_\_\_\_\_

, a(n)	, with its principal place of
business located at	and
's principals	, an individual residing at
and	, an individual residing at
	("Principal(s)")

and Principal(s) shall be individually and collectively referred to as, and each is, the "Franchisee".

## RECITATIONS

Through the expenditure of considerable time, effort and money, Franchisor has developed and established unique family creative arts studio businesses under the Créatif trademarks, and using Franchisor's confidential operations manual ("Manual") of business practices and policies, and Franchisor's distinctive, décor, fixtures and furnishings, operations methods, sales techniques, inventory, procedures for management control and training, assistance, advertising, and promotional programs, all of which may be changed, improved or further developed by Franchisor at any time (taken together herein the "System").

The System is identified by certain trade names, service marks, trademarks, logos, emblems and indicia of origin, including but not limited to the Créatif service marks, as set forth in Attachment 1, and such other trade names, service marks, and trademarks as are now designated and may hereafter be designated or substituted by Franchisor for use in connection with the System (the "Marks").

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

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

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

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

2. **GRANT OF FRANCHISE.** Franchisor hereby grants to Franchisee and Franchisee accepts, upon the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement, the license to operate a Créatif franchise (the "Franchise" or "Franchised Business"), using only the Marks licensed hereunder, in strict conformity with the System, which may be changed, improved and further developed by

Franchisor from time to time. This grant applies only to a single location within a territory that is designated in Attachment 2 attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "Territory").

## **3. TERRITORY.**

3.1 <u>Territory</u>. This Agreement grants Franchisee the right to operate the Franchised Business at a single location within the Territory. Franchisor agrees that Franchisor will not operate, and will not authorize any other of our franchisees to operate, a franchised Créatif outlet in the Territory using the same Marks as licensed to Franchisee in this Agreement so long as Franchisee is not in default under this Agreement or this Agreement has not expired or been terminated and subject to Franchisor's reservation of rights set forth in Section 3.2 below. Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, Franchisor reserves the right to open, operate or franchise Créatif art studio outlets bordering and adjacent to the Territory. Franchisee will be selling its products and services from a single location that will be determined by Franchiser's sole discretion. Franchisee is prohibited from selling and soliciting customers through alternative distribution channels as more fully specified herein.

Reservation of Rights. Franchisee understands and agrees that all rights to any 3.2 businesses, other than as specified in this Agreement, are fully reserved to Franchisor within or outside of the Territory. By way of example only, Franchisor reserves the rights to offer (i) other products or services not offered under the Marks, ((ii) other creative arts concepts under the Marks or other trademarks, (iii) products or services through any channel of distribution in the Territory other than a dedicated Créatif art studio outlet, such as to schools, camps, institutional/professional campuses, conferences and other non-traditional settings; distribution through retail outlets, including but not limited to, arts and crafts, home goods and department stores; and the Internet ("Alternate Distribution Channels"). Franchisor may solicit, sell to, and negotiated rates with, businesses that provide children's educational or creative arts programming across multiple areas or have multiple locations either regionally or nationally ("Commercial Accounts"). Franchisor may offer Franchisee the right to service Commercial Accounts in the Territory, provided that Franchisee accepts negotiated terms; otherwise, Franchisor may service the Commercial Accounts either directly or permit another franchisee to provide such service. Franchisee will receive no compensation for Franchisor's sales through Alternate Distribution Channels or declined Commercial Accounts made within the Territory. Franchisee agrees that such implementation of Franchisor's rights pursuant to this Section 3.2 is deemed not to impair or injure Franchisee's rights pursuant to Section 2 hereof.

4. **TERM.** Unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement and the franchise granted hereunder shall commence upon the Effective Date set forth above and terminate on the date that is ten (10) years following the Opening Date, as defined in Section 8 hereof (the "Term").

**5. SUCCESSOR OPTIONS.** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Franchisee shall have the one (1) option, following the expiration of the Term hereof, to enter into a new franchise agreement and other agreements and legal instruments and documents then

customarily employed by Franchisor and in the form then generally being offered to prospective franchisees in the state in which the Territory is located (the "Successor Franchise Agreement") for an additional term of ten (10) years. The term of such Successor Franchise Agreement shall commence upon the date of expiration of the immediately preceding term. Franchisee shall be charged a renewal fee equal to Fifteen Percent (15%) of the then-current Initial Franchise Fee ("Successor Agreement Fee").

5.1 <u>Form and Manner of Successor Agreement.</u> If Franchisee desires to exercise Franchisee's option to enter into a Successor Franchise Agreement, it shall be done in the following manner:

- 5.1.1 Not less than six (6) months prior to the expiration of the Term of this Agreement, Franchisee shall request from Franchisor in writing, a copy of Franchisor's then current Disclosure Document (including Franchisor's then current franchise agreement).
- 5.1.2 Franchisee must execute and return to Franchisor all required documents, including any and all ancillary documents, within thirty (30) days after receipt by Franchisee of a copy of Franchisor's then current Disclosure Document.
- 5.1.3 The Successor Franchise Agreement shall supersede this Agreement in all respects, and Franchisee understands and acknowledges that the terms of such new agreement may differ from the terms of this Agreement, including, without limitation, higher or lower royalty and other fees.
- 5.1.4 If Franchisee fails to perform any of the acts, or deliver any of the notices required pursuant to this Paragraph 5 in a timely fashion, such failure shall be deemed an election by Franchisee not to exercise Franchisee's option to enter into the Successor Franchise Agreement, and such failure shall cause Franchisee's right and option to automatically lapse and expire, without further notice by Franchisor.
- 5.1.5 Franchisee acknowledges that the initial Term of this Agreement provides Franchisee more than a sufficient opportunity to recoup Franchisee's investment in the Franchise, as well as a reasonable return on such investment.
- 5.2 <u>Conditions of Successor Agreement.</u> Franchisee's right to enter into a Successor Franchise Agreement is conditioned upon the following:
  - 5.2.1 Franchisee shall be in full compliance with this Agreement and shall have materially performed Franchisee's obligations under this Agreement, the Manual and under all other agreements that may be in effect between Franchisee and Franchisor, including but not limited to all monetary obligations.
  - 5.2.2 Franchisee shall not have committed three (3) or more events constituting default during the Term of this Agreement, whether or not such defaults were cured.

- 5.2.3 Franchisee will have completed any required additional training to Franchisor's reasonable satisfaction.
- 5.2.4 Franchisee shall have obtained the right to continue to occupy the premises of the Franchised Business following the expiration of the Term hereof for the full term of the Successor Franchise Agreement and/or have received Franchisor's approval regarding locating the Franchised Business at a new location.
- 5.2.5 Franchisee shall execute a general release of all claims Franchisee may have against Creatif Franchising LLC, its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates, its officers, directors, shareholders, agents, and employees, whether in their corporate and/or individual capacities, in Franchisor's then-current form. This release will include all claims arising under any federal, state, or local law, rule, or ordinance.
- 5.2.6 Franchisee performs such remodeling, repairs, replacements and redecoration as Franchisor may require in order to cause the Franchised Business premises, equipment, fixtures, furnishings and furniture to conform to the plans and specifications being used for new or remodeled franchised businesses on the renewal date.
- 5.2.7 Franchisee shall pay the required Successor Agreement Fee and sign the Successor Franchise Agreement.
- 5.3 <u>Notice Required by Law.</u> If applicable law requires Franchisor to give notice to Franchisee prior to the expiration of the Term, this Agreement shall remain in effect on a month-to-month basis until Franchisor has given the notice required by such applicable law. If Franchisor is not offering new Créatif franchises, is in the process of revising, amending or renewing Franchisor's form of franchise agreement or disclosure document, or Franchisor is not lawfully able to offer Franchisee the then-current form of Successor Franchise Agreement at the time Franchisee advises Franchisor may, in Franchisor's sole discretion, (i) offer to renew this Agreement upon the same terms set forth herein for the appropriate successor term or (ii) offer to extend the Term hereof on a month-to-month basis following the expiration of the Term for as long as Franchisor deems necessary or appropriate so that Franchisor may lawfully offer the then current form of Successor Franchise Agreement. Any timeframes specified in this Paragraph 5 shall be inclusive of any state mandated notice periods.
- 5.4 <u>Additional Reservation of Rights.</u> Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Franchisor reserves the right not to enter into a successor franchise agreement for this Franchise as a result of a decision to withdraw from the Territory in which Franchisee's Franchised Business is located.

## 6. FEES

- 6.1 <u>Initial Franchise and Royalty Fee</u>. As part of the consideration for the right to operate the Franchise granted herein, Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor the following fees:
  - 6.1.1 <u>Initial Franchise Fee</u>. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that the grant of this Franchise and the rights and obligations of the parties under this Agreement constitute the sole and only consideration for the initial franchise fee of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) (the "Initial Fee"). The Initial Fee is fully earned at the time this Franchise Agreement is signed and is not refundable under any circumstances. Franchisee shall pay the full amount of the Initial Fee to Franchisor upon Franchisee's execution of this Agreement.
  - 6.1.2 <u>Royalty Fee.</u> Franchisee agrees to pay Franchisor, weekly and throughout the Term, a royalty fee equal to seven percent (7%) of the Gross Revenue, as hereinafter defined, realized from the Franchised Business and from any other revenues received using Franchisor's methods, operations and/or trade secrets, or the minimum amount set forth in the following table, whichever is greater (the "Royalty Fee"):

## Minimum Weekly Royalty

Calendar Year 1	Calendar	Calendar	Calendar Year	Calendar Year 5+ (including
Opening – Dec. 31	Year 2	Year 3	4	renewal term)
\$0	\$175	\$200	\$235	\$270

- 6.1.3 The term "Gross Revenue" includes all revenues and income from any source derived or received by Franchisee from, through, by or on account of the operation of the Franchised Business or made pursuant to the rights granted hereunder, including but not limited, any and all other revenues received using Franchisor's methods, operations and/or trade secrets whether received in cash, in services, in kind, from barter and/or exchange, on credit (whether or not payment is actually received) or otherwise. It does not include (i) any sales tax or similar taxes collected from customers and turned over to the governmental authority imposing the tax, (ii) properly documented refunds to customers, (iii) properly documented employee discounts (limited to 2% of Gross Revenue). Gross Revenue does not include gift card purchases, at the time of purchase, but Gross Revenue does include the redemption amount of purchases made by gift card.
- 6.1.4 <u>Gross Revenue Reports</u>. Franchisee shall, on Tuesday of each week throughout the Term, furnish Franchisor with a report showing Franchisee's Gross Revenue at or from the Franchised Business and/or made pursuant to the rights granted hereunder during the immediately preceding business week (Monday through Sunday) (the "Gross Revenue Report"). The Gross Revenue Report shall be in such form and shall contain such information as Franchisor may from time to time prescribe. Franchisor reserves the right to establish a point of sale system ("POS System") that Franchisor may require Franchisee to use in the operation of the Franchised Business. At

Franchisor's option, Franchisee shall submit, or grant Franchisor access to, the Gross Revenue Report by an electronic transfer of data via the POS System at the times and interims then specified by Franchisor.

- Method of Payment. Franchisee shall, no later than Tuesday of each week throughout 6.1.5 the Term, pay Franchisor the Royalty Fee and the Brand Fund Contribution, as defined and more particularly described in Article 13, then due for Gross Revenues realized during the immediately preceding business week (Monday through Sunday). At Franchisor's request, Franchisee must execute documents, including but not limited to, the Authorization attached as Attachment 3, that allow Franchisor to automatically take the Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution due as well as other sums due Franchisor, from business bank accounts or via electronic funds transfers or Automated Clearing House ("ACH") payments. Franchisee's failure to allow electronic funds transfers or ACH payments on an ongoing basis is a material breach of this Agreement. If Franchisee fails to timely report Gross Revenue, then, in addition to a late fee and interest pursuant to Sections 6.2 and 6.3 hereof, Franchisor shall collect one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the last Royalty Fee payable. Franchisor shall reconcile amounts when Gross Revenues are reported. Franchisor reserves the right to modify the method and frequency of collection of the Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution upon forty-five (45) days' prior notice to Franchisee.
- 6.2 <u>Late Fee</u>. If the Royalty Fee, Brand Fund Contribution, other amounts due, or any Gross Revenue Reports are not received by Franchisor as required by this Agreement, Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor, in addition to the overdue amount, a late fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). This late fee is reasonably related to Franchisor's costs resulting from the delay in payment and/or receipt of any report, is not a penalty, and is in addition to any other remedy available to Franchisor under this Agreement for Franchisee's failure to pay the Royalty Fee, the Brand Fund Contribution, other amounts due and/or submit Gross Revenue Reports in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 6.3 <u>Interest</u>. Any and all amounts that shall become due and owing from Franchisee to Franchisor under the terms hereof shall bear interest from the date due until paid at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum or at the highest rate permitted by law, whichever is lower.
- 6.4 <u>Website/IT Fee</u>. Franchisor reserves the right to impose a website/IT fee, in an amount that Franchisor reasonably determines, for the development, adoption and/or use of new or improved technology for the benefit of the System and Franchised Business, including but not limited to, assigned phone numbers and email addresses required for use in the Franchised Business, a franchise portal, benchmarking platform or other operations or communications systems ("Website/IT Fee"). In Franchisor's sole discretion, Franchisor may (i) increase the amount of the website/IT fees or (ii) replace the technology with different technology, developed by Franchisor or a third-party, and Franchisee shall pay the then-current fees for the replacement technology and for continuous access thereto.

Payment of the Website/IT Fee shall be made in the manner and frequency as reasonably determined by Franchisor.

- 6.5 <u>Non-Sufficient Funds Fee</u>. In the event any of Franchisee's checks are returned, or an electronic funds transfer from Franchisee's bank account is denied, for insufficient funds, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor, in addition to the amount due, a non-sufficient funds fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per occurrence. This non-sufficient funds fee is reasonably related to Franchisor's costs resulting from the delayed and declined payment, is not a penalty, and is in addition to any other remedy available to Franchisor under this Agreement.
- 6.6 <u>Taxes.</u> If any sales, excise, use, or privilege tax is imposed or levied by any government or governmental agency on Franchisor for any Royalty Fee, Brand Fund Contribution or other fees due and payable to Franchisor under this Agreement, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor a sum equal to the amount of such tax.

# 7. TRAINING.

- 7.1 Initial Management Training Program. Franchisee (specifically including all Franchisee's principals) shall attend and complete to Franchisor's sole and absolute satisfaction, Franchisor's initial management training program ("Initial Management Training Program") at least four (4) weeks (but no more than seven (7)) weeks, prior to the opening of the Franchised Business. Prior to attendance, Franchisee must obtain the food handler and Occupational Safety and Health Administration certifications Franchisor requires. The Initial Management Training Program consists of mandatory pre-course training tutorials and a course conducted at Franchisor's headquarters and/or affiliated outlet and/or virtually. Franchisor reserves the right to designate an alternate location for the course component of the Initial Management Training Program. Franchisee must at all times during the term of this Agreement have Principal(s) and approved managers who have successfully completed the Initial Management Training Program to Franchisor's sole and complete satisfaction. No charge shall be made for up to three (3) individuals to take the Initial Management Training Program prior to opening the Franchised Business ("Initial Trainees"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee shall be required to pay all of the expenses of the Initial Trainees, including, without limitation, costs of travel, lodging, meals and wages.
- 7.2 <u>Satisfactory Completion</u>. Franchisor shall determine, in Franchisor's sole discretion, whether the Initial Trainees have satisfactorily completed the Initial Management Training Program. If the Initial Management Training Program is not satisfactorily completed or if Franchisor, in Franchisor's reasonable business judgment based upon the performance of the Initial Trainees, determines that the Initial Management Training Program cannot be satisfactorily completed by Franchisee or the Principal(s), Franchisor may terminate this Agreement.
- 7.3. <u>Opening Assistance</u>. Upon the opening of the Franchised Business, Franchisor shall provide Franchisee with opening assistance by a trained representative of Franchisor.

The trainer will provide on-site opening training, supervision, and assistance to Franchisee for up to four (4) days at no charge to Franchisee.

7.4. <u>Additional Training</u>. Franchisor may offer mandatory and/or optional additional training programs from time to time. If required by Franchisor, Franchisee, or Franchisee's principals shall participate in additional training programs for up to five (5) days per year, at a location designated by Franchisor, which may include a national business meeting or annual convention.

Franchisor reserves the right to impose a reasonable fee for all additional training programs. Franchisee shall be responsible for any and all incidental expenses incurred by Franchisee or Franchisee's personnel in connection with additional training or attendance at Franchisor's national business meeting or annual convention, including, without limitation, costs of travel, lodging, meals and wages. Franchisee's failure to attend and/or complete mandatory additional training or failure to attend Franchisee's principal(s) shall be required to obtain any missed mandatory additional training at a location Franchisor designates. Franchisee shall pay all costs and expenses for such additional training, including but not limited to, tuition at the thencurrent rate and any and all transportation, meals and lodging of Franchisee, Franchisee's principal and Franchisor's training personnel. Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor any incurred expenses by Franchisee.

- 7.5. <u>On-Site Remedial Training</u>. Upon Franchisee's reasonable request or as Franchisor shall deem appropriate, Franchisor shall, during the term hereof, subject to the availability of personnel, provide Franchisee with additional trained representatives who shall provide on-site remedial training and assistance to Franchisee's personnel at the Franchised Business location. For any additional on-site training and assistance, Franchisee shall pay the per diem fee then being charged to franchisees under the System for the services of such trained representatives, plus their costs of travel, lodging, and meals.
- 7.6. <u>Counseling and Assistance</u>. In addition to visits by Franchisor's field representatives, as Franchisor deems appropriate, Franchisor shall, within reasonable limits and subject to the availability of Franchisor's personnel, upon Franchisee's request and at no charge, unless such assistance is provided at the Franchised Business pursuant to Section 7.5, furnish consultation and assistance to Franchisee, either in person or by telephone, electronic mail or video conferencing, as determined by Franchisor, in Franchisor's sole discretion, with respect to the operation of the Franchised Business, including consultation and advice regarding employee training, marketing, operation issues, purchasing and inventory control, bookkeeping and System improvements.

#### 8. FRANCHISED LOCATION REQUIREMENTS

8.1 <u>Site Selection</u>.

- 8.1.1 Franchisee assumes all cost, liability, expense and responsibility for obtaining and developing a site for the Franchised Business within the Territory and for constructing and equipping the Franchised Business at such site. Franchisee shall not make any binding commitment to a prospective vendor or lessor of real estate with respect to a site for the Franchised Business unless the site premises is approved by Franchisor. While Franchisor may render assistance to Franchisee in the selection of a site, as set forth in Section 8.1.2 below, Franchisee has sole responsibility for procuring and developing a site for the Franchised Business and Franchisee may and is encouraged to consult with professionals of Franchisee's choosing in discharging such responsibility, provided that Franchisor reserves the right to approve Franchisee's real estate broker. Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor's approval of a prospective site location is permission only, does not constitute a representation, promise, warranty or guarantee, express or implied, by Franchisor that the Franchised Business operated at that site will be profitable or otherwise successful, and cannot, and does not, create a liability for Franchisor. Franchisee releases Franchisor from any claims over the site location selection and evaluation by Franchisor, and Franchisee shall hold Franchisor harmless with respect to Franchisee's selection of the site for the Franchisee's Franchised Business.
- 8.1.2 Franchisee shall locate a site that satisfies the site selection guidelines provided to Franchisee by Franchisor and shall submit to Franchisor, in writing, a description of the site, together with written certification the site complies with Franchisor's site selection guidelines, and such other information and materials as Franchisor may reasonably require no later than ninety (90) days after the execution of this Agreement. Franchisor shall have fifteen (15) business days after receipt of this information and materials to consent, in its sole and absolute discretion, to the proposed site as the location for the Franchised Business. If Franchisor fails to respond to Franchisee's submission within fifteen (15) business days, such proposed site shall be deemed "disapproved". No site may be used for the location of the Franchised Business unless it is consented to in writing by Franchisor. If Franchisee desires to extend the timeline to locate a site, Franchisee shall request in writing and submit to Franchisor an extension fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) (the "Site Selection Extension Fee").
- 8.1.3 Within forty-five (45) days after Franchisor has consented to the site for the Franchised Business (or such longer period as Franchisor consents to in writing), Franchisee shall execute a lease therefor and obtain physical possession of the premises. Any lease must include Franchisor's Collateral Assignment of Lease Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment 4. Failure by Franchisee to acquire the site for the Franchised Business within the time and in the manner required herein shall constitute a material event of default under this Agreement.
- 8.1.4 Upon consent by Franchisor to the location for the Franchised Business, Franchisor shall set forth the premises address and Territory in Attachment 2 of this Agreement and shall provide a copy thereof to Franchisee. Attachment 2, as completed by Franchisor, shall be incorporated herein and made a part hereof. Franchisee shall

notify Franchisor within fifteen (15) days of any error or rejection of Attachment 3; otherwise, the Attachment 2 provided to Franchisee shall be deemed final.

## 8.2 Construction.

- 8.2.1 Franchisee shall be responsible for obtaining clearances that may be required by state or local laws, ordinances or regulations or that may be necessary as a result of any restrictive covenants relating to the Franchised Business premises, including but not limited to, the availability of potable water. Prior to beginning the construction of the Franchised Business, Franchisee shall (a) obtain all permits, licenses, insurance and certifications required for the lawful construction or remodeling and operation of the Franchised Business, including permits for the installation of signage, and (b) certify in writing to Franchisor that all required approvals, clearances, permits, insurance and certifications have been obtained.
- 8.2.2 Franchisee must obtain all architectural, engineering, design, fabrication and installation services necessary for the construction and/or remodeling of the Franchised Business, including the installation of signage, at its own expense from vendor(s) designated or otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor. Franchisor shall provide layout and design guidance to Franchisee, as Franchisor deems appropriate. Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor's or its representative's review of construction plans relates only to compliance with the System and that acceptance by Franchisor of such plans does not constitute a representative, including, but not limited to, any representation, warranty or guarantee that such plans are accurate or free of error, concerning their design or structural application.
- 8.2.3 During the time of construction or remodeling, Franchisee shall provide Franchisor, or its designated representative, with such periodic reports regarding the progress in obtaining all licenses and permits; and of the construction or remodeling as may be reasonably requested by Franchisor or its representative. In addition, Franchisor or its representative may make such on-site inspections as it may deem reasonably necessary to evaluate such progress. At least thirty (30) days prior to completion of the construction or remodeling, Franchisee shall notify Franchisor of the scheduled date for completion of construction or remodeling. Within a reasonable time after the date of completion of construction or remodeling, Franchisor or its representative may, at its option, conduct an inspection of the completed Franchised Business premises improvements.
- 8.2.4 Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that it will not open the Franchised Business for business without the written authorization of Franchisor and that authorization to open shall be conditioned upon Franchisee's strict compliance with this Agreement.
- 8.3 <u>Time to Open</u>. Franchisee acknowledges that time is of the essence in this Agreement. Subject to Franchisee's compliance with the conditions stated below, Franchisee shall open the Franchised Business and commence business within one hundred eighty (180)

days after Franchisee has executed a lease for the premises, unless Franchisee obtains a written extension of such time period from Franchisor. The date the Franchised Business opens for business to the public shall be defined herein as the "Opening Date". Prior to the Opening Date, Franchisee shall (i) complete all exterior and interior preparations for the Franchised Business, including installation and cleaning of equipment, fixtures, furnishings, décor and signs, in accordance with System requirements and the plans and specifications consented to by Franchisor, (ii) satisfactorily complete Franchisor's Initial Management Training Program, as further set forth in Article 7, (iii) hire and train staff, (iv) obtain all required licenses to operate the Franchised Business, (v) obtain Franchisor's approval of Franchisee's proposed menu offerings and food service providers, and (vi) obtain all required insurance and provide Franchisor with certificates therefor. If Franchisee fails to comply with any of such obligations, Franchisor shall have the right to prohibit Franchisee from opening for business. Franchisee's failure to open the Franchised Business and commence business (i) in accordance with the foregoing and (ii) within three hundred thirty (330) days following the Effective Date of this Agreement, as may be extended by Franchisor in Franchisor's sole discretion, shall be deemed a material event of default under this Agreement.

No Relocation. Franchisee's rights to operate the Franchised Business shall be limited to 8.4 the Territory set forth in Attachment 2, and no other. Franchisee shall not relocate the premises of the Franchised Business at any time without Franchisor's written approval, which approval shall be granted only in the sole and complete discretion of Franchisor, and, if permitted, shall be at Franchisee's sole expense. In the event such permission is granted, (i) Franchisee shall pay a relocation fee equal to one-third (1/3) of the then-current initial franchise fee ("Relocation Fee"), (ii) Franchisee shall secure and outfit the replacement premises in accordance with Section 8.1 within one hundred eighty (180) days of Franchisor's consent, (iii) if feasible, Franchisee shall continue to operate at the original premises during the construction of the replacement premises, (iv) upon relocation, Franchisee shall remove any signs or other property from the original Franchised Business premises which identified the original Franchised Business premises as part of the System, and (iv) Franchisor shall issue a revised Attachment 2, in accordance with Section 8.1.4, to reflect the address of the new Franchised Business premises. Franchisee shall pay Franchisor fifty percent (50%) of the Relocation Fee upon Franchisor's consent to relocate and shall pay the remaining fifty percent (50%) of the Relocation Fee upon Franchisor's consent to the site of the new Franchised Business premises pursuant to Section 8.1.2. Failure to comply with the foregoing requirements shall be a default of this Agreement.

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

9.1 <u>Maintenance of Franchised Business Site</u>. Franchisee shall equip and maintain the Franchised Business premises to the standards of décor, sanitation, repair, and condition required by Franchisor, which standards are specified in the Manual and other written directives, standards, and specifications. Franchisee, at Franchisee's expense, shall make such additions, alterations, repairs, refurbishing and replacements as may be required to comply with Franchisor's standards, including, without limitation, periodic repainting and

repairs or replacement of worn or impaired décor, materials, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and signage as Franchisor may direct.

- 9.2 <u>Inspections</u>. Franchisee shall operate and maintain the Franchised Business and Franchised Business premises in conformance all regulations and best practices for (i) instudio air quality, (ii) handling and disposal of paints, and (iii) safety practices; and in a manner that will ensure the highest rating possible for businesses of like kind from the governmental authorities that may inspect such businesses in the Territory. Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor a copy of any inspection reports. It shall be a default of this Agreement if, upon inspection, Franchisee does not obtain such rating or if Franchisee fails to operate in accordance with the general standards of quality, maintenance, repairs and sanitation required by the System, and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement.
- 9.3 <u>Equipment and Technology Updates</u>. Franchisee shall make any and all upgrades to equipment, including but not limited to, design, display and storage equipment, POS Systems, and computer hardware and software, and any technology used in conjunction therewith, as Franchisor requires in its sole and absolute discretion.
- 9.4 <u>Trade Dress Modifications</u>.
  - 9.4.1 Franchisee is aware that to maintain and improve the image and reputation of the System, Franchisor, in its sole and absolute discretion, may change and modify identifying elements of the System, including but not limited to, the adoption and use of new exterior building designs, new interior decors, new color schemes, new or modified marks, and new furnishings (collectively, "Trade Dress Modifications").
  - 9.4.2 No more than once in a five (5)-year period, at Franchisor's request, Franchisee shall refurbish the Franchised Business premises at Franchisee's sole expense, as required by Franchisor, to conform to Trade Dress Modifications. This includes, without limitation, structural changes, remodeling, redecoration, and modifications to existing improvements. Notwithstanding the foregoing restriction on the frequency of Trade Dress Modifications, Franchisee, upon notice by Franchisor and in accordance with Section 14.6 hereof, shall immediately discontinue the use of any Mark that is no longer desirable or available to Franchisor and substitute a different Mark or Marks as Franchisor directs.
  - 9.4.3 Franchisee will accept, use and display any such Trade Dress Modifications as if they were a part of this Franchise Agreement at the time of execution hereof.
- 9.5 <u>No Liability/Waiver of Claims</u>. Franchisor shall not be liable to Franchisee for any expenses, losses or damages sustained by Franchisee as a result of any of the modifications, including Trade Dress Modifications, required by this Article 9. Franchisee hereby covenants not to commence or join in any litigation or other proceeding against Franchisor or any third party, complaining of any such or seeking expenses, losses or damages caused thereby. Further, Franchisee expressly waives any

claims, demands or damages arising from or related to the modifications contemplated by this Article 9, including, without limitation, any claim of breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and/or breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

9.6 <u>Franchisee Advisory Council</u>. Franchisor reserves the right to create (and if created, the right to change or dissolve) a franchisee advisory council as a formal means for System franchisees to communicate ideas. In the event a franchisee advisory council is created, Franchisor may invite Franchisee to participate in council-related activities and meetings, which invitation may be based on a franchisee's level of success, superior performance and profitability.

## **10. FRANCHISOR'S OBLIGATIONS**

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

- 10.1 <u>Site Selection Guidelines</u>. Site selection criteria, as Franchisor may deem advisable. Franchisor shall also approve Franchisee's real estate broker in accordance with Section 8.1.1 and the site in accordance with Section 8.1.2.
- 10.2 <u>Construction</u>. Provide to Franchisee criteria and specifications for a Créatif outlet. Such criteria and specifications include, but are not necessarily limited to, criteria with respect to required layout, interior décor and signage. Franchisee shall independently, and at Franchisee's expense, have such criteria and specifications incorporated into the construction of the Franchised Business premises in accordance with Article 8.
- 10.3 <u>Manual</u>. Provide Franchisee access to the Confidential Operations Manual and such other manuals and written materials as Franchisor may hereafter develop for use by franchisees, as the same may be revised by Franchisor from time to time. Such documents may be provided electronically or via the Internet, at Franchisor's sole and absolute discretion.
- 10.4 <u>Inspection</u>. Inspection of the Franchised Business and evaluations of the products sold and services rendered therein whenever reasonably determined by Franchisor.
- 10.5 <u>Pre-Opening Requirements</u>. Provide a written list of equipment, fixtures, furnishings, signage, supplies and products that will be required and/or recommended to open the Franchised Business for business.
- 10.6 <u>Advertising Materials</u>. Provide samples or digital artwork of certain advertising and promotional materials and information developed by Franchisor from time to time for use by Franchisee in marketing and conducting local advertising for the Franchised Business.
- 10.7 <u>List of Supplies/Suppliers</u>. Make available from time to time, and amend as deemed appropriate by Franchisor, a list of required and/or recommended products and services

for System franchisees and a list of approved and/or recommended suppliers of such items.

- 10.8 <u>Training</u>. The training programs specified in Article 7 herein.
- 10.9 <u>On-Site Assistance</u>. On-site post-opening assistance at the Franchised Business premises in accordance with the provisions of Article 7.
- 10.10 Brand Fund. Administer a Brand Fund in accordance with Section 13.3.

#### 11. FRANCHISEE'S REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

- 11.1 <u>Best Efforts</u>. Franchisee, including each of Franchisee's Principals covenants and agrees that he or she shall make all commercially reasonable efforts to operate the Franchised Business so as to achieve optimum sales.
- 11.2 <u>Corporate Representations</u>. If Franchisee is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other legal entity, Franchisee and each Principal represent, warrant and covenant that:
  - 11.2.1 Franchisee is duly organized and validly existing under the state law of its formation;
  - 11.2.2 Attachment 6 of this Agreement accurately reflects all individuals with an ownership interest, whether direct or beneficial, in the Franchisee entity;
  - 11.2.3 Franchisee is duly qualified and is authorized to do business in the jurisdiction of the Franchised Business premises and the Territory;
  - 11.2.4 Franchisee's organizational documents shall at all times provide that the activities of Franchisee are confined exclusively to the operation of the Franchise granted herein, unless otherwise consented to in writing by Franchisor, which consent may be withheld by Franchisor in Franchisor's sole discretion;
  - 11.2.5 The execution of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby are within Franchisee's power and have been duly authorized by Franchisee;
  - 11.2.6 Any financial statements and tax returns provided to Franchisor shall be certified as true, complete and correct and shall have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to the respective periods involved and, except as expressly described in the applicable notes, applied on a consistent basis. No material liabilities, adverse claims, commitments or obligations of any nature exist as of the date of the statements or returns, whether

accrued, unliquidated, absolute, contingent or otherwise, that are not reflected as liabilities; and

- 11.3 <u>Spousal Guaranty.</u> If any Franchisee Principal is a married individual and the Principal's spouse has not executed this Agreement, such Principal shall cause his or her spouse to personally execute and bind himself or herself to the terms of a Guaranty, in the form attached as Attachment 7 hereof.
- 11.4 Franchisee's Employees and Managers.
  - 11.4.1 Franchisee shall personally supervise and manage the day-to-day operations of the Franchised Business and may not appoint a non-owner manager to supervise the dayto-day operations of the Franchised Business location, unless Franchisee receives Franchisor's prior written consent. If Franchisee owns more than one (1) Créatif outlet, Franchisee shall be required to hire a manager for the Franchised Business. Franchisee accepts full responsibility for, and shall be fully liable to Franchisor, for the acts and omissions of any and all agents, employees or third persons working for or with Franchisee. Franchisee shall ensure that its agents, employees and all thirdparty business affiliates observe and adhere to all applicable terms, conditions and restrictions contained in this Agreement and in the Manual; including but not limited to quality and service standards, confidentiality, works made for hire, non-compete and the agreement to return all Franchisor proprietary and confidential information. Any breach of a term or condition contained in this Agreement by an agent, employee or third party working for Franchisee shall be deemed to be the same as a direct breach by Franchisee and its Principals; and Franchisor shall have all the same rights and remedies as if the breach occurred through the direct acts or omissions of the Franchisee and/or its named Principals. Franchisee's agents, employees and thirdparty business affiliates shall further:
    - 11.4.2.1 Meet all Franchisor's standards and criteria for such individual(s), as set forth in the Manual.
    - 11.4.2.2 Not engage in any other business activity without the Franchisor's consent, which may be withheld in Franchisor's sole discretion.
    - 11.4.2.3 Satisfy the training requirements set forth in Article 7, as determined by Franchisor.
    - 11.4.2.4 Execute covenants similar to those set forth in Section 19 (including covenants applicable upon the termination of a person's employment with Franchisee) regarding access to Franchisor's confidential and proprietary information. Such covenants shall be substantially in the form set forth in Attachment 8 as revised and updated from time to time and contained in the Manual.

- 11.4.3 Franchisee shall promptly notify Franchisor when any employee, agent or thirdparty affiliate previously granted access to Franchisor's proprietary or confidential information ceases to be employed or affiliated with Franchisee, so that any and all access rights to Franchisor proprietary or confidential information may be terminated and all such materials returned to Franchisor. Any failure by Franchisee to comply with the requirements of this Section shall be deemed a material event of default under this Agreement.
- 11.5 <u>Legal Compliance</u>. Franchisee shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations and shall timely obtain any and all permits, certificates or licenses necessary for the full and proper conduct of the Franchised Business. Such laws, rules and regulations shall include, without limitation, licenses to do business, health and sanitation inspections, if required, fictitious name registrations, sales and other tax permits, fire and police department clearances, Americans With Disability Act compliance, certificates of occupancy, any permits, certificates or licenses required by any environmental federal, state or local law, rule or regulation and any other requirement, rule, law or regulation of any federal, state or local jurisdiction.
- 11.6 <u>Claims and Potential Claims</u>. Franchisee shall notify Franchisor in writing within three (3) days of any incident or injury that could lead to, or the actual commencement of, any action, suit or proceeding and of the issuance of any order, writ, injunction, award or decree of any court, agency, or other governmental instrumentality, which in any way relating to or affecting the operation or financial condition of the Franchised Business. Any and all media inquiries concerning the Franchised Business or Franchised Business premises, including, but not limited to, the business operation and incidents and occurrences related to a customer or employee, shall be referred to Franchisor. Neither Franchisee's employees nor anyone on Franchisee's behalf may comment to any broadcast medium, except as directed by Franchisor.
- 11.7 <u>Assignment of Numbers and Listings</u>. Franchisee shall execute such forms and documents included in Attachment 5 to appoint Franchisor its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority, for the sole purpose of assigning to Franchisor, Franchisee's telephone numbers, listings, and passwords and administrator rights for all email, software, and social media, or other such accounts used or created by Franchisee in order to operate the Franchised Business. Upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement, Franchisor may exercise its authority, pursuant to such documents, to obtain any and all of Franchisee's rights to the telephone numbers of the Franchised Business and all related telephone directory listings and other business listings, and all Internet listings, domain names, Internet advertising, websites, listings with search engines, electronic mail addresses, social media, or any other similar listing or usages related to the Franchised Business.
- 11.8 <u>Access to Tax Filings</u>. Upon execution of this Agreement, and at any time thereafter upon Franchisor's request, Franchisee shall execute such forms and documents as Franchisor deems necessary, to appoint Franchisor its true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full power

and authority, for the sole purpose of obtaining any and all tax returns and reports related to the Franchised Business filed by Franchisee with any state or federal taxing authority.

11.9 <u>Continuing Obligation</u>. Franchisee and each Principal acknowledge and agree that the representations, warranties, and covenants set forth in this Article 11 are continuing obligations of Franchisee and each Principal, as applicable, and that any failure to comply with such representations, warranties and covenants shall constitute a material event of default under this Agreement. Franchisee and each Principal shall cooperate with Franchisor in any efforts made by Franchisor to verify compliance with such representations, warranties, and covenants.

## **12. FRANCHISEE'S OPERATIONS**

- 12.1 <u>Operation of Franchised Business Premises</u>. In order to maintain the highest degree of quality and service on a uniform System-wide basis, Franchisee shall operate the Franchised Business in conformity with the methods, standards and specifications prescribed by Franchisor. Franchisee agrees to comply with the Manual, as it is modified from time to time, and all directives, rules and procedures specified by Franchisor, and will, among other things:
  - 12.1.1 Use only those furnishings, fixtures, décor, equipment, designs, art projects, supplies and signage that conform with Franchisor's specifications and/or which shall be purchased from only those vendors designated and approved by Franchisor. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that: (i) Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate may be a designated supplier or sole approved supplier of any product or service that Franchisee is required to lease or purchase, (ii) Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate may receive payment from supplier(s) related to Franchisee's required purchases or leases, and (iii) any payments so received are for Franchisor's benefit only and may be used or applied in any manner determined by Franchisor in Franchisor's sole and absolute discretion;
  - 12.1.2 Maintain and operate the Franchised Business premises in attractive condition and good repair, using Franchisee's best efforts to maintain a clean, enjoyable and inviting atmosphere therein in accordance with System standards, the Manual and all other directives and requirements of Franchisor, and do such redecoration, repairing, refurbishing and restoration as from time to time may be reasonably required to meet System standards and Franchisor's requirements as they may be modified from time to time;
  - 12.1.3 Procure the necessary licenses or permits to allow the operation of a creative arts studio in accordance with the System and to comply with all applicable governmental laws, ordinances, rules and regulations including those related to health and sanitation;
  - 12.1.4 Maintain sufficient inventories of tools and supplies and merchandise held for resale, as prescribed by Franchisor;

- 12.1.5 Conduct sales in accordance with Franchisor's standards and specifications. Franchisee acknowledges and accepts that Franchisee may only engage in providing art instruction and experiences to end-consumers. Subject to Section 12, 1.11 below, Franchisee is expressly prohibited from selling products or services outside of the Franchised Business premises, on the Internet, to dealers and/or distributors for subsequent re-sale, and engaging in such sales shall be a material default of this Agreement;
- 12.1.6 Employ only qualified individuals who are trained in accordance with Franchisor's standards, including but not limited to the protection of Franchisor's confidential and proprietary information, and who will at all times enhance Franchisor's brand and conduct themselves in a competent and courteous manner in accordance with this Agreement and the image and reputation of the System. Franchisee shall use its best efforts to ensure that Franchisee's employees maintain a neat and clean appearance, in accordance with the dress code outlined in the Manual, and render competent and courteous service to patrons of the Franchised Business. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that poorly trained employees, sloppy or unclean appearances and incompetent or discourteous service are extremely damaging to the goodwill of the System and the Marks and are a material default of this Agreement;
- 12.1.7 Permit Franchisor or its agents, to inspect the Franchised Business premises and any services, products or equipment, to determine whether they meet Franchisor's thencurrent standards, specifications and requirements. In addition to any other remedies Franchisor may have, Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor for Franchisor's inspection costs of any item that does not conform to the System standards and specifications;
- 12.1.8 Prominently display signs in and upon the Franchised Business premises using the Marks and/or other advertising and/or signs of such nature, form, color, number, location and size, and containing such material, as Franchisor may from time to time reasonably direct or approve in writing; and to not display in or upon the Franchised Business premises or elsewhere any sign or advertising media or interior décor of any kind to which Franchisor reasonably objects, including signs, advertising media or interior décor which are outdated. Upon giving Franchisee notice of its objection to same or upon termination hereof, Franchisor may at any time enter upon the Franchised Business premises premises or elsewhere and remove any objectionable or non-approved signs, advertising media or interior décor and keep or destroy same without paying therefor or without being deemed guilty of trespass or any other tort;
- 12.1.9 Conduct all advertising programs in a manner consistent with Franchisor's standards and specifications, in a manner satisfactory to Franchisor and that will not detract from the reputation of the System or the Marks.

- 12.1.10 Accept and honor all loyalty cards, promotional coupons, or other System-wide offers, on a uniform basis, as accepted by other franchisees in the System.
- 12.1.11 Off-Site Sales.
  - 12.1.11.1 Upon prior written consent of Franchisor, and in strict accordance with this Agreement, the Manual and other specifications required by Franchisor, Franchisee may engage in sales of System products and services outside of the Franchised Business premises, which may include co-branding with local businesses, special events and virtual classrooms ("Off-Site Sales Activities").
  - 12.1.11.2 All references in this Franchise Agreement to the Franchised Business shall be deemed to include Franchisee's Off-Site Sales Activities pursuant to this Section 12.1.11. Accordingly, all of Franchisee's obligations with regard to the Franchised Business are applicable to Franchisee's operation of Off-Site Sales Activities, including, but not limited to, Franchisee's insurance and indemnification obligations and obligations to record Gross Revenue of Off-Site Sales Activities and pay Royalty Fees and Brand Fund Contributions thereon.
  - 12.1.11.3 Franchisee further acknowledges and warrants that Franchisor's approval of Franchisee's operation of Off-Site Sales Activities does not constitute a guarantee, recommendation, or endorsement of Franchisee's successful operation of Off-Site Sales Activities. Once Franchisor has approved Franchisee's operation of Off-Site Sales Activities, Franchisor will be deemed to have complied with its obligations under this Agreement to assist Franchisee by providing criteria for Franchisee's operation of Off-Site Sales Activities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisor may at any time revoke approval of Franchisor's Off-Site Sales Activities, in Franchisee's Off-Site Sales Activities in any instance does not waive Franchisee's obligation to obtain Franchisor's consent to any subsequent Off-Site Sales Activities.

## 12.2 Bookkeeping and Reports.

12.2.1 Franchisee agrees to keep and maintain complete and accurate books and records of its transactions and business operations using the accounting procedures specified by Franchisor. Franchisee agrees to purchase the computer systems specified in Section 12.3 to maintain the records and accounts of the Franchisee to the standards of the Franchisor. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that the financial data of Franchisee's Franchised Business (i) is owned by Franchisor, (ii) is Franchisor's Proprietary Information, (iii) may be published in franchise disclosure document(s) issued by Franchisor following the Effective Date hereof, and (iv) may be shared with other franchisees in the System.

- 12.2.2 Franchisee will furnish Franchisor with all tax filings required by Franchisor, including but not limited to federal income tax return, IRS Form 941, and state tax returns, in accordance with the time periods set forth in the Manual. Within fifteen (15) days after the close of each calendar quarter and within ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year, Franchisee will furnish Franchisor a full and complete written statement of income and expense and a profit and loss statement for the operation of the Franchised Business during said period, together with a balance sheet for the Franchised Business, all of which shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practice. Franchisee's annual statements and balance sheets shall be prepared by an independent certified public accountant and certified to be correct.
- 12.2.3 The financial statements required hereunder shall be in such form and contain such information as Franchisor may from time to time reasonably designate.
- 12.2.4 Franchisor reserves the right to require Franchisee to engage the services of a thirdparty accounting services firm, designated and approved by Franchisor, in the event that (i) Franchisee fails to keep books and records in accordance with Franchisor's standards or (ii) Franchisor, in its sole discretion, determines that use of a third-party accounting services firm by all System franchisees is beneficial to the System. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee is required to use the services of a thirdparty accounting services firm, approved by Franchisor, during the first two (2) years of the Term.
- 12.2.5 Franchisor shall have the right at all reasonable times to examine, at its expense, Franchisee's books, records, and tax returns. If Franchisor's examination finds an understatement of any Gross Revenue Report, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor the amounts due together with interest thereon at the rate provided herein, and if understated by two percent (2%) or more, Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor for the cost of such examination. Such understatement may be considered a material default hereunder. Two (2) such understatements during the term of this Agreement may, at the option of Franchisor, be considered an incurable default and thereby subject to termination as provided herein.

## 12.3 Computer Systems.

- 12.3.1 Franchisee, at Franchisee's sole expense, shall install and maintain the POS System and computer hardware and software Franchisor requires for the operation of the Franchised Business and shall follow the procedures related thereto that Franchisor specifies in the Manual or otherwise in writing. In Franchisor's discretion, Franchisor may collect from Franchisee installation costs for required scheduling software.
- 12.3.2 Franchisor may require Franchisee, at Franchisee's sole expense, to install and maintain systems and web-based payment processing accounts that permit

Franchisor to independently and electronically access and retrieve any information stored in Franchisee's POS System, other computer systems and web-based payment processing accounts, including, without limitation, information concerning Gross Revenue. Upon Franchisor's request, Franchisee shall execute such documents as Franchisor deems necessary to permit Franchisor to independently and electronically access and retrieve all information stored on Franchisee's POS System, other computer systems and web-based payment processing accounts.

- 12.3.3 Any and all customer data collected or provided by Franchisee, retrieved from Franchisee's POS System, or otherwise collected from Franchisee by Franchisor or provided to Franchisor, is and will be owned exclusively by Franchisor and will be considered to be Franchisor's proprietary and Confidential Information. Franchisor has the right to use such data in any manner without compensation to Franchisee. Franchisor licenses to Franchisee the use of such data solely for the purpose of operating the Franchised Business; provided that, this license shall automatically and irrevocably terminate, without any additional action or notice required by Franchisor, upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.
- 12.3.4 Franchisee shall enter into the Créatif Studio Manager and Art Pad Software License Agreement, attached hereto as Attachment 9. Franchisor may require Franchisee, at Franchisee's sole expense, to enter into other software license agreements in the form that Franchisor requires for software Franchisor develops or acquires for use in the System.
- 12.3.5 Franchisee shall have and maintain adequate hardware and software in order to access the Internet at the speed required by Franchisor from time to time. Franchisee shall utilize the electronic mail account provided by Franchisor. Franchisee shall promptly read and respond to all electronic mail related to the Franchised Business no less often than on a daily basis and shall accept and acknowledge receipt of all electronic mail sent by Franchisor. Franchisee shall not establish any website or other listing on the Internet except as provided and specifically permitted herein.
- 12.3.6 Franchisor has established a website that provides information about the System and the products and services offered by the Créatif brand (the "Website"). Franchisor has sole discretion and control over the Website. Franchisor shall include links on its Website to Franchisee's Franchised Business premises and booking functions. Franchisee has no ownership or other proprietary rights to Franchisor's website and Franchisee will lose all rights to such listing of Franchisee's location upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason.
- 12.3.7 Franchisee shall pay all fees, whether to Franchisor or to third party vendor(s), and expenses for technology required by this Agreement, including but not limited to, the costs of computer hardware and software and applications, installation costs and

regularly recurring fees for software and music programs and/or playlists access, Internet access, license fees, help desk fees, and licensing or user-based fees.

- 12.3.8 Franchisee is solely responsible for maintaining the security and integrity of the computer and payment processing systems used in the Franchised Business and the customer and other data stored therein. Franchisee, at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, shall implement all computer hardware, software and Internet security procedures, including required updates or upgrades thereto, that are reasonably necessary to protect Franchisee's computer and payment processing systems and the data stored therein from viruses, malware, privacy breaches or other unauthorized access.
- 12.4 <u>Safety and Security of Premises</u>. Franchisee is solely responsible for the safety and security of the Franchised Business premises for Franchisee, Franchisee's personnel, customers, agents and the general public. Any suggestions by Franchisor on such matters are for guidance only and not binding on Franchisee. All matters of safety and security are within Franchisee's discretion and control, and Franchisee's indemnification obligations set forth in Section 15.6 hereof shall apply to any claims made against Franchisor regarding safety or security.
- 12.5 <u>Prices</u>. Subject to applicable law, Franchisor may recommend or set maximum prices for products and services offer by Franchisee. Franchisee shall have the right to sell its products and services at any price Franchisee determines. Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor has made no guarantee or warranty that offering services or products at any particular price will enhance Franchisee's sales or profits.
- If Franchisee desires to purchase, lease or use any 12.6 Unapproved Item/Suppliers. unapproved equipment, product, or service or to purchase, lease or use any equipment, product or service from an unapproved supplier, Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor a written request, together with an evaluation fee of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), for such approval prior to utilizing such product, service or supplier. Franchisee shall not purchase or lease any item or use any supplier until and unless such item or supplier has been approved in writing by Franchisor. Franchisor shall have the right to require that its representatives be permitted to inspect the supplier's facilities and to test or otherwise evaluate samples from the supplier. Franchisor shall notify Franchisee whether Franchisor approves or disapproves of the proposed item or supplier within thirty (30) days after Franchisor receives all required information to evaluate the product, service or supplier. Franchisor reserves the right, at its option, to re-inspect from time to time the facilities and products of any such approved supplier and to revoke its approval upon the supplier's failure to continue to meet any of Franchisor's then-current criteria. Nothing in the foregoing shall be construed to require Franchisor to approve any particular item or supplier.
- 12.7 <u>External Quality Assurance Services</u>. Franchisor reserves the right to establish quality assurance programs conducted by third-party providers, including, but not limited to, mystery shop programs and periodic quality assurance audits ("Quality Review

Services"). Upon Franchisor's request and at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, Franchisee shall subscribe, to any such third-party provider for Quality Review Services to monitor the operations of the Franchised Business as directed by Franchisor.

- 12.8 <u>Variations in Standards</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement and this Section 12 in particular, Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that because complete and detailed uniformity under many varying conditions may not be possible or practical, Franchisor specifically reserves the right and privilege, at its sole discretion and as it may deem in the best interests of all concerned in any specific instance, to vary performance standards for some franchisees based upon the peculiarities and characteristics of the particular site or circumstance, business potential, existing business practices or any other condition which Franchisor deems to be of importance to the successful operation of such particular franchise business. Franchisor has full rights to vary standard specifications and practices for any other franchisee at any time without giving Franchisee comparable rights. Franchisee shall not be entitled to require Franchisor to disclose or grant to Franchisee a like or similar variation.
- 12.9 <u>Critical Operations Standards</u>. In furtherance of the obligations set forth in this Article 12, Franchisee acknowledges that (i) Franchisor has established certain critical operations standards, as set forth in the Manual, and (ii) any deviation from a critical operations standard constitutes a violation of this Agreement that requires Franchisor to incur incalculable administrative and management costs to address. Accordingly, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor a Critical Operations Standard Violation Fee, as set forth in the Manual, for each violation of a critical operations standard. **Franchisee hereby authorizes Franchisor to take payment of the Critical Operations Standard Violation Fee, at Franchisor's option, through electronic funds transfer or ACH payment.** Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor from seeking injunctive relief to restrain any subsequent or continuing violation or exercising any of Franchisor's rights pursuant to Article 17 hereof.

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

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

- 13.2.1. In addition to the ongoing advertising contributions set forth herein, and following the expenditures set forth in Section 13.2.3 below, Franchisee shall spend monthly, throughout the term of this Agreement, not less than One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) per month on advertising for the Franchised Business in the Territory ("Local Advertising"). Franchisor may require Franchisee to allocate to a regional advertising cooperative, as described in Section 13.4, up to one-half of Franchisee's required Local Advertising expenditures. All third-party advertising and marketing services and vendors must be approved by Franchisor. Franchisor reserves the right to collect some or all of Franchisee's behalf.
- 13.2.2 Within ten (10) business days of Franchisor's request, Franchisee shall provide a quarterly expenditure report accurately reflecting Franchisee's Local Advertising expenditures for the preceding quarterly period. The following costs and expenditures incurred by Franchisee shall *not* be included in Franchisee's expenditures on Local Advertising for purposes of this Section, unless approved in advance by Franchisor in writing: (i) incentive programs for employees or agents of Franchisee; (ii) research expenditures; (iii) salaries and expenses of any of Franchisee's personnel to attend advertising meetings, workshops or other marketing activities; (iv) charitable, political or other contributions or donations.
- 13.2.3 Franchisee shall spend at least Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) on Local Advertising and promotional activities in the Territory thirty (30) days prior to and within the first thirty (30) days after the opening of the Franchised Business to promote the opening of the Franchised Business. Franchisee shall obtain Franchisor's approval of the initial Local Advertising campaign, which shall include purchase of initial promotional materials from vendor(s) approved by Franchisor, (ii) promotional video shoot for Franchisee's webpage and (iii) invitation-only soft opening events at the Franchised Business location. Franchisor reserves the right to collect some or all of Franchisee's behalf.

## 13.3 Brand Fund.

13.3.1 Franchisor has established a national fund on behalf of the System for national advertising, marketing, and brand development (the "Brand Fund"). Franchisee is required to contribute a percentage of the Gross Revenue generated monthly by Franchisee's Franchised Business to the Brand Fund, as determined by Franchisor ("Brand Fund Contribution"). Franchisor reserves the right, in Franchisor's sole discretion and at any time and from time to time, to increase the amount of the Brand Fund Contribution to any amount not to exceed two percent (2%) of Franchisee's Gross Revenue. Payments will be made in the same manner and time as the Royalty Fees. If Franchisee fails to timely report Gross Revenue, then, in addition to a late fee and interest pursuant to Sections 6.3 and 6.4 hereof, Franchisor shall collect one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the last Brand Fund Contribution payable. Franchisor shall reconcile amounts when Gross Revenues are reported.

- 13.3.2 Franchisor shall direct the Brand Fund and shall have sole discretion to approve or disapprove the creative concepts, materials and media used in such programs and the placement and allocation thereof. Franchisee agrees and acknowledges that the Brand Fund is intended to maximize general public recognition and acceptance of the Marks and enhance the collective success of all Franchised Businesses operating under the System.
- 13.3.3 Franchisor may, but has no obligation to, contribute to the Brand Fund on the same basis as Franchisee with respect to Créatif outlets operated by Franchisor or Franchisor's affiliates.
- 13.3.4 Franchisor may use the Brand Fund to satisfy any and all costs of developing, preparing, producing, directing, administering, conducting, maintaining and disseminating advertising, marketing, promotional and public relations materials, programs, campaigns, sales and marketing seminars and training programs of every kind and nature, through media now existing or hereafter developed (including, without limitation, the cost of television, radio, magazine, social media, newspaper and electronic advertising campaigns; direct mail and outdoor billboard advertising; public relations activities; conducting marketing research, employing advertising agencies to assist therein; developing, enhancing and maintaining the Website; social media platforms, apps, and other technology for the benefit of the Creatif brand image and/or Systemwide improvements; and staff salaries and other personnel and departmental costs for advertising that Franchisor internally administers or prepares). While Franchisor does not intend that any part of the Brand Fund will be used for advertising which is principally a solicitation for franchisees, Franchisor reserves the right to use the Brand Fund for public relations, to explain the franchise system, and/or to include a notation in any advertisement indicating "Franchises Available."
- 13.3.5 The Brand Fund will not be used to defray any of Franchisor's general operating expenses, except for reasonable administrative costs and overhead that Franchisor may incur in activities related to the administration and direction of the Brand Fund and such costs and expenses pursuant Section 13.3.4. The Brand Fund and its earnings shall not otherwise inure to Franchisor's benefit except that any resulting technology and intellectual property shall be deemed the property of Franchisor.
- 13.3.6 In administering the Brand Fund, Franchisor undertakes no obligation to make expenditures for Franchisee that are equivalent or proportionate to Franchisee's contribution or to ensure that any particular franchisee benefits directly or pro rata from the production or placement of advertising.
- 13.3.7 Although the Brand Fund is intended to be of perpetual duration, Franchisor may terminate it at any time and for any reason or no reason. Franchisor will not terminate the Brand Fund, however, until all monies in the Brand Fund have been

spent for advertising or promotional purposes or returned to contributors, without interest, on the basis of their respective contributions.

- 13.4 <u>Regional Advertising</u>. Franchisor reserves the right to establish, in Franchisor's sole discretion, a regional advertising cooperative. If a regional cooperative is established during the term of this Agreement, Franchisee agrees to sign all documents Franchisor requests to become a member of the cooperative according to the terms of the documents. If Franchisor establishes a regional cooperative, Franchisee agrees to contribute amounts equal to Franchisee's share of the total cost of cooperative advertising, in addition to required Brand Fund Contributions.
- 13.5 <u>Directory Listings</u>. At Franchisee's sole cost and expense, Franchisee must list the Franchised Business in local business directories, including, but not limited to, listings on Internet search engines. If feasible, and with Franchisor's prior written approval, Franchisee may do cooperative listings with other System franchisees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee may not maintain any business profile on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, TikTok or any other social media and/or networking site without Franchisor's prior written approval and use of any social media accounts shall be in strict accordance with Franchisor's requirements. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor with all passwords and administrative rights to any and all social media accounts for the Franchised Business, and Franchisee hereby appoints Franchisor its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, for the sole purpose of taking whatever action as is necessary for the best interest of the System, if Franchisee fails to maintain such accounts in accordance with Franchisor's standards.
- 13.6 Approval of Advertising. All advertising and promotion by Franchisee, in any medium, shall be conducted in a professional manner and shall conform to the standards and requirements of Franchisor as set forth in the Manual or otherwise. Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor for its approval samples of all advertising, press releases, promotional plans and materials and public relations programs that Franchisee desires to use, including, without limitation, any materials in digital, electronic or computerized form, or in any form of media now or hereafter developed that have not been either provided or previously approved by Franchisor. Franchisor shall approve or disapprove such plans and materials within ten (10) business days of Franchisor's receipt thereof. If Franchisor fails to respond to Franchisee's submission within ten (10) business days, such plans and materials shall be deemed "disapproved". Franchisee shall not use such unapproved plans or materials until they have been approved by Franchisor in writing and shall promptly discontinue use of any advertising or promotional plans or materials, whether or not previously approved, upon notice from Franchisor. Any advertising, marketing or sales concepts, programs or materials proposed or developed by Franchisee for the Créatif brand and approved by Franchisor may be used by other System franchisees without any compensation to Franchisee.

# 14. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

14.1 Ownership.

- 14.1.1. Franchisee expressly understands and acknowledges that Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) are the record owner of the Marks, as of the Effective Date. Franchisor holds the exclusive right to license the Marks to franchisees of the System for use pursuant to the System. Franchisee further expressly understands and acknowledges that Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) claim copyrights on certain written material used in the System, including but not limited to, forms, advertisements, promotional materials, and the Manual, whether or not Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) have filed for copyrights thereto with the U.S. Copyright Office. The Marks and copyrights are hereafter together referred to as the "Intellectual Property".
- 14.1.2. As between Franchisor and Franchisee, Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) are the owners of all right, title and interest in and to the Intellectual Property and the goodwill associated with and symbolized by them.
- 14.2 <u>No Interference</u>. Neither Franchisee nor any Principal shall take any action that would prejudice or interfere with the validity of Franchisor's and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s)'s rights with respect to the Intellectual Property. Nothing in this Agreement shall give the Franchisee any right, title, or interest in or to any of the Intellectual Property or any of Franchisor's and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s)'s service marks, trademarks, trade names, trade dress, logos, copyrights or proprietary materials, except the right to use the Intellectual Property and the System in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement for the operation of a Franchised Business and only at or from the Franchised Business premises or in approved advertising related to the Franchised Business.
- 14.3 <u>Goodwill</u>. Franchisee understands and agrees that any and all goodwill arising from Franchisee's use of the Intellectual Property and the System shall inure solely and exclusively to the benefit of Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s), and upon expiration or termination of this Agreement and the license herein granted, no monetary amount shall be assigned as attributable to any goodwill associated with Franchisee's use of the Intellectual Property.
- 14.4 <u>Validity</u>. Franchisee shall not contest the validity of, or Franchisor's and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s)'s interest in, the Intellectual Property or assist others to contest the validity of, or Franchisor's and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s)'s interest in, the Intellectual Property.
- 14.5 <u>Infringement</u>. Franchisee acknowledges that any unauthorized use of the Intellectual Property shall constitute an infringement of Franchisor's and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s)'s rights in the Intellectual Property and a material event of default hereunder. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) with all assignments, affidavits, documents, information and assistance Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) reasonably requests to fully vest in Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) all such rights, title and interest in and to the Intellectual Property, including all such items as are reasonably requested by Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) to register, maintain and enforce such rights in the Intellectual Property.

- 14.6 <u>Substitution</u>. Franchisor reserves the right to substitute different Marks for use in identifying the System and the Franchised Business, if it in its sole discretion, determines that substitution of different Marks will be beneficial to the System. Franchisor will not be liable to Franchisee for any expenses, losses or damages sustained by Franchisee as a result of any additions, modifications, substitutions or discontinuation of the Marks. Franchisee covenants not to commence or join in any litigation or other proceeding against Franchisor for any of these expenses, losses or damages.
- 14.7 <u>Franchisee's Use of the Intellectual Property</u>. With respect to Franchisee's use of the Intellectual Property pursuant to this Agreement, Franchisee further agrees that:
  - 14.7.1 Unless otherwise authorized or required by Franchisor, Franchisee shall advertise the Franchised Business only under the Marks "Créatif" and design. Franchisee shall not use the Marks, or any portions, variations, or derivatives thereof, as part of its corporate or other legal name. All fictitious names used by Franchisee shall bear the designation "a franchisee of Creatif Franchising LLC"
  - 14.7.2 Franchisee shall identify itself as the owner of the Franchised Business and as an independent Créatif franchisee in conjunction with any use of the Intellectual Property, including, but not limited to, uses on invoices, order forms, receipts, and contracts, as well as the display of a notice in such content and form and at such conspicuous locations on the premises of the Franchised Business as Franchisor may designate in writing.
  - 14.7.3 Franchisee shall not use the Intellectual Property to incur any obligation or indebtedness on behalf of Franchisor.
  - 14.7.4 Any item offered by Franchisee that contains the Marks, must be approved by Franchisor in writing prior to being distributed or sold by Franchisee and such approval may be granted or denied in Franchisor's sole and absolute discretion.
- 14.8 <u>Claims</u>. Franchisee shall notify Franchisor immediately via both email and telephone, of any apparent infringement of or challenge to Franchisee's use of any Intellectual Property and of any claim by any person of any rights in any Intellectual Property. Franchisee shall not communicate with any person other than Franchisor or any designated affiliate thereof, their counsel and Franchisee's counsel in connection with any such infringement, challenge or claim. Franchisor shall have complete discretion to take such action as it deems appropriate in connection with the foregoing, and the right to control exclusively, or to delegate control to any of its affiliates of, any settlement, litigation or other proceeding arising out of any such alleged infringement, challenge or claim or otherwise relating to any Intellectual Property. Franchisee agrees to execute any and all instruments and documents, render such assistance, and do such acts or things as may, in the opinion of Franchisor or any other person or entity in any litigation or other proceeding or to other proceeding or any such assistance or advisable to protect and maintain the interests of Franchisor or any other person or entity in any litigation or other proceeding or to otherwise protect and maintain the interests of Franchisor or any other party of the interests of Franchisor or any other party in any set of the interests of the party in the opinion of the proceeding or to otherwise protect and maintain the interests of Franchisor or any other person or entity in any litigation or other party in the opinion otherwise protect and maintain the interests of Franchisor or any other party in the opinion otherwise protect and maintain the interests of Franchisor or any other person or entity in any litigation or other party in the opinion otherwise protect and maintain the interests of Franchisor or any other interested party in

the Intellectual Property. Franchisor will indemnify and defend Franchisee against and reimburse Franchisee for actual damages (including settlement amounts) for which Franchisee is held liable in any proceeding arising out of Franchisee's use of any of the Intellectual Property that infringes on the rights of any other party, provided that the conduct of Franchisee with respect to such proceeding and use of the Intellectual Property is in full compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

- 14.9 Franchisor may use and grant franchises and licenses to others to use the Intellectual Property and the System and to establish, develop and franchise other systems, different from the System licensed to Franchisee herein, without offering or providing Franchisee any rights in, to or under such other systems and Franchisor may modify or change, in whole or in part, any aspect of the Intellectual Property or the System, so long as Franchisee's rights thereto are in no way materially harmed thereby.
- 14.10 Franchisee shall not register or attempt to register the Intellectual Property in Franchisee's name or that of any other person, firm, entity or corporation.

## **15. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION**

- 15.1 <u>Procurement</u>. Franchisee shall procure, prior to the commencement of any operations under this Agreement, and thereafter maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement at Franchisee's sole cost and expense and to Franchisor's sole satisfaction, insurance policies protecting Franchisee and Franchisor, and naming Franchisor, its officers, directors, partners, owners, employees and affiliates as additional insureds as their interests may appear, in the following minimum limits (except as additional coverage and higher policy limits may reasonably be specified from time to time in the Manual or otherwise in writing):
  - 15.1.1. <u>Liability</u>. Commercial general liability insurance, including public liability, personal injury, advertising injury, abuse and molestation coverage and products liability coverage in the amount of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and Two Million (\$2,000,000) aggregate, including a minimum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per person for medical expenses;
  - 15.1.2 <u>Employment</u>. Worker's compensation coverage in the limits required by state law, employer's liability insurance in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) per accident shall be carried on all of Franchisee's employees, and crime and employee dishonesty in the minimum amount of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), as well as such other insurance as may be required by statute or rule of the state in which the Franchised Business is located and operated;
  - 15.1.3. <u>Property</u>. Fire, vandalism, windstorm and hail, and extended coverage insurance for property damage with primary and excess limits of not less than the full replacement value of the leasehold improvements, equipment, furniture, fixtures, and inventory, whichever is greater.

- 15.1.4 <u>Business</u>. Business interruption insurance for a minimum of six (6) months, in an amount necessary to satisfy Franchisee's obligations under this Agreement and the lease for the Franchised Business location.
- 15.1.5 <u>Automobile Insurance</u>. Prior to operation of any vehicle on behalf of the Franchised Business, Franchisee must obtain comprehensive automobile liability insurance in the amount of at least a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000).
- 15.1.6 <u>Electronic Data Processing</u>. Coverage for damage or loss of electronic and computer equipment, media and data in an amount of not less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00); and
- 15.1.7 <u>Identity Theft, Forgery or Alteration</u>. Coverage for identity forgery, alteration or theft in an amount of at least Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per loss and Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for expenses.
- 15.2 <u>Evidence of Insurance</u>. Franchisee shall deliver to, and maintain at all times with Franchisor, current Certificates of Insurance evidencing the existence and continuation of the required coverages. Franchisee shall deliver the initial Certificate of Insurance no later than ten (10) days before Franchisee opens the Franchised Business. In addition, if requested by Franchisor, Franchisee shall deliver to Franchisor a copy of the insurance policy or policies required hereunder.
- 15.3 <u>Failure to Procure</u>. If, for any reason, Franchisee should fail to procure or maintain the insurance required by this Agreement as revised from time to time for all franchisees by the Manual or otherwise in writing, Franchisor shall have the right and authority (without, however, any obligation) to immediately procure such insurance and to charge Franchisee for the cost thereof together with an administrative fee of ten percent (10%) of the cost for Franchisor's expenses in so acting, including all attorneys' fees. Franchisee shall pay Franchisor immediately upon notice by Franchisor to Franchisee that Franchisor has undertaken such action and the cost thereof.
- 15.4 <u>Increase in Coverage</u>. The levels and types of insurance stated herein are minimum requirements. Franchisor reserves the right to raise the required minimum requirements for any type of insurance or add additional types of insurance requirements as Franchisor deems reasonably prudent to require. Within thirty (30) days of any such required new limits or types of coverage, Franchisee must submit proof to Franchisor of Franchisee's coverage pursuant to Franchisor's requirements.
- 15.5 <u>Additional Insured</u>. All required insurance policies shall name Franchisor and their affiliates and their members, officers, agents and employees as additional insureds as their interests may appear. All public liability policies shall contain a provision that the additional insureds, although named as insureds, shall nevertheless be entitled to recover under such policies on any loss caused by Franchisee or Franchisee's servants, agents or employees,

and all required insurance policies shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of the additional insureds.

15.6 Indemnification. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, FRANCHISEE AGREES TO EXONERATE AND INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC, CREATIF LLC, TVARA LLC, AND ANY OF EITHER'S PARENT COMPANIES, SUBSIDIARIES, DIVISIONS, AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND DESIGNEES, AS WELL AS THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AND SHAREHOLDERS (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE "CREATIF INDEMNITEES"), FROM ALL CLAIMS BASED UPON, ARISING OUT OF, OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO FRANCHISEE'S FRANCHISE AND/OR THE OPERATION THEREOF, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY CLAIM IN CONNECTION WITH FRANCHISEE'S EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS; FRANCHISEE'S COMPUTER SYSTEMS; FRANCHISEE'S PROVISION OF SERVICES; THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS PREMISES: OR FRANCHISEE'S ADVERTISING OR BUSINESS PRACTICES. FRANCHISEE AGREES TO PAY FOR ALL THE CRÉATIF INDEMNITEES' LOSSES, EXPENSES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ATTORNEYS' FEES) OR CONCURRENT OR CONTRIBUTING LIABILITY INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ACTION, SUIT, PROCEEDING, INQUIRY (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE SAME IS REDUCED TO JUDGMENT OR DETERMINATION), OR ANY SETTLEMENT THEREOF FOR THE INDEMNIFICATION GRANTED BY FRANCHISEE HEREUNDER. THE CRÉATIF INDEMNITEES SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELECT AND APPOINT INDEPENDENT COUNSEL TO REPRESENT ANY OF THE **CRÉATIF** INDEMNITEES IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING COVERED BY THIS INDEMNITY. FRANCHISEE AGREES THAT TO HOLD THE **CRÉATIF** INDEMNITEES HARMLESS, FRANCHISEE WILL REIMBURSE THE CRÉATIF INDEMNITEES AS THE COSTS AND EXPENSES ARE INCURRED BY THE CRÉATIF INDEMNITEES.

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# 16. TRANSFERS

16.1 Transfers by Franchisor.

16.1.1 Franchisor shall have the right to assign this Agreement, and all of Franchisor's rights and privileges hereunder, to any person, firm, corporation or other entity, without Franchisee's permission or prior knowledge, provided that, with respect to any assignment resulting in the subsequent performance by the assignee of Franchisor's obligations, the assignee shall expressly assume and agree to perform Franchisor's obligations hereunder. Specifically, and without limitation to the foregoing, Franchisee expressly affirms and agrees that Franchisor may: (i) sell Franchisor's assets and Franchisor's rights to the Marks and the System outright to a third party; (ii) engage in a public or private placement of some or all of Franchisor's securities; (iii) merge, acquire other corporations, or be acquired by another corporation, including competitors; (iv) undertake a refinancing,

recapitalization, leveraged buy-out or other economic or financial restructuring; and (v) with regard to any or all of the above sales, assignments and dispositions, Franchisee expressly and specifically waives any claims, demands or damages arising from or relating to the loss of association with or identification of Franchisor. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall require Franchisor to remain in the business franchised herein or to offer the same products and services, whether or not bearing the Marks, in the event that Franchisor exercises its prerogative hereunder to assign Franchisor's rights in this Agreement.

- 16.1.2 Franchisee agrees that Franchisor has the right, now or in the future, to purchase, merge, acquire or affiliate with an existing competitive or non-competitive franchise network, chain or any other business regardless of the location of that chain's or business' facilities, and to operate, franchise or license those businesses and/or facilities operating under the Marks or any other marks following Franchisor's purchase, merger, acquisition or affiliation, regardless of the location of the facilities (which Franchisee acknowledges may be within the Territory, proximate thereto, or proximate to any of Franchisee's locations). However, Franchisor represents that it will not convert any such acquired facilities that are operating within the Territory to a Créatif franchise during the Term of this Agreement.
- 16.1.3 If Franchisor assigns its rights in this Agreement, nothing herein shall be deemed to require Franchisor to remain in the creative arts business or to offer or sell any products or services to Franchisee.
- 16.2 <u>Restrictions on Transfers by Franchisee</u>. Franchisee's rights and duties under this Agreement are personal to Franchisee as it is organized and with the Principals of the business as they exist on the date of execution of this Agreement, and Franchisor has made this Agreement with Franchisee in reliance on Franchisor's perceptions of the individual and collective character, skill, aptitude, attitude, business ability, and financial capacity of Franchisee. Thus, no transfer, as hereafter defined, may be made without Franchisor's prior written approval. Franchisor may void any transfer made without such approval.
- 16.3 <u>Transfers by Franchisee</u>. Franchisee shall not directly or indirectly sell, assign, transfer, give, devise, convey or encumber this Agreement or any right or interest herein or hereunder (a "Transfer"), the Franchise, the Franchised Business or any assets thereof (except in the ordinary course of business) or suffer or permit any such assignment, transfer, or encumbrance to occur by operation of law unless it first obtains the written consent of Franchisor. A transfer of any stock in the Franchisee if it is a corporation or a transfer of any ownership rights in Franchisee if it is a partnership, a limited liability company or limited partnership shall be considered a Transfer restricted hereunder. If Franchisee has complied fully with this Agreement and subject to Franchisor's Right of First Refusal set forth in Section 16.6, Franchisor will not unreasonably withhold its consent of a Transfer that meets the following requirements:

- 16.3.1 The proposed transferee and all its principals must have the demeanor and be individuals of good character and otherwise meet Franchisor's then-applicable standards for franchisees.
- 16.3.2 The transferee must have sufficient business experience, aptitude and financial resources to operate the Franchised Business and to comply with this Agreement;
- 16.3.3 The transferee has agreed to complete Franchisor's Initial Management Training Program to Franchisor's satisfaction;
- 16.3.4 Franchisee has paid all amounts owed to Franchisor and third-party creditors;
- 16.3.5 The transferee has executed Franchisor's then-standard form of Franchise Agreement, which may have terms and conditions different from this Agreement, except that the transferee shall not be required to pay the Initial Franchise Fee;
- 16.3.6 Franchisee and the transferee and each of Franchisee's and the transferee's Principals shall have executed a general release, in a form satisfactory to Franchisor, of any and all claims against Franchisor and Franchisor's officers, directors, shareholders, members and employees in their corporate and individual capacities, including, without limitation, claims arising under federal, state, and local laws, rules and ordinances. Franchisee will agree to subordinate any claims Franchisee may have against the transferee to Franchisor, and indemnify Franchisor against any claims by the transferee relating to misrepresentations in the transfer process, specifically excluding those representations made by Franchisor in the Franchise Disclosure Document given to the transferee;
- 16.3.7 Franchisor has granted written approval of the material terms and conditions of the Transfer, including, without limitation, that the price and terms of payment will not adversely affect the Franchised Business's operation. However, Franchisor's approval of a Transfer is not in any way a representation or warranty of the transferee's success or the soundness of transferee's decision to purchase the Franchise on such terms and conditions. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor all proposed transfer documents for Franchisor's review at least thirty (30) days prior to a closing of the proposed Transfer;
- 16.3.8 If Franchisee or any Principal finances any part of the sale price of the Transfer, Franchisee or its Principal have agreed that all obligations of the transferee under any notes, agreements or security interests to Franchisee or its Principal will be subordinate to the transferee's obligations to Franchisor; and
- 16.3.9 If consent is required, the lessor of the Franchised Business's premises consents to the assignment or further sublet of the premises to the transferee.
- 16.4 <u>Transfer Fee</u>. As a condition to any Transfer, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor a transfer fee equal to seventy-five percent (75%) of the then-current initial franchise fee; provided

however, (i) for transfers to an existing franchisee in good standing with Franchisor, the transfer fee is fifty percent (50%) of the then-current initial franchise fee, (ii) for transfers of ownership interest among existing principals, shareholders or members, or to add a business entity or new shareholder or member of the Franchisee entity and such transfer does not change management control of the Franchise, the transfer fee is One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), and (iii) for a transfer to a spouse, parent or child upon death or permanent disability of Franchisee or Franchise's Principal, as the case may be, the transfer fee is Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00).

- 16.5 Entity Formation Documents. The By-Laws of a corporation or Operating Agreement of a limited liability company of a Franchisee that is an entity must state that (i) the issuance and assignment of any interest in Franchisee are restricted by this Article 16; (ii) Franchisee may conduct no business except the operation of a Franchised Business pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; (iii) transfers of interests in Franchisee are subject to the terms of this Agreement governing transfers; and (iv) stock or member certificates will contain a legend so indicating.
- 16.6 Franchisor 's Right of First Refusal.
  - 16.6.1 If Franchisee wishes to transfer all or part of its interest in the Franchised Business or this Agreement or if a Principal wishes to transfer any ownership interest in Franchisee, pursuant to any bona fide offer to purchase such interest, then Franchisee or such Principal shall promptly notify Franchisor in writing of each such offer, and shall provide such information and documentation relating to the offer as Franchisor may require.
  - 16.6.2 Franchisor has the right, exercisable by written notice to Franchisee within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notification and copies of all documentation required by Franchisor describing such offer, to buy the interest in this Agreement and the Franchised Business or the Principal's interest in Franchisee for the price and on the terms and conditions contained in the offer, subject to Section 16.6.3.
  - 16.6.3 Franchisee further agrees, in the event Franchisor exercises its right of first refusal, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the offer, that (i) Franchisor may substitute cash for any other form of consideration contained in the offer; (ii) at Franchisor's option, Franchisor may pay the entire purchase price at closing; (iii) Franchisor 's credit will be deemed equal to the credit of any proposed transferee; (iv) Franchisor will have at least sixty (60) days to close the purchase; and (v) Franchisor will be entitled to receive from the Franchisee all customary representations and warranties given by a seller of the assets of a business or equity interest in an entity, as applicable.
  - 16.6.4 If Franchisor does not exercise its right to buy within thirty (30) days, Franchisee may thereafter transfer the interest to the transferee on terms no more favorable than those disclosed to Franchisor, provided that such transfer is subject to Franchisor's prior written approval pursuant to Section 16.3 hereof. However, if (i)

the sale to the transferee is not completed within one hundred twenty (120) days after the offer is given to Franchisor or (ii) there is any material change in the terms of the offer, the offer will again be subject to Franchisor's right of first refusal.

16.7 Death or Permanent Disability. The grant of rights under this Agreement is personal to Franchisee, and on the death or permanent disability of Franchisee or any of Franchisee's Principals, the executor, administrator, conservator or other personal representative of Franchisee or Principal, as the case may be, shall be required to transfer Franchisee's or Principal's interest in this Agreement within six (6) months from the date of death or permanent disability, to a third party approved by Franchisor. Failure to transfer in accordance with the forgoing will constitute a material default and the Franchise granted by this Agreement will terminate. A transfer under this Section 16.7, including without limitation, transfer by devise or inheritance, is subject to the conditions for Transfers in this Article 16 and unless transferred by gift, devise or inheritance, subject to the terms of Section 16.6 above. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "permanent disability" means a mental or physical disability, impairment or condition that is reasonably expected to prevent or actually does prevent such person from providing continuous and material supervision of the operation of Franchisee's Franchised Business during the six (6)-month period from its onset.

Immediately after the death or permanent disability of such person, or while the Franchise is owned by an executor, administrator, guardian, personal representative or trustee of that person, the Franchised Business shall be supervised by an interim successor manager satisfactory to Franchisor, or Franchisor, in its sole discretion, may provide interim management at Franchisor's then-current interim management support fee, pending transfer of the Franchise to the deceased or disabled individual's lawful heirs or successors.

- 16.8 <u>Effect of Consent to Transfer</u>. Franchisor's consent to a Transfer will not waive any claims Franchisor may have against the Franchisee or any Franchisee's Principals nor waive its right to demand that the transferee comply strictly with this Agreement.
- 16.9 <u>Security Interests to Lender</u>. If Franchisee is in full compliance with this Agreement, Franchisee may pledge or give a security interest in Franchisee's interest in the Assets and the Franchised Business to a lender of the funds needed by Franchisee for Franchisee's initial investment, provided that the security interest is subordinate to Franchisee's obligations to Franchisor, that a foreclosure on such a pledge or security interest and/or any Transfer resulting from such a foreclosure shall be subject to all provisions of this Agreement, and that Franchisee obtains from the lender a written acknowledgement to Franchisor of these restrictions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event Franchisee obtains financing whereby funding is provided with the assistance of the United States Small Business Administration ("SBA Financing"), Franchisee shall be permitted to grant the lender of such SBA Financing a senior lien on any collateral Franchisee uses to secure the SBA Financing, and Franchisor agrees to (i) subordinate its interest in any lien on Franchisee's collateral to that of the lender of the SBA Financing and (ii) waive the requirement of the written acknowledgement referenced in this Section.

## **17. DEFAULTS**

- 17.1 Default and Automatic Termination. Franchisee shall be deemed to be in material default under this Agreement, and all rights granted herein shall automatically terminate without notice to Franchisee, if Franchisee shall become insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or if Franchisee files a voluntary petition under any section or chapter of federal bankruptcy law or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any state thereof, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts when due; or if Franchisee is adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent in proceedings filed against Franchisee under any section or chapter of federal bankruptcy laws or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any state; or if a bill in equity or other proceeding for the appointment of a receiver of Franchisee or 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 state or federal law should be instituted by or against Franchisee; or if a final judgment remains unsatisfied or of record for thirty (30) days or longer (unless supersedeas bond is filed); or if Franchisee is dissolved; or if execution is levied against Franchisee's business or property; or if suit to foreclose any lien or mortgage against the Franchised Business premises or equipment is instituted against Franchisee and not dismissed within thirty (30) days.
- 17.2 <u>Defaults with No Opportunity to Cure</u>. Franchisee shall be deemed to be in material default and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement and all rights granted hereunder, without affording Franchisee any opportunity to cure the default, effective immediately upon notice to Franchisee, if Franchisee, or any Principal, as the case may be:
  - 17.2.1 fails to acquire a site for the Franchised Business, complete construction of the Franchised Business, obtain all licenses and permits before opening, or open the Franchised Business within the time and in the manner specified in Article 8.
  - 17.2.2 falsifies any report required to be furnished Franchisor hereunder;
  - 17.2.3 ceases to operate the Franchised Business for a period of five (5) days or more; provided, however, that this provision shall not apply if through no fault of Franchisee, the premises are damaged or destroyed by a casualty and Franchisee applies within thirty (30) days after such event, for Franchisor's approval to relocate or reconstruct the premises (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld) and Franchisee diligently pursues such reconstruction or relocation.
  - 17.2.4 loses for any cause whatsoever the right of possession of the real property on which the Franchised Business is located; provided, however, that this provision shall not apply if through no fault of Franchisee, Franchisee loses right of possession and Franchisee applies within thirty (30) days after such event, for Franchisor's approval to relocate the Franchised Business (which approval shall not be

unreasonably withheld) and Franchisee diligently pursues such relocation in accordance with Section 8.4.

- 17.2.5 fails to restore the Franchised Business location to full operation within a reasonable period time but not more than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date the Franchised Business location is rendered inoperable by any casualty, as may be extended by Franchisor in Franchisor's reasonable discretion;
- 17.2.6 fails to comply with any federal, state, or local law, rule or regulation, applicable to the operation of the Franchised Business, including, but not limited to, the failure to pay taxes;
- 17.2.7 defaults under any lease or sublease of the real property on which the Franchised Business is located;
- 17.2.8 understates Gross Revenue on two (2) occasions or more, whether or not cured on any or all of those occasions;
- 17.2.9 fails to comply with the covenants in Article 15;
- 17.2.10 permits a Transfer in violation of the provisions of Article 16 of this Agreement;
- 17.2.11 fails, or Franchisee's legal representative fails, to transfer the interests in this Franchise Agreement and the Franchised Business upon death or permanent disability of Franchisee or any Principal of Franchisee as required by Section 16.7.
- 17.2.12 has misrepresented or omitted material facts in applying for the Franchise;
- 17.2.13 is convicted of, or pleads no contest to, a felony or to a crime that could damage the goodwill associated with the Marks or engages in any other conduct that may harm the reputation of the System or the goodwill associated with the Marks;
- 17.2.14 receives an adverse judgment or a consent decree in any case or proceeding involving allegations of fraud, racketeering, unfair or improper trade practices or similar claim which is likely to have an adverse effect on the System, or the Marks, the goodwill associated therewith or Franchisor's interest therein, in Franchisor's sole opinion;
- 17.2.15 conceals revenues, knowingly maintains false books or records, or knowingly submits any false reports;
- 17.2.16 creates a threat or danger to public health or safety from the construction, maintenance, or operation of the Franchised Business;
- 17.2.17 refuses to permit Franchisor to inspect or audit Franchisee's books or records;

- 17.2.18 makes any unauthorized use of the Marks or copyrighted material or any unauthorized use or disclosure of Confidential Information (as defined in Section 19.2);
- 17.2.19 fails to comply with the non-competition covenants in Section 19.5;
- 17.2.20 defaults in the performance of Franchisee's obligations under this Agreement three(3) or more times during the term of this Agreement or has been given at least two(2) notices of default in any consecutive twelve (12)-month period, whether or not the defaults have been corrected;
- 17.2.21 has insufficient funds to honor a check or electronic funds transfer two (2) or more times within any consecutive twelve (12)-month period;
- 17.2.22 defaults, or an affiliate of Franchisee defaults, under any other agreement, including any other franchise agreement, with Franchisor or any of its affiliates, suppliers or landlord and does not cure such default within the time period provided in such other agreement; or
- 17.2.23 terminates this Agreement without cause.
- 17.3 <u>Curable Defaults</u>. Franchisee shall be deemed to be in material default and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement and all rights granted hereunder, if Franchisee fails to cure the default within the time period set forth in this Section 17.3, effective immediately upon notice to Franchisee, if Franchisee, or any Principal, as the case may be:
  - 17.3.1 fails to pay when due any amounts due to Franchisor under this Agreement or any related agreement and does not correct the failure within five (5) days after written notice; provided, however, Franchisor has no obligation to give written notice of a late payment more than two (2) times in any twelve (12)-month period, and the third such late payment in any twelve (12)-month period shall be a non-curable default under Sections 17.2.20 and/or 17.2.21;
  - 17.3.2 fails to perform any non-monetary obligation imposed by this Agreement (excepting those defaults of obligations set forth in Sections 17.1 and 17.2 for which there is no opportunity to cure) and such default shall continue for five (5) days after Franchisor has given written notice of such default, or if the default cannot be reasonably corrected within said five (5)-day period, then if it is not corrected within such additional time as may be reasonably required assuming Franchisee proceeds diligently to cure; provided, however, Franchisor has no obligation to give written notice of a non-monetary default more than two (2) times in any twelve (12)–month period, and the third such default, whether monetary or non-monetary, in any twelve (12) month period shall be a non-curable default under Section 17.2.20.

- 17.4 <u>Franchisor's Cure of Franchisee's Defaults</u>. In the event of a default by Franchisee, in addition to Franchisor's right to terminate the Franchise Agreement, and <u>not in lieu</u> <u>thereof</u>, Franchisor may, but has no obligation to:
  - 17.4.1 effect a cure on Franchisee's behalf and at Franchisee's expense, and Franchisee shall immediately pay Franchisor the costs incurred by Franchisor upon demand; or
  - 17.4.2 enter upon the Franchised Business premises and exercise complete authority with respect to the operation thereof until such time as Franchisor determines that the default of Franchisee has been cured and that Franchisee is complying with the requirements of this Agreement. Franchisee specifically agrees that a designated representative of Franchisor may take over, control and operate the Franchised Business. In addition to all other fees paid under this Agreement, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor ten percent (10%) of the Gross Revenue generated by the Franchised Business during Franchisor's operation thereof as compensation therefor. Further, Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor for the full compensation paid to such representative including the cost of all fringe benefits plus all travel expenses, lodging, meals and other expenses reasonably incurred by such representative until the default has been cured and Franchisee is complying with the terms of this Agreement.
- 17.5 <u>Notice to Suppliers</u>. In the event of a default by Franchisee, in addition to Franchisor's right to terminate the Franchise Agreement, and <u>not in lieu thereof</u>, Franchisor reserves the right with five (5) days' prior written notice to Franchisee to direct suppliers to stop furnishing any and all products and supplies until such time as Franchisee's default is cured. Such right shall include Franchisor's right to deny Franchisee's access to Créatif Studio Manager and Art Pad Software. In no event shall Franchisee have recourse against Franchisor for loss of revenue, customer goodwill, profits or other business arising from Franchisor's actions and the actions of suppliers.
- 17.6 <u>Reimbursement of Costs</u>. Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor all costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor as a result of Franchisee's default, including costs in connection with collection of any amounts owed to Franchisor and/or enforcement of Franchisor's rights under this Agreement.

# **18. POST-TERMINATION**

- 18.1 <u>Franchisee's Obligations</u>. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, all rights and licenses granted hereunder to Franchisee shall immediately terminate and Franchisee and each Principal, if any, shall:
  - 18.1.1 immediately cease to operate the Franchised Business, and shall not thereafter, directly or indirectly identify himself, herself or itself as a current Créatif owner, franchisee or licensee;

- 18.1.2 immediately and permanently cease to use the Marks, any imitation of any Mark, logos, copyrighted material, or other intellectual property, confidential or proprietary material or indicia of a Créatif outlet, or use any trade name, trade or service mark or other commercial symbol that suggests a current or past association with Franchisor, Franchisor's affiliate(s), or the System. In particular, Franchisee shall cease to use, without limitation, all signs, billboards, advertising materials, displays, stationery, forms, and any other articles, which display the Marks;
- 18.1.3 take such action as may be necessary to cancel any assumed name or equivalent registration that contains the Mark or any other service mark or trademark of Franchisor, and Franchisee shall furnish Franchisor with evidence of compliance with this obligation, which is satisfactory to Franchisor, within five (5) days after termination or expiration of this Agreement;
- 18.1.4 promptly pay all sums owing to Franchisor and its affiliates. Such sums shall include all damages, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor as a result of any default by Franchisee. The payment obligation herein shall give rise to and remain, until paid in full, a lien in favor of Franchisor against any and all of the personal property, furnishings, equipment, fixtures, and inventory owned by Franchisee and located at the Franchised Business location at the time of default;
- 18.1.5 pay to Franchisor all damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor in connection with obtaining any remedy available to Franchisor for any violation of this Agreement and, subsequent to the termination or expiration of this Agreement, in obtaining injunctive or other relief for the enforcement of any provisions of this Agreement that survive its termination;
- 18.1.6 immediately deliver at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, to Franchisor the Manual and all records, files, instructions, correspondence, invoices, agreements, designs, completed project signs, all confidential, proprietary and copyrighted material and all other materials related to operation of the Franchised Business, including but not limited to customer lists and records, (all of which are acknowledged to be Franchisor's property), delete all electronic copies and retain no copy or record of any of the foregoing, except Franchisee's copy of this Agreement and of any correspondence between the parties and any other documents that Franchisee reasonably needs for compliance with any provision of law;
- 18.1.7 comply with the non-disclosure and non-competition covenants contained in Article 19; and
- 18.1.8 in the event this Agreement is terminated due to Franchisee's default, pay Franchisor a lump sum payment (as liquidated damages and not as a penalty) in an amount equal to: (a) the average monthly Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution payable by Franchisee over the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of termination (or such shorter time period if the Franchised Business has been open less than twelve (12) months); (b) multiplied by the lesser of (i) thirty-six (36) months or (ii) the number of months then remaining in the then-current term of this Agreement. Franchisee acknowledges that a precise calculation of the full extent of the damages Franchisor will incur in the event of termination of this Agreement as

a result of Franchisee's default is difficult to determine and that this lump sum payment is reasonable in light thereof. The liquidated damages payable by Franchisee pursuant to this Section 18.1.8 shall be in addition to all other amounts payable under this Agreement and shall not affect Franchisor's right to obtain appropriate injunctive relief and remedies pursuant to any other provision of this Agreement.

#### 18.2 Right to Purchase.

- 18.2.1 Franchisor shall have the option, to be exercised within thirty (30) days after termination or expiration of this Agreement, to purchase from Franchisee any or all of the furnishings, equipment (including any point of sale system), signs, fixtures, advertising materials, supplies, and inventory of Franchisee related to the operation of the Franchised Business, at Franchisee's cost or fair market value, whichever is less. Franchisor shall purchase Franchisee's assets free and clear of any liens, charges, encumbrances or security interests and Franchisor shall assume no liabilities whatsoever, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the parties. If the parties cannot agree on the fair market value within thirty (30) days of Franchisor's exercise of its option, fair market value shall be determined by two (2) appraisers, with each party selecting one (1) appraiser, and the average of their determinations shall be binding. In the event of such appraisal, each party shall bear its own legal and other costs and shall split the appraisal fees equally. If Franchisor elects to exercise its option to purchase herein provided, it shall have the right to set off (i) all fees for any such independent appraiser due from Franchisee, (ii) all amounts due from Franchisee to Franchisor or any of its affiliates and (iii) any costs incurred in connection with any escrow arrangement (including reasonable legal fees), against any payment therefor and shall pay the remaining amount in cash. Closing of the purchase shall take place no later than thirty (30) days after determination of the fair market value.
- 18.2.2 With respect to the options described in Sections 18.2.1, Franchisee shall deliver to Franchisor in a form satisfactory to Franchisor, such warranties, releases of lien, bills of sale, assignments and such other documents and instruments that Franchisor deems necessary in order to perfect Franchisor's title and possession in and to the assets being purchased or assigned and to meet the requirements of all tax and government authorities. If, at the time of closing, Franchisee has not obtained all of these certificates and other documents, Franchisor may, in its sole discretion, place the purchase price in escrow pending issuance of any required certificates or documents.
- 18.2.3 Franchisor shall be entitled to assign any and all of its option in Section 18.2.1 to any other party, without the consent of Franchisee.
- 18.3 <u>Assignment of Communications</u>. Franchisee, at the option of Franchisor, shall assign to Franchisor all rights to the telephone numbers of the Franchised Business and any related public directory listing or other business listings and execute all forms and documents required by Franchisor and any telephone company at any time, to transfer such service and numbers to Franchisor. Further, Franchisee shall assign to Franchisor any and all

social media and internet listings, domain names, internet advertising, websites, listings with search engines, electronic mail addresses or any other similar listing or usage related to the Franchised Business. Notwithstanding any forms and documents that may have been executed by Franchisee under Section 11.6, Franchisee shall provide Franchisor with all passwords and administrative rights, and hereby appoints Franchisor its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, for the sole purpose of taking such action as is necessary to complete such assignment. This power of attorney shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Franchisee shall thereafter use different telephone numbers, electronic mail addresses or other listings or usages at or in connection with any subsequent business conducted by Franchisee.

18.4 <u>Survival</u>. The rights and obligations of the parties contained in this Article 18 shall survive the expiration or sooner termination of this Agreement.

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

#### 19.1 Operations Manual.

- 19.1.1 Franchisor has provided to Franchisee, on loan, a current copy of the Manual. The Manual may be in hard copy or made available to Franchisee in digital, electronic or computerized form or in some other form now existing or hereafter developed that would allow Franchisee to view the contents thereof. If the Manual (or any changes thereto) are provided in a form other than physical copy, Franchisee shall pay any and all costs to retrieve, review, use or access the Manual. To protect the reputation and goodwill of Franchisor and to maintain high standards of operation under Franchisor's Marks, Franchisee shall operate all aspects of the Franchised Business in accordance with the Manual, as they may from time to time be modified by Franchisor, other written directives that Franchisor may issue to Franchisee from time to time, whether or not such directives are included in the Manual, and any other manual and materials created or approved for use in the operation of the Franchised Business.
- 19.1.2 Franchisee and any and all Principals shall at all times treat the Manual, written directives, and other materials and any other confidential communications or materials, and the information contained therein, as confidential and shall maintain such information as trade secret and confidential in accordance with this Article and this Agreement. Franchisee and Franchisee's Principals, if any, shall not divulge and make such materials available to anyone other than those of Franchisee's employees who require the information contained therein to operate the Franchised Business. Franchisee shall, prior to disclosure, fully train and inform its employees on all the restrictions, terms and conditions under which it is permitted to use Franchiser's intellectual, proprietary and confidential information; and shall ensure its employees' compliance with such restrictions, terms and conditions. Franchisee, Franchisee's Principals, and any person working with Franchisee shall agree not, at any time to use, copy, duplicate, record or otherwise reproduce these materials, in whole or in part, or otherwise make the same available

to any person other than those authorized above, without Franchisor's prior written consent.

- 19.1.3 The Manual, written directives, and other materials and any other confidential communications provided or approved by Franchisor shall at all times remain the sole property of Franchisor. Franchisee shall maintain the Manual and all Franchisor's confidential and proprietary materials at all times in a safe and secure location, shall take all reasonable measures to prevent unauthorized access thereto, whether any attempted unauthorized access takes the form of physical access or access via computer or telecommunications networks or otherwise, and shall report the theft or loss of the Manual, or any portion thereof, immediately to Franchisor. At a minimum, Franchisee shall, in the case of computer and telecommunications networks, use the latest available firewall, encryption and similar technology to prevent unauthorized access. Franchisee shall delete all electronic copies and return and cease using any physical copy of the Manual and other confidential and proprietary materials to Franchisor immediately upon request or upon transfer, termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 19.1.4 Franchisor may from time to time revise the contents of the Manual and other materials created or approved for use in the operation of the Franchised Business. Franchisee expressly agrees to comply with each new or changed policy, standard or directive. In the event of any dispute as to the contents of the Manual, the terms of the master copy of the Manual maintained by Franchisor shall control.
- 19.1.5 If Franchisee loses, misplaces, or otherwise requests a physical copy of the Manual, Franchisor, in its discretion, may provide such physical copy and Franchisee shall pay Franchisor the then-current replacement fee.
- 19.2 Confidential Information. Franchisee along with its Principals acknowledge and accept that during the term of this Agreement, Franchisee and any Principal will have access to Franchisor's trade secrets, including, but not limited to, designs, instructional methods, processes, customer lists, vendor partnerships and/or relationships, sales and technical information, financial information, costs, product prices and names, software tools and applications, website and/or email design, products, services, equipment, technologies and procedures relating to the operation of the Franchised Business; the Manual; methods of advertising and promotion; training materials; any other information which Franchisor may or may not specifically designate as "confidential" or "proprietary"; and the components of the System, whether or not such information is protected or protectable by patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights (collectively referred to herein as the "Confidential Information"). Neither Franchisee nor any Principal shall, during the term of this Agreement and thereafter, communicate or divulge to, or use for the benefit of, any other person or entity, and, following the expiration or termination of this Agreement, shall not use for their own benefit, any Confidential Information that may be communicated to Franchisee or any Principal or of which Franchisee or any Principal may be apprised in connection with the operation of the Franchised Business under the terms of this Agreement. Franchisee and any Principal shall not divulge and

make any Confidential Information available to anyone other than those of Franchisee's employees who require the Confidential Information to operate the Franchised Business and who have themselves entered into confidentiality and non-compete agreements containing the same provisions as contained in this Agreement, in accordance with Section 19.10 hereof. Franchisee and any Principal shall not at any time copy, duplicate, record or otherwise reproduce any Confidential Information, in whole or in part, or otherwise make the same available to any person other than those authorized above, without Franchisor's prior written consent. The covenant in this Section 19.2 shall survive the expiration, termination or transfer of this Agreement or any interest herein and shall be perpetually binding upon Franchisee and each Principal.

- 19.3 <u>Protection of Information</u>. Franchisee shall take all steps necessary, at Franchisee's own expense, to protect the Confidential Information and shall immediately notify Franchisor if Franchisee finds that any Confidential Information has been divulged in violation of this Agreement.
- 19.4 <u>New Concepts</u>. If Franchisee or any Principal develops any new concept, process, product, artwork, design, technique, or improvement in the operation or promotion of the Franchised Business ("Improvements"), Franchisee is required to promptly notify Franchisor and provide Franchisor with all related information, processes, products, design or other improvements, and sign any and all forms, documents and/or papers necessary for Franchisor to obtain full proprietary rights to such Improvements, without compensation and without any claim of ownership or proprietary rights to such Improvements will become the property of Franchisor, and Franchisor may use or disclose such information to other franchisees as it determines to be appropriate.
- 19.5 <u>Noncompetition Covenants</u>. Franchisee and each Principal, if any, specifically acknowledge that, pursuant to this Agreement, Franchisee and each Principal, if any, will receive valuable training, trade secrets and Confidential Information of the System that are beyond the present knowledge, training and experience of Franchisee, each Principal and Franchisee's managers and employees. Franchisee and each Principal, if any, acknowledge that such specialized training, trade secrets and Confidential Information provide a competitive advantage and will be valuable to them in the development and operation of the Franchised Business, and that gaining access to such specialized training, trade secrets and Confidential Information is, therefore, a primary reason why Franchisee and each Principal, if any, are entering into this Agreement. In consideration for such specialized training, trade secrets, Confidential Information and rights, Franchisee and each Principal, if any, covenant that, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor:
  - 19.5.1 During the term of this Agreement, Franchisee and each Principal, if any, shall not, either directly or indirectly, for themselves or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with, any person or entity (i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business or customer of the Franchised Business or of other franchisees in the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise; (ii) participate as an

owner, partner, director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or serve in any other capacity in any creative arts business similar to the System; (iii) do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Marks and the System; or (iv) in any manner interfere with, disturb, disrupt, decrease or otherwise jeopardize the business of the Franchisor or any Créatif franchisees or Franchisor-affiliated outlets.

- 19.5.2 Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement or upon a Transfer and continuing for twenty-four (24) months thereafter, Franchisee and Principals, if any, shall not, either directly or indirectly, for themselves or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with any person or entity (i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business or customer of the Franchised Business or of other franchisees in the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise; or (ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or serve in any other capacity in any creative arts business similar to the System within twenty (20) miles of the Territory or any Créatif location; or (iii) do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Marks and the System or (iv) in any manner interfere with, disturb, disrupt, decrease or otherwise jeopardize the business of the Franchisor or any Créatif franchisees.
- 19.6 <u>Reasonableness of Restrictions</u>. Franchisee and each Principal, if any, acknowledges and agrees that the covenants not to compete set forth in this Agreement are fair and reasonable and will not impose any undue hardship on Franchisee or Principals, if any, since Franchisee or Principals, as the case may be, have other considerable skills, experience and education which afford Franchisee or Principals, as the case may be, the opportunity to derive income from other endeavors.
- 19.7 <u>Reduction of Time or Scope</u>. If the period of time or the geographic scope specified above, should be adjudged unreasonable in any proceeding, then the period of time will be reduced by such number of months or the geographic scope will be reduced by the elimination of such portion thereof, or both, so that such restrictions may be enforced for such time and scope as are adjudged to be reasonable. In addition, Franchisor shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to reduce the scope of any covenant set forth in this Paragraph 19 or any portion thereof, without Franchisee's consent, effective immediately upon receipt by Franchisee of written notice thereof, and Franchisee agrees to forthwith comply with any covenant as so modified.
- 19.8 <u>Injunctive Relief</u>. Franchisee and each Principal, if any, acknowledges that a violation of the covenants not to compete contained in this Agreement would result in immediate and irreparable injury to Franchisor for which no adequate remedy at law will be available. Accordingly, Franchisee and each Principal, if any, hereby consents to the entry of an injunction prohibiting any conduct by Franchisee or any Principal in violation of the terms of the covenants not to compete set forth in this Agreement.

- 19.9 <u>No Defense</u>. Franchisee and each Principal, if any, expressly agree that the existence of any claims they may have against Franchisor, whether or not arising from this Agreement, shall not constitute a defense to the enforcement by Franchisor of the covenants in this Article 19.
- 19.10 <u>Covenants of Employees, Agents and Third Persons</u>. Franchisee shall require and obtain execution of covenants similar to those set forth in this Article 19 (including covenants applicable upon the termination of a person's employment with Franchisee) from all employees, contractors or third persons who will have access to Franchisor's confidential and proprietary information. Such covenants shall be substantially in the form set forth in Attachment 8 as revised and updated from time to time and contained in the Manual.

## **20. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 20.1 Internal Dispute Resolution. Franchisee shall first bring any claim, controversy or dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Attachments hereto or the relationship created by this Agreement to Franchisor's president and/or chief executive officer for resolution. After providing notice as set forth in Section 21.7 below, Franchisee must exhaust this internal dispute resolution procedure before Franchisee may bring Franchisee's dispute before a third party. This agreement to first attempt resolution of disputes internally shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 20.2 <u>Mediation</u>. At Franchisor's option, any claim, controversy or dispute that is not resolved pursuant to Section 20.1 hereof shall be submitted to non-binding mediation. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor with written notice of Franchisee's intent to pursue any unresolved claim, controversy or dispute, specifying in sufficient detail the nature thereof, prior to commencing any legal action. Franchisor shall have thirty (30) days following receipt of Franchisee's notice to exercise Franchisor's option to submit such claim, controversy, or dispute to mediation. Mediation shall be conducted through a mediator or mediators in accordance with the American Arbitration Association Commercial Mediation Rules. Such mediation shall take place in the then-current location of Franchisor's corporate headquarters. The costs and expenses of mediation, including compensation and expenses of the mediator (and except for the attorneys' fees incurred by either party), shall be borne by the parties equally. Franchisor may specifically enforce Franchisor's rights to mediation, as set forth herein.

## 20.3 Arbitration.

20.3.1 Except disputes not subject to alternative dispute resolution as set forth in Section 20.4, any dispute between Franchisor and Franchisee and/or any Principal arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Exhibits hereto or any breach thereof, including any claim that this Agreement or any of its parts, is invalid, illegal or otherwise voidable or void, which has not been resolved in accordance with Sections 20.1 or 20.2, will be resolved by submission to the American Arbitration Association or its successor organization to be settled by a single arbitrator in

accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules then in effect for such Association or successor organization.

- 20.3.2 All issues relating to arbitrability or the enforcement of the agreement to arbitrate contained in this Article 20 will be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §1 *et seq.*) and the federal common law of arbitration. All hearings and other proceedings will take place in Alameda County, California, or the offices of the American Arbitration Association, or, if Franchisor so elects, in the county where the principal place of business of Franchisee is then located.
- 20.3.3 This arbitration provision is self-executing and will remain in full force and effect after expiration or termination of this Agreement. Any arbitration will be conducted on an individual, and not a class-wide or multiple plaintiffs, basis. If either party fails to appear at any properly noticed arbitration proceeding, an award may be entered against the party by default or otherwise, notwithstanding the failure to appear. Judgment upon an arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction and will be binding, final and not subject to appeal. No punitive or exemplary damages will be awarded against Franchisor, Franchisee, or entities related to either of them, in an arbitration proceeding or otherwise, and are hereby waived.
- 20.3.4 The provisions of this Section 20.3 are independent of any other covenant or provision of this Agreement; provided, however, that if a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any of the provisions are unlawful in any way, the court will modify or interpret the provisions to the minimum extent necessary to have them comply with the law.
- 20.3.5 In proceeding with arbitration and in making determinations hereunder, no arbitrator shall extend, modify, or suspend any terms of this Agreement or the reasonable standards of business performance and operation established by Franchisor in good faith. No notice, request or demand for arbitration shall stay, postpone, or rescind the effectiveness of any termination of this Agreement.
- 20.3.6 Except as expressly required by law, Franchisor, Franchisee and any Principal shall keep all aspects of any mediation and/or arbitration proceeding in confidence, and shall not disclose any information about the proceeding to any third party other than legal counsel who shall be required to maintain the confidentiality of such information.
- 20.4 <u>Exceptions</u>. Notwithstanding the requirements of Sections 20.2 or 20.3, the following claims shall not be subject to mediation or arbitration:
  - 20.4.1 Franchisor's claims for injunctive or other extraordinary relief;
  - 20.4.2 disputes and controversies arising from the Sherman Act, the Clayton Act or any other federal or state antitrust law;

- 20.4.3 disputes and controversies based upon or arising under the Lanham Act, as now or hereafter amended, relating to the ownership or validity of the Marks;
- 20.4.4 disputes and controversies relating to actions to obtain possession of the premises of the Franchised Business; and
- 20.4.5 enforcement of Franchisee's post-termination obligations, including but not limited to, Franchisee's non-competition covenants.
- 20.5 <u>Governing Law and Venue</u>. Any claims, controversies, disputes or actions arising out of this Agreement shall be governed, enforced and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the state in which the Franchised Business is located. Notwithstanding, the venue shall be located in the State of California. Franchisee and its Principals, except where specifically prohibited by law, hereby irrevocably submit themselves to the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts in California. Franchisee and its Principals hereby waive all questions of personal jurisdiction for the purpose of carrying out this provision.
- 20.6 <u>Mutual Benefit</u>. Franchisee, each Principal, if any, and Franchisor acknowledge that the parties' agreement regarding applicable state law and forum set forth in Section 20.5 provide each of the parties with the mutual benefit of uniform interpretation of this Agreement and any dispute arising hereunder. Each of Franchisee, Principals, if any, and Franchisor further acknowledge the receipt and sufficiency of mutual consideration for such benefit and that each party's agreement regarding applicable state law and choice of forum have been negotiated in good faith and are part of the benefit of the bargain reflected by this Agreement.
- 20.7 <u>Waiver of Jury Trial and Certain Damages</u>. Franchisee and each Principal hereby waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any right to or claim for (i) a trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim brought by or against Franchisor, and (ii) any punitive, exemplary, incidental, indirect, special, consequential or other damages (including, without limitation, loss of profits) against Franchisor, its affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, partners, agents, representatives, independent contractors, servants and employees, in their corporate and individual capacities, arising out of any cause whatsoever. Each of Franchisee and Principal(s) agree that in the event of a dispute, Franchisee and each Principal shall be limited to the recovery of any actual damages sustained.
- 20.8 <u>Injunctive Relief.</u> Nothing herein contained (including, without limitation, Sections 20.1 through 20.5 above) shall bar Franchisor from the right to obtain immediate injunctive relief from any court of competent jurisdiction against threatened conduct by Franchisee that may cause Franchisor loss or damage, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining specific performance, restraining orders, and preliminary injunctions.

- 20.7 <u>Limitations of Claims</u>. Any and all claims asserted by Franchisee arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the relationship among the parties will be barred unless a proceeding for relief is commenced within one (1) year from the date on which Franchisee knew or should have known of the facts giving rise to such claims.
- 20.8 <u>Attorneys' Fees.</u> In the event of any action in law or equity by and between Franchisor and Franchisee concerning the operation, enforcement, construction or interpretation of this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs incurred.

## 21. GENERAL

- 2121.1 <u>Relationship of the Parties</u>.
  - 21.1.1 Independent Licensee. Franchisee is and shall be an independent licensee under this Agreement, and no partnership shall exist between Franchisee and Franchisor. This Agreement does not constitute Franchisee as an agent, legal representative, or employee of Franchisor for any purpose whatsoever, and Franchisee is not granted any right or authority to assume or create any obligation for or on behalf of, or in the name of, or in any way to bind Franchisor. Franchisee agrees not to incur or contract any debt or obligation on behalf of Franchisor or commit any act, make any representation, or advertise in any manner which may adversely affect any right of Franchisor or be detrimental to Franchisor or other franchisees of Franchisor. Franchisor does not assume any liability, and will not be considered liable, for any agreements, representations, or warranties made by Franchisee which are not expressly authorized under this Agreement. Franchisor will not be obligated for any damages to any person or property which directly or indirectly arise from or relate to Franchisee's operation of the Franchised Business. Pursuant to the above, Franchisee agrees to indemnify Franchisor and hold Franchisor harmless from any and all liability, loss, attorneys' fees, or damage Franchisor may suffer as a result of claims, demands, taxes, costs, or judgments against Franchisor arising out of any allegation of an agent, partner, or employment relationship.
  - 21.1.2 <u>No Relationship</u>. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that Franchisee alone exercises day-to-day control over all operations, activities, and elements of the Franchised Business, and that under no circumstance shall Franchisor do so or be deemed to do so. Franchisee further acknowledges and agrees, and will never claim otherwise, that the various restrictions, prohibitions, specifications, and procedures of the System which Franchisee is required to comply with under this Agreement, whether set forth in Franchisor's Operations Manual or otherwise, does not directly or indirectly constitute, suggest, infer or imply that Franchisor controls any aspect or element of the day-to-day operations of the Franchisee must adhere to when exercising control of the day-to-day operations of the Franchisee must adhere to when exercising control of the day-to-day operations of the Franchisee must adhere to when exercising control of the day-to-day operations of the Franchisee must adhere to when exercising control of the day-to-day operations of the Franchisee must adhere to when exercising control of the day-to-day operations of the Franchisee must adhere to when exercising control of the day-to-day operations of the Franchisee must adhere to when exercising control of the day-to-day operations of the Franchised Business.

- 21.1.3 <u>Franchisee's Employees</u>. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that any training Franchisor provides for Franchisee's employees is geared to impart to those employees, with Franchisee's ultimate authority, the various procedures, protocols, systems, and operations of a Creatif outlet and in no fashion reflects any employment relationship between Franchisor and such employees. If ever it is asserted that Franchisor is the employer, joint employer or co-employer of any of Franchisee's employees in any private or government investigation, action, proceeding, arbitration or other setting, Franchisee irrevocably agree to assist Franchisor in defending said allegation, appearing at any venue requested by Franchisor to testify on Franchisor's behalf participate in depositions, other appearances or preparing affidavits rejecting any assertion that Franchisor is the employees.
- 21.2 <u>Successors</u>. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of Franchisor and shall be personally binding on and inure to the benefit of Franchisee (including the individuals executing this Agreement on behalf of the Franchisee entity) and its or their respective heirs, executors, administrators and successors or assigns; provided, however, the foregoing provision shall not be construed to allow a transfer of any interest of Franchisee or Principals, if any, in this Agreement or the Franchised Business, except in accordance with Article 16 hereof.
- 21.3 <u>Invalidity of Part of Agreement</u>. Should any provisions in this Agreement, for any reason, be declared invalid, then such provision shall be invalid only to the extent of the prohibition without in any way invalidating or altering any other provision of this Agreement.
- 21.4 <u>Construction</u>. All terms and words used in this Agreement, regardless of the number and gender in which they are used, shall be deemed and construed to include any other number, singular or plural, and any other gender, masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context or sense of this Agreement or any provision herein may require, as if such words had been fully and properly written in the appropriate number and gender. All covenants, agreements and obligations assumed herein by Franchisee and any Principals shall be deemed to be joint and several covenants, agreements and obligations of each of the persons named as Franchisee, if more than one person is so named.
- 21.5 <u>Captions</u>. Captions and section headings are used herein for convenience only. They are not part of this Agreement and shall not be used in construing it.
- 21.6 <u>Notices</u>. Whenever notice is required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement, it shall be given in writing, and be delivered personally or by certified mail or courier, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom intended, and shall be deemed given on the date of delivery or delivery is refused. All such notices shall be addressed to the party to be notified at their respective addresses as set forth in the introductory paragraph of this Agreement, or at such other address or addresses as the parties may from time to time designate in writing.

- 21.7 <u>Effect of Waivers</u>. No waiver, delay, omission or forbearance on the part of Franchisor to exercise any right, option, duty or power arising from any default or breach by Franchisee shall affect or impair the rights of Franchisor with respect to any subsequent default of the same or of a different kind. Any use by Franchisee of the System or any part thereof at any place other than at the Franchised Business location shall not give Franchisee any rights not specifically granted hereunder. Failure to take action to stop such use shall not in any event be considered a waiver of the rights of Franchisor at any time to require Franchisee to restrict said use to the Franchised Business location.
- 21.8 <u>Remedies Cumulative</u>. All rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement shall be cumulative and not alternative, in addition to and not exclusive of any other rights or remedies that are provided for herein or that may be available at law or in equity in case of any breach, failure or default or threatened breach, failure or default of any term, provision or condition of this Agreement or any other agreement between Franchisee or any of its affiliates and Franchisor or any of its affiliates. The rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement shall be continuing and shall not be exhausted by any one or more uses thereof, and may be exercised at any time or from time to time as often as may be expedient; and any option or election to enforce any such right or remedy may be exercise of Franchisor's rights pursuant to Article 17 shall not discharge or release Franchisee or any Principal from any liability or obligation then accrued, or any liability or obligation continuing beyond, or arising out of, the expiration, the earlier termination or the exercise of such rights under this Agreement.
- 21.9 <u>Consent to Do Business Electronically</u>. The parties to the Franchise Agreement hereby consent to do business electronically. Pursuant to the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act as adopted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the parties hereby affirm to each other that they agree with the terms of the Franchise Agreement and its Addenda, and by attaching their signature electronically to the Franchise Agreement, they are executing the document and intending to attach their electronic signature to it. Furthermore, the parties acknowledge that the other parties to the Franchise Agreement can rely on an electronic signature as the respective party's signature.
- 21.10 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 21.11 <u>Survival</u>. Any obligation of Franchisee or any Principal that contemplates performance of such obligation after termination or expiration of this Agreement or the transfer of any interest of Franchisee or any Principal therein shall be deemed to survive such termination, expiration or transfer.
- 21.12 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement, including all attachments, is the entire agreement of the parties, superseding all prior written or oral agreements of the parties concerning the same subject matter, and superseding all prior written or oral representations made to Franchisee, provided that nothing in this Agreement is intended to disclaim the

representations made to Franchisee in Franchisor's Franchise Disclosure Document. No agreement of any kind relating to the matters covered by this Agreement and no amendment of the provisions hereof shall be binding upon either party unless and until the same has been made in writing and executed by all interested parties.

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

FRANCHISOR:

CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC

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

(Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE (Entity):

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

(Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE (Principal):

(Print Name)

FRANCHISEE (Principal):

(Print Name)

Service Mark:



### **TERRITORY DESCRIPTION AND APPROVED ADDRESS**

\*\*TERRITORY AND ADDRESS TO BE DETERMINED AND INSERTED AFTER A CRÉATIF PREMISES IS IDENTIFIED BY FRANCHISEE AND APPROVED BY FRANCHISOR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8.1 OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, IN THE NON-EXCLUSIVE SITE SEACH AREA OF \_\_\_\_\_.

Territory (insert map and/or define by zip codes):

Radius = \_\_\_\_ miles

Approved Location Address:

#### AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT AUTOMATIC DEPOSITS (ACH WITHDRAWALS)

Franchisor Name: Creatif Franchising LLC

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

Financial Institution Name:			Branch:	
City:	_State:	Zip:	Phone:	
ACH/Routing Number:		Ac	count Number:	
				(Nine Digits)
This authorization is to remain in f Withdrawal Form notification from (us) may constitute an event of Defa	me. I (We) u	understand that re	evocation of this Au	
I (We) understand that the amount to be withdrawn by Franchisor will not be the same each month and I (We) therefore authorize all monetary transfers pursuant to Articles 6 and 18 of the Franchise Agreement.				
Print Franchisee / Account Holder	Name	Pri	nt Franchisee/Co-A	ccount Holder Name
Franchisee/ Account Holder Signat	ure-Date	Franchise	e/Co-Account Hold	er Signature-Date
Daytime Phone Number		Email Addı	ess	
PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK TO THIS FORM Please Return Form to:				

Creatif Franchising LLC 5000 Hopyard Road, Suite 250 Pleasanton, CA 94588 Phone #: 925-640-5176

#### **CONDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE**

#### FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned

("Assignor") hereby assigns and transfers to Creatif Franchising LLC, a California limited liability company, with a notice address of 5000 Hopyard Road, Suite 250, Pleasanton, California, 94588 ("Assignee"), all of Assignor's right, title and interest as tenant in, to and under that certain lease, a copy of which shall be attached hereto (the "Lease") respecting premises commonly known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This Assignment is for collateral purposes only and except as specified herein, Assignee shall have no liability or obligation of any kind whatsoever arising from or in connection with this Assignment or the Lease unless Assignee takes possession of the premises demised by the Lease pursuant to the terms hereof and assumes the obligations of Assignor thereunder.

Assignor represents and warrants to Assignee that Assignor has full power and authority to so assign the Lease and Assignor's interest therein and that Assignor has not previously assigned or transferred, and is not obligated to assign or transfer, any of Assignor's interest in the Lease or the premises demised thereby.

Upon a default by Assignor under the Lease or under the franchise agreement for a Créatif outlet between Assignee and Assignor (the "Franchise Agreement"), or in the event of a default by Assignor under any document or instrument securing the Franchise Agreement, Assignee shall have the right and is hereby empowered to take possession of the premises demised by the Lease, expel Assignor therefrom, and, in such event, Assignor shall have no further right, title or interest in the Lease.

Assignor agrees that it will not suffer or permit any surrender, termination, amendment or modification of the Lease without the prior written consent of Assignee. Throughout the term of the Franchise Agreement and any renewals thereto, Assignor agrees that it shall elect and exercise all options to extend the term of or renew the Lease not less than thirty (30) days prior to the last day that the option must be exercised, unless Assignee otherwise agrees in writing. If Assignee does not otherwise agree in writing, and upon failure of Assignor to so elect to extend or renew the Lease as aforesaid, Assignor hereby appoints Assignee as its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to exercise such extension or renewal options in the name, place and stead of Assignor for the purpose of effecting such extension or renewal.

ASSIGNOR:

DATED:\_\_\_\_\_

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

### **CONSENT AND AGREEMENT OF LANDLORD**

to that Conditional Assignment of Lease from _	(	Assignor)	to
Creatif Franchising LLC (Assignee) dated	<u>,</u>	for	the
property known as	·		

The undersigned Landlord under the aforedescribed Lease further hereby:

- (a) Agrees to notify Assignee in writing of and upon the failure of Assignor to cure any default by Assignor under the Lease;
- (b) Agrees that Assignee shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to cure any default by Assignor under the Lease within thirty (30) days after delivery by Landlord of notice thereof in accordance with paragraph (a) above;
- (c) Consents to the foregoing Conditional Assignment and agrees that if Assignee takes possession of the premises demised by the Lease and confirms to Landlord the assumption of the Lease by Assignee as tenant thereunder, Landlord shall recognize Assignee as tenant under the Lease, provided that Assignee cures within the thirty (30)day period the non-monetary defaults, if any, of Assignor under the Lease;
- (d) Agrees that Assignee may further assign the Lease to a person, firm or corporation who shall agree to assume the tenant's obligations under the Lease and who is reasonably acceptable to Landlord and upon such assignment Assignee shall have no further liability or obligation under the Lease as assignee, tenant or otherwise.
- (e) Permits Assignee to enter upon the premises without being guilty of trespass or any other crime or tort to de-identify the premises as an Créatif outlet if tenant fails to do so following termination of the Franchise Agreement or Lease, provided that Assignee shall repair any damage caused thereby.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

LANDLORD:

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

(Name, Title)

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

#### THIS INTERNET ADVERTISING, SOCIAL MEDIA, SOFTWARE, AND TELEPHONE

LISTING AGREEMENT (the "Agreed the "Agreed the	eement") is made and entered into this day of		
(the "Effective Date"), by and betwee	en Creatif Franchising LLC, a California limited liability	y comj	pany
with its principal place of business at :	5000 Hopyard Road, Suite 250, Pleasanton, California, 9	94588	(the
"Franchisor"), and	, a(n),	with	its
principal place of business located at	and		
's principal(s),	, an individual, residing at		
, and	, an individual, residing at		
("Principal(s)")	and Principal(s) shall be collectively referred	l to in	this

Agreement as the "Franchisee".

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

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

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

#### 1. **Definitions**

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

#### 2. Internet Advertising and Telephone Listings

2.1 Interest in Web Sites, Social Media Accounts, Other Electronic Listings and Software. Franchisee may acquire (whether in accordance with or in violation of the Franchise Agreement) during the term of Franchise Agreement, certain right, title, or interest in and to certain domain names, social media accounts, hypertext markup language, uniform resource locator addresses, access to corresponding internet web sites, the right to hyperlink to certain web sites and listings on various internet search engines, and the right to use certain software (collectively, "Electronic Advertising and Software") related to the Franchised Business or the Marks.

2.2 <u>Interest in Telephone Numbers and Listings</u>. Franchisee has or will acquire during the term of the Franchise Agreement, certain right, title, and interest in and to those certain telephone numbers and regular, classified, internet page, and other telephone directory listings (collectively, the "Telephone Listings") related to the Franchised Business or the Marks.

2.3 <u>Transfer</u>. On Termination of the Franchise Agreement, or on periodic request of Franchisor, Franchisee will immediately:

2.3.1 direct all internet service providers, domain name registries, internet search engines, other listing agencies and software companies (collectively, the "Internet and Software Companies") with which Franchisee has Electronic Advertising and Software: (i) to transfer all of Franchisee's interest in such Electronic Advertising and Software to Franchisor; and (ii) to execute such documents and take such actions as may be necessary to effectuate such transfer. In the event Franchisor does not desire to accept any or all such Electronic Advertising and Software, Franchisee will immediately direct the Internet and Software Companies to terminate such Electronic Advertising and Software or will take such other actions with respect to the Electronic Advertising and Software as Franchisor directs; and

2.3.2 direct all telephone companies, telephone directory publishers, and telephone directory listing agencies (collectively, the "Telephone Companies") with which Franchisee has Telephone Listings: (i) to transfer all Franchisee's interest in such Telephone Listings to Franchisor; and (ii) to execute such documents and take such actions as may be necessary to effectuate such transfer. In the event Franchisor does not desire to accept any or all such Telephone Listings, Franchisee will immediately direct the Telephone Companies to terminate such Telephone Listings or will take such other actions with respect to the Telephone Listings as Franchisor directs.

2.4 <u>Appointment; Power of Attorney</u>. Franchisee hereby constitutes and appoints Franchisor and any officer or agent of Franchisor, for Franchisor's benefit under the Franchise Agreement and this Agreement or otherwise, with full power of substitution, as Franchisee's true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full power and authority in Franchisee's place and stead, and in Franchisee's name or the name of any affiliated person or affiliated company of Franchisee, to take any and all appropriate action and to execute and deliver any and all documents that may be necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes of this Agreement. Franchisee further agrees that this appointment constitutes a power coupled with an interest and is irrevocable until Franchisee has satisfied all of its obligations under the Franchise Agreement and any and all other agreements to which Franchisee and any of its affiliates on the one hand, and Franchisor and any of its affiliates on the other, are parties, including without limitation this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Franchisee hereby grants to Franchisor the power and right to do the following:

2.4.1 Direct the Internet and Software Companies to transfer all Franchisee's interest in and to the Electronic Advertising and Software to Franchisor, or alternatively, to direct the Internet and Software Companies to terminate any or all of the Electronic Advertising and Software;

2.4.2 Direct the Telephone Companies to transfer all Franchisee's interest in and to the Telephone Listings to Franchisor, or alternatively, to direct the Telephone Companies to terminate any or all of the Telephone Listings; and

2.4.3 Execute such standard assignment forms or other documents as the Internet and Software Companies and/or Telephone Companies may require in order to affect such transfers or terminations of Franchisee's interest.

2.5 <u>Certification of Termination</u>. Franchisee hereby directs the Internet and Software Companies and Telephone Companies to accept, as conclusive proof of Termination of the Franchise Agreement, Franchisor's written statement, signed by an officer or agent of Franchisor, that the Franchise Agreement has terminated.

2.6 <u>Cessation of Obligations</u>. After the Internet and Software Companies and the Telephone Companies have duly transferred all Franchisee's interests as described in paragraph 2.3 above to Franchisor, as between Franchisee and Franchisor, Franchisee will have no further interest in, or obligations

with respect to the particular Electronic Advertising and Software and/or Telephone Listings. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee will remain liable to each and all of the Internet and Software Companies and Telephone Companies for the respective sums Franchisee is obligated to pay to them for obligations Franchisee incurred before the date Franchisor duly accepted the transfer of such interests, or for any other obligations not subject to the Franchise Agreement or this Agreement.

#### 3. Miscellaneous

3.1 <u>Release</u>. Franchisee hereby releases, remises, acquits, and forever discharges each and all of the Internet and Software Companies and/or Telephone Companies and each and all of their parent corporations, subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, stockholders, employees, and agents, and the successors and assigns of any of them, from any and all rights, demands, claims, damage, losses, costs, expenses, actions, and causes of action whatsoever, whether in tort or in contract, at law or in equity, known or unknown, contingent or fixed, suspected or unsuspected, arising out of, asserted in, assertible in, or in any way related to this Agreement.

3.2 <u>Indemnification</u>. Franchisee is solely responsible for all costs and expenses related to its performance, its nonperformance, and Franchisor's enforcement of this Agreement, which costs and expenses Franchisee will pay Franchisor in full, without defense or setoff, on demand. Franchisee agrees that it will indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Franchisor and its affiliates, and its and their directors, officers, shareholders, partners, members, employees, agents, and attorneys, and the successors and assigns of any and all of them, from and against, and will reimburse Franchisor and any and all of them for, any and all loss, losses, damage, damages, debts, claims, demands, or obligations that are related to or are based on this Agreement.

3.3 <u>No Duty</u>. The powers conferred on Franchisor hereunder are solely to protect Franchisor's interests and shall not impose any duty on Franchisor to exercise any such powers. Franchisee expressly agrees that in no event shall Franchisor be obligated to accept the transfer of any or all of Franchisee's interest in any matter hereunder.

3.4 <u>Further Assurances</u>. Franchisee agrees that at any time after the date of this Agreement, Franchisee will perform such acts and execute and deliver such documents as may be necessary to assist in or accomplish the purposes of this Agreement.

3.5 <u>Successors, Assigns, and Affiliates</u>. All Franchisor's rights and powers, and all Franchisee's obligations, under this Agreement shall be binding on Franchisee's successors, assigns, and affiliated persons or entities as if they had duly executed this Agreement.

3.6 <u>Effect on Other Agreements</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all provisions of the Franchise Agreement and exhibits and schedules thereto shall remain in effect as set forth therein.

3.7 <u>Survival</u>. This Agreement shall survive the Termination of the Franchise Agreement.

3.8 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the state in which the Franchised Business is located.

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

FRANCHISOR:

CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC

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

(Print Name, Title)

\_\_\_\_\_

FRANCHISEE:

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

(Print Name, Title)

PRINCIPAL:

(Print Name)

PRINCIPAL:

(Print Name)

# STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN FRANCHISEE ENTITY

<u>Name</u>

Percentage of Ownership

#### SPOUSAL GUARANTY

(collectively "Franchisee").

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

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

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

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

Franchisor may pursue its rights against Guarantor without first exhausting its remedies against Franchisee and without joining any other guarantor hereto and no delay on the part of Franchisor in the exercise of any right or remedy shall operate as a waiver of such right or remedy, and no single or partial exercise by Franchisor of any right or remedy shall preclude the further exercise of such right or remedy. If other guarantors have guaranteed any and or all of the Guaranteed Obligations, their liability shall be joint and several to that of Guarantor.

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

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

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

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

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

GUARANTOR - SPOUSE OF FRANCHISEE'S PRINCIPAL:

Print Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_
Print Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_

### **CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON-COMPETE AGREEMENT**

	This Confidentiality and Non-Compete Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered
into tl	nis, by
	, a(n)
	("Franchisee"), a franchisee of Creatif Franchising LLC, a California
limite	d liability company ("Franchisor"), and, an
indivi	dual ("Covenantor"), in connection with a franchise agreement.

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

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

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

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

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

#### 1. Confidentiality Agreement.

**a.** Covenantor shall, at all times, maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information and shall use such Confidential Information only in the course of his or her employment by or association with Franchisee in connection with the operation of a Franchised Business under the Franchise Agreement.

**b.** Covenantor shall not at any time make copies of any documents or compilations containing some or all of the Confidential Information without Franchisor's express written permission.

**c.** Covenantor shall not at any time disclose or permit the disclosure of the Confidential Information except, and only then to the limited extent necessary, to those employees of Franchisee for training and assisting such employees in the operation of the Franchised Business.

**d.** Covenantor shall surrender any material containing some or all of the Confidential Information to Franchisee or Franchisor, upon request, or upon termination of employment or association with Franchisee.

e. Covenantor shall not at any time, directly or indirectly, do any act or omit to do any act that would or would likely be injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the System.

**f.** Covenantor agrees that no Confidential Information may be reproduced, in whole or in part, without written consent.

## 2. Covenants Not to Compete.

**a.** In order to protect the goodwill and unique qualities of the System, and in consideration for the disclosure to Covenantor of the Confidential Information, Covenantor further agrees and covenants that during Covenantor's employment or association with Franchisee, Covenantor shall not, for Covenantor or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with any person or entity:

(i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business or customer of the Créatif outlet or of other franchisees in the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise, or

(ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or serve in any other capacity in any creative arts business.

**b.** In further consideration for the disclosure to Covenantor of the Confidential Information and to protect the goodwill and unique qualities of the System, Covenantor further agrees and covenants that, upon the termination of Covenantor's employment or association with Franchisee and continuing for two (2) years thereafter, Covenantor shall not, for Covenantor or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with any person or entity:

(i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business or customer of the Franchised Business or of other franchisees in the Créatif System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise, or (ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, or consultant or serve in any other managerial, operational or supervisory capacity in any creative arts business similar to the System within twenty (20) miles of Franchisee's Créatif outlet or any Créatif location.

**c.** The parties acknowledge and agree that each of the covenants contained herein are reasonable limitations as to time, geographical area, and scope of activity to be restrained and do not impose a greater restraint than is necessary to protect the goodwill or other business interests of Franchisor.

**d.** If the period of time or the geographic scope specified in Section 2.b. above, should be adjudged unreasonable in any proceeding, then the period of time will be reduced by such number of months or the geographic scope will be reduced by the elimination of such portion thereof, or both, so that such restrictions may be enforced for such time and scope as are adjudged to be reasonable. In addition, Franchisor shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to reduce the scope of any covenant set forth in this Agreement or any portion thereof, without Covenantor's or Franchisee's consent, effective immediately upon receipt by Covenant of written notice thereof, and Covenantor agrees to forthwith comply with any covenant as so modified.

### 3. General.

**a.** Franchisee shall take full responsibility for ensuring that Covenantor acts as required by this Agreement.

**b.** Covenantor agrees that in the event of a breach of this Agreement, Franchisor would be irreparably injured and be without an adequate remedy at law. Therefore, in the event of such a breach, or threatened or attempted breach of any of the provisions hereof, Franchisee is obligated to enforce the provisions of this Agreement and shall be entitled, in addition to any other remedies that are made available to it at law or in equity, to a temporary and/or permanent injunction and a decree for the specific performance of the terms of this Agreement, without the necessity of showing actual or threatened harm and without being required to furnish a bond or other security.

**c.** Covenantor agrees to pay all expenses (including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred by Franchisor and Franchisee in enforcing this Agreement.

**d.** Any failure of Franchisee to object to or take action with respect to any breach of any provision of this Agreement by Covenantor shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of or consent to that breach or any subsequent breach by Covenantor.

e. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE INTERPRETED BY AND CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF STATE WHERE FRANCHISEE'S FRANCHISED BUSINESS IS LOCATED, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO SUCH STATE CHOICE OF LAW PRINCIPLES. COVENANTOR HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS HIMSELF OR HERSELF TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS OF SUCH STATE. COVENANTOR HEREBY WAIVES ALL QUESTIONS OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION OR VENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THIS PROVISION. COVENANTOR HEREBY AGREES THAT SERVICE OF PROCESS MAY BE MADE UPON COVENANTOR IN ANY PROCEEDING RELATING TO OR ARISING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT OR THE RELATIONSHIP CREATED BY THIS AGREEMENT BY ANY MEANS ALLOWED BY SUCH STATE OR FEDERAL LAW. COVENANTOR FURTHER AGREES THAT VENUE FOR ANY PROCEEDING RELATING TO OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE IN SUCH STATE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION THAT INCLUDES INJUNCTIVE RELIEF OR OTHER EXTRAORDINARY RELIEF, FRANCHISOR OR FRANCHISEE MAY BRING SUCH ACTION IN ANY COURT IN ANY STATE THAT HAS JURISDICTION.

**f.** The parties agree that each of the foregoing covenants contained herein shall be construed as independent of any other covenant or provision of this Agreement.

**g.** Covenantor acknowledges and agrees that each of the covenants contained herein will not impose any undue hardship on Covenantor since Covenantor has other considerable skills, experience and education which affords Covenantor the opportunity to derive income from other endeavors.

**h.** This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties regarding the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may be modified only by a duly authorized writing executed by all parties.

i. All notices and demands required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom intended, and shall be deemed given on the date of delivery or the date delivery is refused. All such notices shall be addressed to the party to be notified at the following addresses:

If directed to Franchisee:

If directed to Covenantor:

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

**j.** Franchisor is an intended third-party beneficiary of this Agreement, and Franchisor may take whatever action it deems necessary to enforce Covenantor's obligations hereunder. The rights and remedies of Franchisor under this Agreement are fully assignable and transferable and shall inure to the benefit of its respective affiliates, successors and assigns.

**k.** The respective obligations of Franchisee and Covenantor hereunder may not be assigned by Franchisee or Covenantor, without the prior written consent of Franchisor.

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

FRANCHISEE:

By:	
Name:	
Title:	

COVENANTOR:

Name:

#### CRÉATIF STUDIO MANAGER AND ART PAD SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT

THIS SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made this day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, (the "Effective Date") by and between Creatif Franchising LLC, a California limited liability company, with its principal address at 5000 Hopyard Road, Suite 250, Pleasanton, California, 94588 (herein referred to as "Franchisor") and \_\_\_\_\_\_, a(n)

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, with its principal place of busir	ness located at	
and	's principals	, an individual
residing at	and	
, an individual residing at		
("Principal(s)").	and Principal(s) s	hall be collectively referred
to in this Agreement as "Franchisee".		

**WHEREAS**, Franchisor and Franchisee are parties to a franchise agreement of even date herewith which grants Franchisee the rights to establish a Créatif franchise in accordance with said agreement (the "Franchise Agreement");

WHEREAS, Franchisor's affiliate, Tvara LLC, has designed and developed proprietary computer software and applications, collectively known as Créatif Studio Manager and Art Pad. Créatif Studio Manager and Art Pad and any updates, improvements, modifications, enhancements, and information related to installation thereof, shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Créatif Proprietary Software";

**WHEREAS,** Tvara LLC, has granted to Franchisor the license and right to use the Créatif Proprietary Software and to grant appropriate sublicenses hereunder to Franchisor's franchisees;

**WHEREAS**, the Franchise Agreement requires that Franchisee use the Créatif Proprietary Software in connection with the operation of its Créatif franchise (the "Franchised Business"); and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement pursuant to which Franchisee shall be permitted to use the Créatif Proprietary Software in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth and established herein.

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

#### 1. <u>GRANT OF LICENSE</u>.

1.1 <u>Grant</u>. Franchisor hereby grants, and Franchisee accepts, a non-exclusive, limited, non-transferable license to use the Créatif Proprietary Software solely in connection with Franchisee's operation of its Franchised Business.

1.2 License of Use Only. Franchisee acknowledges and understands that Franchisor grants to Franchisee only the license and right to use the Créatif Proprietary Software. All source code, logic design and any other intellectual property rights associated with Créatif Proprietary Software is specifically excluded from the license granted hereunder. Franchisor and Tvara LLC, retain all right, title and interest in and to the Créatif Proprietary Software, including without limitation, trade secrets, copyrights, trademarks, patents, other intellectual property, functionality and business methodology embodied therein.

1.3 <u>Reservation of Rights</u>. All rights not expressly granted to Franchisee herein are specifically reserved to Franchisor.

## 2. <u>LIMITATIONS ON USE</u>.

2.1 <u>Proprietary Nature</u>. Franchisee acknowledges and accepts that the Créatif Proprietary Software (i) constitutes a **trade secret** of Franchisor and Tvara LLC, (ii) is protected by civil, criminal and copyright law, (iii) is a valuable and confidential asset of Franchisor and Tvara LLC, and (iv) that its use and disclosure must be carefully and continuously controlled.

2.2 <u>No Encumbrances</u>. Franchisee shall keep the Créatif Proprietary Software free and clear of any and all claims, liens, and encumbrances attributable to the use and possession of the Créatif Proprietary Software by Franchisee. Any act of Franchisee, whether voluntary or involuntary, purporting to create and claim or encumbrance on the Créatif Proprietary Software shall be null and void.

2.3 <u>Sole Use</u>. Franchisee's right to use the Créatif Proprietary Software is limited to the operation of Franchisee's Franchised Business pursuant to the Franchise Agreement only. Franchisee shall not permit any third party to use the Créatif Proprietary Software for any purpose outside of the operation of the Franchised Business and shall not allow access to the Créatif Proprietary Software from outside of the Franchised Business premises, except as specifically authorized by Franchisor. Franchisee's use of the Créatif Proprietary Software shall be in strict accordance with this Agreement, the Franchise Agreement, Créatif Proprietary Software user guides, and Franchisor's directives.

2.4 <u>Confidential Information</u>. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that the Créatif Proprietary Software is Confidential Information, as that term is defined in Section 19.2 of the Franchise Agreement and that all terms of the Franchise Agreement relating to Confidential Information shall apply to the Créatif Proprietary Software. Franchisee shall protect the Créatif Proprietary Software in the same manner that Franchisee protects other Confidential Information of the Franchised Business.

2.5 <u>No Reproduction</u>. Franchisee shall not: (i) copy, duplicate, modify or translate, or permit anyone else to copy, duplicate, modify or translate any of the Créatif Proprietary Software, whether in written, digital or other form, except pursuant to reasonable backup procedures, prescribed by Franchisor; (ii) provide or make the Créatif Proprietary Software available to any person or entity other than Franchisee's employees who have a need to know consistent with

Franchisee's use pursuant to this Agreement; (iii) create or attempt to create, or permit others to create or attempt to create, by disassembling, reverse engineering or otherwise, the source programs or codes or any part thereof of the Créatif Proprietary Software; or (iv) copy for Franchisee's own use or the use of others, the Créatif Proprietary Software operations manual, system reference guides, training materials or other user materials, without the prior written consent of Franchisor.

2.6 <u>Unauthorized Use</u>. Franchisee shall immediately notify Franchisor if it obtains any information as to any unauthorized possession, use or disclosure of any part of the Créatif Proprietary Software by any person or entity, and further agrees to cooperate with Franchisor in protecting Franchisor's proprietary rights.

2.7 <u>Injunctive Relief</u>. In additional to other remedies available to Franchisor, Franchisee agrees that Franchisor shall be entitled to injunctive relief in the event Franchisee breaches this Agreement.

# 3. <u>FEES</u>

3.1 <u>License Fee</u>. Franchisee's payment of the Initial Franchise Fee pursuant to the Franchise Agreement is inclusive of the fee to license up to One (1) copy of the Créatif Proprietary Software.

3.2 <u>Access and Maintenance Fee</u>. Franchisee shall pay Franchisor monthly and throughout the term of this Agreement, a software access and maintenance fee of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), for access to the Créatif Proprietary Software. In Franchisor's sole discretion, Franchisor may increase the amount of the software access fee by up to ten percent (10%) annually, on a cumulative basis.

3.3 <u>Installation and Consultation Fees</u>. Initial training on the installation and use of the Créatif Proprietary Software shall be included in the Initial Management Training Program provided to Franchisee by Franchisor pursuant to the Franchise Agreement. Any additional training or consultation that Franchisee requires shall be provided by Franchisor in accordance with Sections 7.4 through 7.6 of the Franchise Agreement.

## 4. <u>SOFTWARE IMPROVEMENTS</u>.

4.1 <u>Ownership</u>. Franchisor and Tvara LLC, are, and shall be, the sole owners of all inventions, discoveries, updates, improvement, modifications and enhancements relating to the Créatif Proprietary Software, whether in written or unwritten form and whether developed by Franchisor or Franchisee. Franchisor and Tvara LLC, shall retain the exclusive right to reproduce, publish, patent, copyright, sell, license or otherwise make use of such inventions, discoveries, updates, improvement, modifications and enhancements.

4.2 <u>Updates</u>. Provided that Franchisee is current in the payment of all fees pursuant to this Agreement and is not in default of the Franchise Agreement, Franchisor shall provide to Franchisee, at no additional charge, any updates to the Créatif Proprietary Software as the same is made available to other Créatif Proprietary Software users.

4.3 <u>Current Release</u>. Franchisee shall install the most current release of the Créatif Proprietary Software within five (5) business days of receipt thereof from Franchisor. Franchisee recognized that failure to install the latest release may render the Créatif Proprietary Software unusable, and Franchisee assumes all risk associated with any failure to install and maintain the most current release on Franchisee's computer systems. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that Franchisor shall have no further obligation to maintain the Créatif Proprietary Software in the event that Franchisee fails to install the latest release.

## 5. <u>WARRANTIES</u>.

5.1 <u>Intellectual Property Warranty</u>. Franchisor warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, Franchisor is either the sole owner of the Créatif Proprietary Software or has the right to sublicense the Créatif Proprietary Software and that there are no known infringements or claims of infringement with respect to the patent, copyright or other proprietary rights of third parties.

## 5.2 Intellectual Property Indemnification.

5.2.1 Subject to the limitations set forth in this Section 5, at its own expense, Franchisor shall (i) defend, or at its option, settle any claim, suit, or proceeding brought against Franchisee by any third party (other than an affiliate of Franchisee) alleging that any portion of the Créatif Proprietary Software infringes any U.S. patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary right of such third party (an "Infringement Claim"), and (ii) pay any and all final judgments entered against Franchisee, and all reasonable and actual costs and expenses incurred in defending or settling an Infringement Claim under this Agreement, or pay any settlement made by Franchisor on such Infringement Claim. Franchisor's obligations under this Section 5.2.1 are expressly conditioned on (i) Franchisor having sole control of the defense and/or settlement of such Infringement Claim, (ii) Franchisee promptly notifying Franchisor of such Infringement Claim, and (iii) Franchisee, at Franchisor's request, providing Franchisor with all information known to Franchisee relating to such Infringement Claim and otherwise cooperating with Franchisor in the defense and/or settlement of such Infringement Claim.

5.2.2 Franchisor shall have no obligation to Franchisee with respect to any Infringement Claim if such Infringement Claim is based upon (i) Franchisee's use of the Créatif Proprietary Software contrary to the express terms of this Agreement, (ii) Franchisee's use of a version of the Créatif Proprietary Software other than the most current release thereof, or (iii) the combination, operation or use of the Créatif Proprietary Software with software that was not required by Franchiser's liability for such Infringement Claim would have been avoided in the absence of such combination, use or operation.

5.2.3 If all or any part of the Créatif Proprietary Software is, or in the opinion of Franchisor may become, the subject of an Infringement Claim, Franchisor shall promptly either (i) replace the Créatif Proprietary Software with a compatible, functionally equivalent, non-infringing product, (ii) modify the Créatif Proprietary Software or take such other action so that the Créatif

Proprietary Software becomes non-infringing, or (iii) procure the right of Franchisee to continue using the Créatif Proprietary Software.

5.3 <u>Function Warranty</u>. Franchisor warrants that the Créatif Proprietary Software shall substantially conform in all material respects, as to operational features, to Franchisor's current specifications, and that when properly installed, will be free of material defects that adversely affect its intended performance.

5.4 <u>Breach of Function Warranty</u>. Franchisee must notify Franchisor in writing within ten (10) days of delivery of the Créatif Proprietary Software to Franchisee of its claim for breach of the warranty set forth in Section 5.3 hereof. If Franchisor determines that such breach has occurred, Franchisor's sole obligation under this warranty is to remedy the defect in a manner consistent with Franchisor's regular business practice, whereby (i) for a substantial defect that materially adversely affects the performance of the Créatif Proprietary Software, Franchisor shall use its best efforts to cure such substantial defect as soon as reasonably practicable following Franchisor shall use its best efforts to efforts to correct such minor defect in the next release of the Créatif Proprietary Software.

Limitation of Remedies. THE WARRANTIES SET FORTH IN THIS 5.5 ARTICLE 5 ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES, **EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND** FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND ANY OTHER STATUTORY OR COMMON LAW WARRANTY. FRANCHISOR AND ITS AFFILIATES AND SUPPLIERS HEREBY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM AND EXCLUDE ANY AND ALL SUCH OTHER **REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES, INCLUDING ANY REPRESENTATION OR** WARRANTY THAT FRANCHISEE'S USE OF THE CRÉATIF PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED OR ERROR-FREE. ANY LIABILITY OF FRANCHISOR AND ITS AFFILIATES AND SUPPLIERS TO FRANCHISEE FOR BREACH OF WARRANTY ARISING OUT OF CONTRACT, NEGLIGENCE OR STRICT LIABILITY IN TORT, OR ANY OTHER CLAIM RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF SOFTWARE ACCESS FEES PAID BY FRANCHISEE TO FRANCHISOR. IN NO EVENT SHALL FRANCHISOR BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, LOSS OF BUSINESS OR PROFITS, OR SPECIAL OR INDIRECT DAMAGES OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER.

## 6. <u>TERM AND TERMINATION</u>.

6.1 <u>Term</u>. The term of this Agreement is concurrent with the term of the Franchise Agreement, provided that this Agreement shall terminate upon (i) Franchisor's replacement of the Créatif Proprietary Software with different software in accordance with the terms of the Franchise Agreement or (ii) the earlier termination of the Franchise Agreement.

6.2 <u>Default</u>. This Agreement and the license created hereby shall terminate and any and all rights granted to Franchisee hereunder shall revert in Franchisor in the event that:

(i) Franchisee violates any provision in this Agreement, including but not limited to the provisions relating to confidentiality and payment;

Franchisee shall become insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of (ii) creditors; or if Franchisee files a voluntary petition under any section or chapter of federal bankruptcy law or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any state thereof, or admits in writing Franchisee's inability to pay its debts when due; or if Franchisee is adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent in proceedings filed against Franchisee under any section or chapter of federal bankruptcy laws or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any state; or if a bill in equity or other proceeding for the appointment of a receiver of Franchisee or 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 state or federal law should be instituted by or against Franchisee; or if a final judgment remains unsatisfied or of record for thirty (30) days or longer (unless supersedeas bond is filed); or if Franchisee is dissolved; or if execution is levied against Franchisee's business or property; or if suit to foreclose any lien or mortgage against the Franchised Business premises or equipment is instituted against Franchisee and not dismissed within thirty (30) days; or

(iii) the Franchise Agreement is terminated.

6.3 <u>Obligations Upon Termination</u>. In the event of termination pursuant to Section 6.2 above, Franchisor shall have the right to take immediate possession of the Créatif Proprietary Software, all written or digital material associated therewith and all copies wherever located, without demand or notice. Upon termination of this Agreement, Franchisee shall return to Franchisor the Créatif Proprietary Software in the form provided, or as modified by Franchisee, and all written or digital material associated therewith or upon Franchisor's request, destroy the Créatif Proprietary Software, all written or digital material associated therewith and all copies, and certify in writing that they have been destroyed.

6.4 <u>Fees Owed</u>. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement, Franchisee shall continue to be obligated for any fees due and owing as of the date of termination. Termination of this Agreement shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any additional remedies available to Franchisor.

6.5 <u>Survival of Obligations</u>. The provisions herein that, by their nature, survive the termination hereof, including but not limited to, provisions relating to payment, confidentiality and limitation of remedies, shall continue in full force and effect, notwithstanding the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

# 7. <u>MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS</u>.

7.1 <u>No Assignment by Franchisee</u>. This Agreement and the rights and obligations hereunder may not be assigned or delegated by Franchisee for any reason, and any attempted assignment in violation of this provision is null and void and of no force or effect.

7.2 <u>Assignment by Franchisor</u>. Franchisor's right to assign this Agreement or Franchisor's rights, obligations or performance hereunder shall not be restricted in any manner. Franchisor may assign, transfer, delegate or grant all or any part of Franchisor's rights or obligations pursuant to this Agreement to any person or entity. The parties' rights and obligations shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors, heirs, executors and administrators and permitted assigns.

7.3 <u>Notices</u>. Whenever notice is required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement, it shall be given in writing, and be delivered personally or by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom intended, and shall be deemed given on the date of delivery or delivery is refused. All such notices shall be addressed to the party to be notified at their respective addresses as first above written, or at such other address or addresses as the parties may from time to time designate in writing.

7.4 <u>Effect of Waivers</u>. No waiver, delay, omission or forbearance on the part of Franchisor to exercise any right, option, duty or power arising from any default or breach by Franchisee shall affect or impair the rights of these parties with respect to any subsequent default of the same or of a different kind.

7.5 <u>Governing Law</u>. The parties agree that the laws of the United States and the State of California (without giving effect to its conflicts of law principles) govern all matters and actions arising out of or relating to this Agreement, including, without limitation, its validity, interpretation, construction, performance, and enforcement. Franchisee or Principal(s), hereby irrevocably submit themselves to the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the federal and state courts of California. Franchisee and any Principal hereby waives all questions of personal jurisdiction for the purpose of carrying out this provision. Franchisee and any Principal hereby agree that service of process may be made upon any of them in any proceeding relating to or arising out of this Agreement or the relationship created by this Agreement by any means allowed by California or federal law.

7.6 <u>Invalidity of Part of Agreement</u>. Should any provisions in this Agreement, for any reason, be declared invalid, then such provision shall be invalid only to the extent of the prohibition without in any way invalidating or altering any other provision of this Agreement.

7.7 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement, including all attachments, is the entire agreement of the parties, superseding all prior written or oral agreements of the parties concerning the same subject matter, and superseding all prior written or oral representations made to Franchisee, except nothing herein is intended to disclaim the representations made to Franchisee in Franchisor's Franchise Disclosure Document. No agreement of any kind relating to the matters covered by this Agreement and no amendment of the provisions hereof shall be binding upon either party unless and until the same has been made in writing and executed by all interested parties.

The parties have executed this Agreement on the date first set forth above.

#### FRANCHISOR:

CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC

By:

(Print Name, Title)

### FRANCHISEE:

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

\_\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name, Title)

PRINCIPAL:

(Print Name)

PRINCIPAL:

(Print Name)

# EXHIBIT C

## **MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

# **CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC**

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

ATTACHMENT 1: TRADEMARKS ATTACHMENT 2: DEVELOPMENT AREA

#### MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

THIS MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT	AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is being
entered into this day of	, (the "Effective Date") by and between
Creatif Franchising LLC, a California limited liab	vility company, with its principal address at 5000
Hopyard Road, Suite 250, Pleasanton, California,	94588 (herein "Franchisor") and
, an individual residing at	and
, an individual residing at	(herein "Developer").

#### RECITATIONS

Through the expenditure of considerable time, effort and money, Franchisor has developed and established unique family creative arts studio businesses under the Créatif trademarks, and using Franchisor's confidential operations manual ("Manual") of business practices and policies, and Franchisor's distinctive, décor, fixtures and furnishings, operations methods, sales techniques, inventory, procedures for management control and training, assistance, advertising, and promotional programs, all of which may be changed, improved or further developed by Franchisor at any time (taken together herein the "System").

The System is identified by certain trade names, service marks, trademarks, logos, emblems and indicia of origin, including but not limited to the Créatif service marks, as set forth in Attachment 1, and such other trade names, service marks, and trademarks as are now designated and may hereafter be designated or substituted by Franchisor for use in connection with the System (the "Marks").

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

Pursuant to franchise agreements, Franchisor licenses to others the right to operate Créatif art studios, using the Marks and System, in strict conformity therewith, which may be changed, improved and further developed by Franchisor from time to time (each a "Franchise Agreement").

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

Developer desires to obtain the right to further develop and expand the System in accordance with the development schedule described in Section 5.2 hereof (the "Mandatory Development Schedule") within the development area described in Attachment 2 (the "Development Area"), under the System and Marks, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

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

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

### 2. GRANT OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS.

- 2.1 <u>Grant.</u> Franchisor hereby grants to Developer, and the Developer hereby accepts from the Franchisor, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, which includes, but is not limited to, the execution of a Franchise Agreement pursuant to Section 4.1 hereof, the right to develop, construct, open and operate one (1) Créatif art studio outlet within the Development Area set forth in Attachment 2. Developer shall be granted rights to establish additional Créatif outlets in the Development Area, up to the total number of outlets set forth in the Mandatory Development Schedule set forth in Section 5.2 hereof, subject to Developer's full compliance with all conditions precedent to the grant of such rights outlined below, which rights shall be exercised in accordance with Section 4.1 hereof.
- 2.2 <u>Reservation of Rights.</u> Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2.1 above, Developer understands and agrees Franchisor fully reserves all other rights, other than as specified in this Agreement, for sales, solicitation and distribution of Créatif products and services within or outside of the Development Area. This reservation of Franchisor's rights includes, but is not limited to, Franchisor's right to the rights to offer (i) other products or services not offered under the Marks, (ii) other creative arts concepts under the Marks or other trademarks, and (iii) products or services through any channel in the Development Area other than a dedicated Créatif art studio outlet, such as to schools, camps, institutional/professional campuses, and conferences; distribution through retail outlets, including but not limited to, arts and crafts, home goods and department stores; and the Internet.
- 2.3 <u>No License to System and Marks</u>. Developer expressly acknowledges that this Agreement is not a Franchise Agreement and does not grant to Developer any right or license to operate a Créatif outlet, distribute any product or service, or use the Marks. This Agreement sets forth conditions which, if fully satisfied, confer upon Developer the rights to enter a Franchise Agreement with Franchisor to establish one or more Créatif outlets in the Development Area only. Developer's rights to open and operate a Créatif outlet and use the System and Marks shall be derived only through the execution of a Franchise Agreement for each Créatif art studio to be established in the Development Area.
- **3. TERM.** Unless sooner terminated in accordance with this Agreement, the term of this Agreement and all rights granted by Franchisor under this Agreement shall expire on the date on which Developer successfully and in a timely manner has complied with all of Developer's obligations hereunder and has completed the development obligations in accordance with the Development Schedule.

### 4. DEVELOPMENT AND FRANCHISE FEES.

4.1 <u>Multi-Unit Development Fee</u>. In consideration of the rights granted under this Agreement, Developer shall pay Franchisor a development fee (the "Development Fee") in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_\_), calculated as one hundred percent (100%) of the initial franchise fee for the first Créatif outlet to be developed hereunder, plus one hundred percent (100%) of the reduced initial franchise fee for each additional outlet to be developed hereunder. For the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Créatif outlet to be developed, the initial franchise

fee shall be Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00). For the second ( $2^{nd}$ ) and each subsequent Créatif outlet to be developed, the initial franchise fee shall be Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$33,750.00).

The Development Fee is fully earned at the time this Multi-Unit Development Agreement is signed and is not refundable under any circumstances. Developer shall pay the full amount of the Development Fee to Franchisor upon Developer's execution of this Agreement.

4.2 <u>Application of Development Fee</u>. Contemporaneous with the execution of this Agreement, Developer shall execute the initial Franchise Agreement for the first Créatif outlet to be established pursuant to the Mandatory Development Schedule. Developer shall receive a Forty-Five Thousand Dollar (\$45,000.00) credit from the Development Fee, which shall be applicable to the Initial Franchise Fee due under the initial Franchise Agreement for a Créatif outlet to be developed hereunder, Developer shall receive a Thirty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollar (\$33,750.00) credit from the Development Fee, which shall be applied as payment in full of the Initial Franchise Fee payable pursuant to each subsequent Franchise Agreement. Upon Franchisor's approval, Developer may enter into the initial Franchise Agreement or any subsequent Franchise Agreement as required under this Agreement using a newly formed entity, such as a limited liability company, corporation or partnership, for the sole purpose of entering into a Franchise Agreement and operating the Créatif outlet pursuant thereto, provided that Developer shall also personally sign such Franchise Agreement as a principal.

### 5. EXERCISE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS.

- 5.1 <u>Valid Exercise</u>. Developer shall exercise the development rights granted hereunder only by entering into a separate Franchise Agreement with Franchisor for each Créatif outlet for which a development right is granted. Developer shall execute and deliver to Franchisor, concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, Franchisor's current form of Franchise Agreement for the first Créatif outlet to be established by Developer pursuant to the Mandatory Development Schedule. For each subsequent Créatif outlet to be established hereunder, Developer shall execute and deliver to Franchisor Franchisor's then-current form of Franchise Agreement, which shall be presented to Developer together with Franchisor's then-current Franchise Disclosure Document. The then-current form of Franchise Agreement may differ from the current form of Franchise Agreement; provided however, the initial franchise fee for each additional outlet shall be the applicable amount set forth in in Section 4.1 hereof. Further, Developer acknowledges and agrees that Developer shall not receive any initial training related to each additional Créatif outlet. Developer hereby waives all obligations by Franchisor to provide any training to Developer contained in each Franchise Agreement, other than the initial Franchise Agreement executed concurrently with this Agreement, by and between Franchisor and Developer. Developer hereby acknowledges and agrees that the training Developer receives pursuant to the initial Franchise Agreement executed concurrently with this Agreement is sufficient to allow Developer to construct, equip, open and operate each of Developer's Créatif outlets in the Development Area.
- 5.2 <u>Mandatory Development Schedule</u>. Subsequent to Developer's signing of this Agreement and the initial Franchise Agreement, and provided that all conditions in Section 5.4 hereof

are satisfied or waived, upon the execution of a lease for Developer's first Créatif outlet, Developer shall execute an additional Franchise Agreement for the development of the second Créatif outlet to be opened under the Mandatory Development Schedule. Provided that all conditions in Section 5.4 hereof are satisfied or waived, upon the execution of a lease for each subsequent Créatif outlet to be developed by Developer, Developer shall execute an additional Franchise Agreement for the development of the next Créatif outlet to be opened under the Mandatory Development Schedule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Developer shall open the Créatif outlets in accordance with the following schedule:

Outlet for Development	Mandatory Open Date
1	months following the Effective Date
2	months following the Effective Date
3	months following the Effective Date
4 (if applicable)	months following the Effective Date

Developer acknowledges and agrees that the terms of the Mandatory Development Schedule are reasonable and viable based upon Developer's independent investigation and analysis. Failure by Developer to adhere to the Mandatory Development Schedule (including any extensions thereof approved by Franchisor in writing pursuant to Section 5.3 below) shall constitute a material event of default under this Agreement.

- 5.3 <u>Extension of Mandatory Development Schedule</u>. If Developer is unable to meet the Mandatory Development Schedule for any outlet, Developer may seek a reasonable extension from Franchisor. Any request for an extension must be in writing and submitted to Franchisor at least sixty (60) days prior to the Mandatory Open Date for such outlet. Franchisor shall not unreasonably withhold consent for such reasonable extension provided that Developer has (i) submitted its extension request in a timely manner; (ii) demonstrated diligent efforts to meet the original Mandatory Open Date; and (iii) has at all times acted in good faith and is otherwise fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement.
- 5.4 <u>Conditions to Exercise Developer's Rights</u>. All of the following conditions must be satisfied or waived, in Franchisor's sole discretion, before Franchisor grants Developer the right to develop an additional Créatif outlet in accordance with Section 4.1 hereof and pursuant to a Franchise Agreement:
  - 5.4.1 Developer shall (i) request Franchisor's then-current Franchise Disclosure Document, (ii) submit to Franchisor all information and other documents requested by Franchisor prior to and as a basis for the issuance of Franchise Agreements in the System, (iii) submit to Franchisor all financial statements reasonably requested by Franchisor, and (iv) satisfy Franchisor's then-current financial criteria.
  - 5.4.2 Developer shall be in full compliance with this Agreement, the Mandatory Development Schedule, and all Franchise Agreements with Franchisor and any other agreement with Franchisor or Franchisor's affiliates;
  - 5.4.3 Developer has demonstrated the management skills necessary for competent operation, organization, customer service and record keeping of an additional Créatif outlet as determined by Franchisor, in Franchisor's sole discretion.

5.5 <u>Termination for Failure of Condition</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, in the event that Franchisor determines, in Franchisor's sole and absolute discretion, that any condition set forth in Section 5.4 hereof cannot be satisfied, Franchisor may terminate this Agreement upon written notice to Developer. Termination of this Agreement in accordance with this Section 5.5 shall have no effect on the validity of any other agreement between Franchisor and Developer, provided that Developer is in full compliance therewith.

### 6. TRANSFER

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

Thus, no transfer, as hereafter defined, may be made without Franchisor's prior written approval. Franchisor may void any transfer made without such approval.

- 6.3 <u>Transfers by Developer</u>. Developer shall not directly or indirectly sell, assign, transfer, give, devise, convey or encumber this Agreement or any right granted or interest herein or hereunder (a "Transfer") or suffer or permit any such assignment, transfer, or encumbrance to occur by operation of law unless Developer first obtains the written consent of Franchisor, which Franchisor may or may not grant in Franchisor's sole discretion, and subject to the following:
  - 6.3.1 The proposed transferee must be an individual of good moral character and otherwise meet Franchisor's then-applicable standards for multi-unit franchisees;
  - 6.3.2 The transferee must have sufficient business experience, aptitude, and financial resources to operate multiple Créatif outlets and to comply with this Agreement;
  - 6.3.3 The transferee has agreed to complete Franchisor's Initial Management Training Program to Franchisor's satisfaction;
  - 6.3.4 Developer has paid all amounts owed to (i) Franchisor pursuant to this Agreement and all Franchise Agreements and other agreements between Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliates and Developer and (ii) third-party creditors;
  - 6.3.5 The transferee has executed Franchisor's then-standard form of Multi-Unit Development Agreement, which may have terms and conditions different from this Agreement, for a term no less than the unexpired term of future development obligations due pursuant to the Mandatory Development Schedule of this Agreement;
  - 6.3.6 Developer and the transferee shall have executed a general release, in a form satisfactory to Franchisor, of any and all claims against Franchisor and Franchisor's officers, directors, shareholders, members and employees in their corporate and individual capacities, including, without limitation, claims arising under federal, state, and local laws, rules and ordinances. Developer agrees to subordinate any claims Developer may have against the transferee to Franchisor and indemnify Franchisor against any claims by the transferee relating to misrepresentations in the transfer process, specifically excluding those representations made by Franchisor in the Franchise Disclosure Document given to the transferee;
  - 6.3.7 Franchisor has granted written approval of the material terms and conditions of the Transfer, including, without limitation, that the price and terms of payment will not adversely affect the transferee's development obligations. However, Franchisor's approval of a Transfer is not in any way a representation or warranty of the transferee's development rights on such terms and conditions. Developer shall provide Franchisor all proposed transfer documents for Franchisor's review at least thirty (30) days prior to a closing of the proposed Transfer; and

- 6.3.8 If Developer, through Developer or any entity, finances any part of the sale price of the Transfer, Developer agrees that all obligations of the transferee under any notes, agreements or security interests to Developer or Developer's entity will be subordinate to the transferee's obligations to Franchisor.
- 6.4 <u>Transfer Fee</u>. As a condition to any Transfer, Developer shall pay Franchisor a transfer fee equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00); provided however, (i) for transfers to an existing Créatif area developer or franchisee, who is in good standing with Franchisor, the transfer fee is Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), (ii) for transfers among the individuals named as Developer in the introductory paragraph of this Agreement, the transfer fee is One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), and (iii) for a transfer to a spouse, parent or child upon death or permanent disability of Developer, no transfer fee is payable.

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

- 6.5.1 If Developer wishes to transfer all or part of his or her interest in this Agreement pursuant to any bona fide offer received from a third party to purchase such interest, then Developer shall promptly notify Franchisor in writing of each such offer, and shall provide such information and documentation relating to the offer as Franchisor may require.
- 6.5.2 Franchisor has the right, exercisable by written notice to Developer within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notification and copies of all documentation required by Franchisor describing such offer, to buy the interest in this Agreement for the price and on the terms and conditions contained in the offer.
- 6.5.3 Developer further agrees, in the event Franchisor exercises its right of first refusal, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the third-party offer, that (i) Franchisor may substitute cash for any other form of consideration contained in the offer; (ii) at Franchisor 's option, Franchisor may pay the entire purchase price at closing; (iii) Franchisor 's credit will be deemed equal to the credit of any proposed transferee; (iv) Franchisor will have at least sixty (60) days to close the purchase; and (v) Franchisor will be entitled to receive from Developer all customary representations and warranties given by a seller of franchise development rights.
- 6.5.4 If Franchisor does not exercise its right to buy within thirty (30) days, Developer may thereafter transfer the interest to the transferee on terms no more favorable than those disclosed to Franchisor, provided that such transfer is subject to Franchisor 's prior written approval pursuant to Section 6.3 hereof. However, if (i) the sale to the transferee is not completed within one hundred twenty (120) days after the offer is given to Franchisor or (ii) there is any material change in the terms of the offer, the offer will again be subject to Franchisor's right of first refusal.
- 6.6 <u>Death or Permanent Disability</u>. The grant of rights under this Agreement is personal to Developer, and on the death or permanent disability of Developer, the executor, administrator, conservator, or other personal representative of Developer shall be required to transfer Developer's interest in this Agreement within six (6) months from the date of death or permanent disability to a third party approved by Franchisor. Failure to transfer in accordance with the forgoing will constitute a material default and all that

is granted by this Agreement will terminate. A transfer under this Section 6.6, including without limitation, transfer by devise or inheritance, is subject to the conditions for Transfers in this Article 6 and unless transferred by gift, devise or inheritance, subject to the terms of Section 6.5 above. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "permanent disability" means a mental or physical disability, impairment or condition that is reasonably expected to prevent or actually does prevent such person from providing continuous and material supervision of the operation of Developer's Créatif outlets and remaining development schedule during the six (6)-month period from its onset.

### 7. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION.

- Default and Automatic Termination. Developer shall be deemed to be in material default 7.1 under this Agreement, and all rights granted herein shall automatically terminate without notice to Developer, if Developer shall become insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or if Developer files a voluntary petition under any section or chapter of federal bankruptcy law or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any state thereof, or admits in writing his or her inability to pay debts when due; or if Developer is adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent in proceedings filed against Developer under any section or chapter of federal bankruptcy laws or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any state; or if a bill in equity or other proceeding for the appointment of a receiver of 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 state or federal law should be instituted by or against Developer; or if a final judgment remains unsatisfied or of record for thirty (30) days or longer (unless 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 any of Developer's Créatif outlet premises or equipment is instituted against Developer and not dismissed within thirty (30) days.
- 7.2 <u>Defaults with No Opportunity to Cure</u>. Developer shall be deemed to be in material default and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement and all rights granted hereunder, without affording Developer any opportunity to cure the default, effective immediately upon notice to Developer, if Developer:
  - 7.2.1 has misrepresented or omitted material facts in applying for the development rights granted hereunder;
  - 7.2.2 falsifies any report required to be furnished Franchisor hereunder;
  - 7.2.3 fails to comply with any federal, state, or local law, rule or regulation, applicable to the development and operations of Developer's Créatif outlets, including, but not limited to, the failure to pay taxes;
  - 7.2.4 fails to develop the Créatif outlets in accordance with the Mandatory Development Schedule.

- 7.2.5 attempts a Transfer in violation of the provisions of Article 6 of this Agreement;
- 7.2.6 is convicted of, or pleads no contest to, a felony or to a crime that could damage the goodwill associated with the Marks or does anything that may harm the reputation of the System or the goodwill associated with the Marks;
- 7.2.7 receives an adverse judgment or a consent decree in any case or proceeding involving allegations of fraud, racketeering, unfair or improper trade practices or similar claim which is likely to have an adverse effect on the System, or the Marks, the goodwill associated therewith or Franchisor's interest therein, in Franchisor's sole opinion;
- 7.2.8 fails to comply with the non-disclosure and non-competition covenants in Article 8 hereof;
- 7.2.9 defaults, or an affiliate of Developer defaults, under any other agreement, including any Franchise Agreement, with Franchisor or any of its affiliates or suppliers or with any landlord and does not cure such default within the time period provided in such other agreement; or
- 7.2.10 terminates this Agreement without cause.
- 7.3 <u>Curable Defaults</u>. Developer shall be deemed to be in material default and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement and all rights granted hereunder, if Developer fails to cure the default within the time period set forth in this Section 7.3, effective immediately upon notice to Developer, if Developer:
  - 7.3.1 fails to pay when due any amounts due to Franchisor under this Agreement or any related agreement and does not correct the failure within five (5) days after written notice; provided, however, Franchisor has no obligation to give written notice of a late payment more than two (2) times in any twelve (12)-month period, and the third such late payment in any twelve (12)-month period shall be a non-curable default under Section 7.2;
  - 7.3.2 fails to perform any non-monetary obligation imposed by this Agreement (excepting those defaults of obligations set forth in Sections 7.1 and 7.2 for which there is no opportunity to cure) and such default shall continue for five (5) days after Franchisor has given written notice of such default, or if the default cannot be reasonably corrected within said five (5)-day period, then if it is not corrected within such additional time as may be reasonably required assuming Developer proceeds diligently to cure; provided, however, Franchisor has no obligation to give written notice of a non-monetary default more than two (2) times in any twelve (12)—month period, and the third such default, whether monetary or non-monetary, in any twelve (12) month period shall be a non-curable default under Section 7.2.
- 7.4. <u>Post-Termination Obligations</u>. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, all rights and licenses granted hereunder to Developer shall immediately terminate and Developer shall (i) immediately cease all development operations pursuant to this

Agreement; and (ii) comply with the non-disclosure and non-competition covenants contained in Article 8.

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

- 8.1 Confidential Information. Developer acknowledges and accepts that during the term of this Agreement, Developer will have access to Franchisor's trade secrets, including, but not limited to, designs, instructional methods, processes, customer lists, vendor partnerships and/or relationships, sales and technical information, financial information, costs, product prices and names, software tools and applications, website and/or email design, products, services, equipment, technologies and procedures relating to the operation of the Franchised Business; the Manual; methods of advertising and promotion; training materials; any other information which Franchisor may or may not specifically designate as "confidential" or "proprietary"; and the components of the System, whether or not such information is protected or protectable by patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights (collectively referred to herein as the "Confidential Information"). Developer shall not, during the term of this Agreement and thereafter, communicate or divulge to, or use for the benefit of, any other person or entity, and, following the expiration or termination of this Agreement, shall not use for Developer's own benefit, any Confidential Information that may be communicated to Developer or of which Developer may be apprised in connection with the development of Créatif outlets under the terms of this Agreement. Developer shall not at any time copy, duplicate, record or otherwise reproduce any Confidential Information, in whole or in part, or otherwise make the same available to any person, without Franchisor's prior written consent. The covenant in this Section 8.1 shall survive the expiration, termination or transfer of this Agreement or any interest herein and shall be perpetually binding upon Developer.
- 8.2 <u>Protection of Information</u>. Developer shall take all steps necessary, at Developer's own expense, to protect the Confidential Information and shall immediately notify Franchisor if Developer finds that any Confidential Information has been divulged in violation of this Agreement.
- 8.3 <u>Noncompetition Covenants</u>. Developer acknowledges that, pursuant to this Agreement and the Franchise Agreement, Developer will receive valuable training, trade secrets and Confidential Information of the System that are beyond the present knowledge, training, and experience of Developer. Developer acknowledges that such specialized training, trade secrets and Confidential Information provide a competitive advantage and will be valuable to him or her in the development and operation of Créatif outlets, and that gaining access to such specialized training, trade secrets and Confidential Information is, therefore, a primary reason why Developer is entering into this Agreement. In consideration for such specialized training, trade secrets, Confidential Information and rights, Developer covenants that, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor:
  - 8.3.1 During the term of this Agreement, Developer shall not, either directly or indirectly, for himself or herself or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with, any person or entity (i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business or customer of the Developer's

Créatif outlets or of other developers or franchisees in the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise; (ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or serve in any other capacity in any creative arts business similar to the System; or (iii) do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Marks and the System; or (iv) in any manner interfere with, disturb, disrupt, decrease or otherwise jeopardize the business of the Franchisor or any Créatif developers or franchisees or Franchisor-affiliated outlets.

- 8.3.2 Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement or upon a Transfer and continuing for twenty-four (24) months thereafter, Developer shall not, either directly or indirectly, for himself or herself or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with any person or entity (i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business or customer of Developer's Créatif outlets or of other franchisees in the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise; or (ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or serve in any other capacity in in any creative arts business similar to the System within twenty (20) miles of the Development Area or any Créatif location; or (iii) do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Marks and the System; or (iv) in any manner interfere with, disturb, disrupt, decrease or otherwise jeopardize the business of the Franchisor or any Créatif developers or franchisees.
- 8.4 <u>Reasonableness of Restrictions</u>. Developer acknowledges and agrees that the covenants not to compete set forth in this Agreement are fair and reasonable and will not impose any undue hardship on Developer since Developer has other considerable skills, experience and education which afford Developer the opportunity to derive income from other endeavors.
- 8.5 <u>Reduction of Time or Scope</u>. If the period of time or the geographic scope specified above, should be adjudged unreasonable in any proceeding, then the period of time will be reduced by such number of months or the geographic scope will be reduced by the elimination of such portion thereof, or both, so that such restrictions may be enforced for such time and scope as are adjudged to be reasonable. In addition, Franchisor shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to reduce the scope of any covenant set forth in this Article 8 or any portion thereof, without Developer's consent, effective immediately upon receipt by Developer of written notice thereof, and Developer agrees to forthwith comply with any covenant as so modified.
- 8.6 <u>Injunctive Relief</u>. Developer acknowledges that a violation of the covenants not to compete contained in this Agreement would result in immediate and irreparable injury to Franchisor for which no adequate remedy at law will be available. Accordingly, Developer hereby consents to the entry of an injunction prohibiting any conduct by Developer in violation of the terms of the covenants not to compete set forth in this Agreement.
- 8.7 <u>No Defense</u>. Developer expressly agrees that the existence of any claims he or she 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.

9. INDEMNIFICATION. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, DEVELOPER AGREES TO EXONERATE AND INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC, CREATIF LLC, TVARA LLC, AND ANY OF THE ABOVE'S PARENT COMPANY, SUBSIDIARIES, DIVISIONS, AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND DESIGNEES, AS WELL AS THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SHAREHOLDERS, SUCCESSORS, DESIGNEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE "CRÉATIF INDEMNITEES"), FROM ALL CLAIMS BASED UPON, ARISING OUT OF, OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT, OPERATION, CONDITION, OR ANY PART OF ANY OF DEVELOPER'S CRÉATIF OUTLETS TO BE DEVELOPED HEREUNDER, THE PRODUCTS, THE PREMISES, OR ANY ASPECT OF THE REAL ESTATE CONNECTED TO ANY OF SUCH CRÉATIF OUTLETS, WHETHER CAUSED BY DEVELOPER'S AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, OR ARISING FROM DEVELOPER'S ADVERTISING OR BUSINESS PRACTICES. DEVELOPER AGREES TO PAY FOR ALL THE CRÉATIF INDEMNITEES' LOSSES, EXPENSES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ATTORNEYS' FEES) OR CONCURRENT OR CONTRIBUTING LIABILITY INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ACTION, SUIT, PROCEEDING, INQUIRY (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE SAME IS REDUCED TO JUDGMENT DETERMINATION), OR ANY **SETTLEMENT** THEREOF OR FOR THE INDEMNIFICATION GRANTED BY DEVELOPER HEREUNDER. THE CRÉATIF INDEMNITEES SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELECT AND APPOINT INDEPENDENT COUNSEL TO REPRESENT ANY OF THE CRÉATIF INDEMNITEES IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING COVERED BY THIS INDEMNITY. DEVELOPER AGREES THAT TO HOLD THE CRÉATIF INDEMNITEES HARMLESS, DEVELOPER WILL REIMBURSE THE CRÉATIF INDEMNITEES AS THE COSTS AND EXPENSES ARE INCURRED BY THE CRÉATIF INDEMNITEES.

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#### **10. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 10.1 Internal Dispute Resolution. Developer shall first bring any claim, controversy or dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Attachments hereto or the relationship created by this Agreement to Franchisor's president and/or chief executive officer for resolution. After providing notice as set forth in Section 11.7 below, Developer must exhaust this internal dispute resolution procedure before Developer may bring Developer's dispute before a third party. This agreement to first attempt resolution of disputes internally shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 10.2 <u>Mediation</u>. At Franchisor's option, any claim, controversy, or dispute that is not resolved pursuant to Section 10.1 hereof shall be submitted to non-binding mediation. Developer shall provide Franchisor with written notice of Developer's intent to pursue any unresolved claim, controversy, or dispute, specifying in sufficient detail the nature thereof, prior to commencing any legal action. Franchisor shall have thirty (30) days following receipt of Developer's notice to exercise Franchisor's option to submit such claim, controversy, or dispute to mediation. Mediation shall be conducted through a mediator or mediators in accordance with the American Arbitration Association

Commercial Mediation Rules. Such mediation shall take place in the then-current location of Franchisor's corporate headquarters. The costs and expenses of mediation, including compensation and expenses of the mediator (and except for the attorneys' fees incurred by either party), shall be borne by the parties equally. Franchisor may specifically enforce Franchisor's rights to mediation, as set forth herein.

#### 10.3 Arbitration.

- 10.3.1 Except disputes not subject to alternative dispute resolution as set forth in Section 10.4, any dispute between Franchisor and Developer arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Attachments hereto or any breach thereof, including any claim that this Agreement or any of its parts, is invalid, illegal or otherwise voidable or void, which has not been resolved in accordance with Sections 10.1 or 10.2, will be resolved by submission to the American Arbitration Association or its successor organization to be settled by a single arbitrator in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules then in effect for such Association or successor organization.
- 10.3.2 All issues relating to arbitrability or the enforcement of the agreement to arbitrate contained in this Article 10 will be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §1 *et seq.*) and the federal common law of arbitration. All hearings and other proceedings will take place in Alameda County, California, or the offices of the American Arbitration Association, or, if Franchisor so elects, in the county where the principal place of business of Developer is then located.
- 10.3.3 This arbitration provision is self-executing and will remain in full force and effect after expiration or termination of this Agreement. Any arbitration will be conducted on an individual, and not a class-wide or multiple plaintiffs, basis. If either party fails to appear at any properly noticed arbitration proceeding, an award may be entered against the party by default or otherwise, notwithstanding the failure to appear. Judgment upon an arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction and will be binding, final and not subject to appeal. No punitive or exemplary damages will be awarded against Franchisor, Developer, or entities related to either of them, in an arbitration proceeding or otherwise, and are hereby waived.
- 10.3.4 The provisions of this Section 10.3 are independent of any other covenant or provision of this Agreement; provided, however, that if a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any of the provisions are unlawful in any way, the court will modify or interpret the provisions to the minimum extent necessary to have them comply with the law.
- 10.3.5 In proceeding with arbitration and in making determinations hereunder, no arbitrator shall extend, modify, or suspend any terms of this Agreement or the reasonable standards of business performance and operation established by Franchisor in good faith. No notice, request or demand for arbitration shall stay, postpone, or rescind the effectiveness of any termination of this Agreement.

- 10.3.6 Except as expressly required by law, Franchisor and Developer shall keep all aspects of any mediation and/or arbitration proceeding in confidence and shall not disclose any information about the proceeding to any third party other than legal counsel who shall be required to maintain the confidentiality of such information.
- 10.4 <u>Exceptions</u>. Notwithstanding the requirements of Sections 10.2 or 10.3, the following claims shall not be subject to mediation or arbitration:
  - 10.4.1 Franchisor's claims for injunctive or other extraordinary relief;
  - 10.4.2 disputes and controversies arising from the Sherman Act, the Clayton Act or any other federal or state antitrust law;
  - 10.4.3 disputes and controversies based upon or arising under the Lanham Act, as now or hereafter amended, relating to the ownership or validity of the Marks; and
  - 10.4.4 enforcement of Developer's post-termination obligations, including but not limited to, Developer's non-competition covenants.
- 10.5 <u>Governing Law and Venue</u>. Any claims, controversies, disputes, or actions arising out of this Agreement shall be governed, enforced and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the state where the Franchisee's Franchised Business is located. Notwithstanding, the venue shall be located in the State of California. Developer, except where specifically prohibited by law, hereby irrevocably submit themselves to the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts in California. Developer hereby waives all questions of personal jurisdiction for the purpose of carrying out this provision.
- 10.6 <u>Mutual Benefit</u>. Developer and Franchisor acknowledge that the parties' agreement regarding applicable state law and forum set forth in Section 10.5 provide each of the parties with the mutual benefit of uniform interpretation of this Agreement and any dispute arising hereunder. Each of Developer and Franchisor further acknowledge the receipt and sufficiency of mutual consideration for such benefit and that each party's agreement regarding applicable state law and choice of forum have been negotiated in good faith and are part of the benefit of the bargain reflected by this Agreement.
- 10.7 <u>Waiver of Jury Trial and Certain Damages</u>. Developer hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any right to or claim for (i) a trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim brought by or against Franchisor, and (ii) any punitive, exemplary, incidental, indirect, special, consequential or other damages (including, without limitation, loss of profits) against Franchisor, its affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, partners, agents, representatives, independent contractors, servants and employees, in their corporate and individual capacities, arising out of any cause whatsoever. Each of Developer agrees that in the event of a dispute, Developer shall be limited to the recovery of any actual damages sustained.
- 10.8 <u>Limitations of Claims</u>. Any and all claims asserted by Developer arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the relationship among the parties will be barred unless a proceeding for relief is commenced within one (1) year from the date on which Developer knew or should have known of the facts giving rise to such claims.

- 10.9 <u>Attorneys' Fees.</u> In the event of any action in law or equity by and between Franchisor and Developer concerning the operation, enforcement, construction or interpretation of this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs incurred.
- 10.10 <u>Survival</u>. The provisions of this Article 10 shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the expiration or termination of this Agreement or a transfer by Developer of his/her respective interests in this Agreement.

### 11. GENERAL

- 11.1 Independent Licensee. Developer is and shall be an independent licensee under this Agreement, and no partnership shall exist between Developer and Franchisor. This Agreement does not constitute Developer as an agent, legal representative, or employee of Franchisor for any purpose whatsoever, and Developer is not granted any right or authority to assume or create any obligation for or on behalf of, or in the name of, or in any way to bind Franchisor. Developer agrees not to incur or contract any debt or obligation on behalf of Franchisor or commit any act, make any representation, or advertise in any manner which may adversely affect any right of Franchisor or be detrimental to Franchisor or other developers or franchisees of Franchisor. Pursuant to the above, Developer agrees to indemnify Franchisor and hold Franchisor harmless from any and all liability, loss, attorneys' fees, or damage Franchisor may suffer as a result of claims, demands, taxes, costs or judgments against Franchisor arising out of the relationship hereby established which specifically, but not exclusively, includes costs, losses, expenses, attorneys fees relative to assignment or the transfer of right to develop and transactional costs relative thereto, defaults under any leases, subleases, notes, receipt of revenues or any other relationships arising directly or indirectly out of the development and operation of the Créatif outlets.
- 11.2 <u>Successors</u>. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of Franchisor and shall be personally binding on and inure to the benefit of Developer and his or her respective heirs, executors, administrators and successors or assigns; provided, however, the foregoing provision shall not be construed to allow a transfer of any interest of Developer in this Agreement, except in accordance with Article 6 hereof.
- 11.3 <u>Invalidity of Part of Agreement</u>. Should any provisions in this Agreement, for any reason, be declared invalid, then such provision shall be invalid only to the extent of the prohibition without in any way invalidating or altering any other provision of this Agreement.
- 11.4 <u>Construction</u>. All terms and words used in this Agreement, regardless of the number and gender in which they are used, shall be deemed and construed to include any other number, singular or plural, and any other gender, masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context or sense of this Agreement or any provision herein may require, as if such words had been fully and properly written in the appropriate number and gender. All covenants, agreements and obligations assumed herein by Developer shall be deemed to be joint and several covenants, agreements and obligations of each of the persons named as Developer, if more than one person is so named.

- 11.5 <u>Captions</u>. Captions and section headings are used herein for convenience only. They are not part of this Agreement and shall not be used in construing it.
- 11.6 <u>Notices</u>. Whenever notice is required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement, it shall be given in writing, and be delivered personally or by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom intended, and shall be deemed given on the date of delivery or delivery is refused. All such notices shall be addressed to the party to be notified at their respective addresses as first above written, or at such other address or addresses as the parties may from time to time designate in writing.
- 11.7 <u>Effect of Waivers</u>. No waiver, delay, omission, or forbearance on the part of Franchisor to exercise any right, option, duty or power arising from any default or breach by Developer shall affect or impair the rights of Franchisor with respect to any subsequent default of the same or of a different kind.
- 11.8 <u>Remedies Cumulative</u>. All rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement shall be cumulative and not alternative, in addition to and not exclusive of any other rights or remedies that are provided for herein or that may be available at law or in equity in case of any breach, failure or default or threatened breach, failure or default of any term, provision or condition of this Agreement or any other agreement between Developer or any of its affiliates and Franchisor or any of its affiliates. The rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement shall be continuing and shall not be exhausted by any one or more uses thereof, and may be exercised at any time or from time to time as often as may be expedient; and any option or election to enforce any such right or remedy may be exercised or taken at any time and from time to time. The expiration, earlier termination or exercise of Franchisor's rights pursuant to Article 7 shall not discharge or release Developer from any liability or obligation then accrued, or any liability or obligation continuing beyond, or arising out of, the expiration, the earlier termination or the exercise of such rights under this Agreement.
- 11.9 <u>Consent to Do Business Electronically</u>. The parties to this Agreement hereby consent to do business electronically. Pursuant to the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act as adopted by the State of Pennsylvania, the parties hereby affirm to each other that they agree with the terms of this Agreement, and by attaching their signature electronically to this Agreement, they are executing the document and intending to attach their electronic signature to it. Furthermore, the parties acknowledge that the other parties to this Agreement can rely on an electronic signature as the respective party's signature.
- 11.10 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 11.11 <u>Survival</u>. Any obligation of Developer that contemplates performance of such obligation after termination, expiration or transfer of this Agreement shall be deemed to survive such termination, expiration or transfer.

11.12 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement, including all attachments, is the entire agreement of the parties, superseding all prior written or oral agreements of the parties concerning the same subject matter, and superseding all prior written or oral representations made to Developer, provided that nothing in this Agreement is intended to disclaim the representations made to Developer in Franchisor's Franchise Disclosure Document. No agreement of any kind relating to the matters covered by this Agreement and no amendment of the provisions hereof shall be binding upon either party unless and until the same has been made in writing and executed by all interested parties.

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The parties hereto have executed this Multi-Unit Development Agreement on the day and year first above written.

FRANCHISOR:

CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC

By:

(Print Name, Title)

DEVELOPER:

(Print Name)

DEVELOPER:

(Print Name)

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

Service Mark:



# **ATTACHMENT 2**

# **DEVELOPMENT AREA**

(insert map and/or define by zip codes):

# EXHIBIT D

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC

# **CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC**

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2023



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

To the Members Creatif Franchising LLC Pleasanton, California

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Creatif Franchising LLC as of June 30, 2023, and 2022 and the related statements of operations, members' equity (deficit) and cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021, and the notes to financial statements.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Creatif Franchising LLC as of June 30, 2023, and 2022 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021 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 Creatif Franchising LLC 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 the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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

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

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is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Creatif Franchising LLC's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Creatif Franchising LLC's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Reeze CPA LLC

Ft. Collins, Colorado September 25, 2023

# CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC BALANCE SHEETS

	 2023	
		 2022
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 27,777	\$ 10,164
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	 27,777	10,164
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property and equipment	7,861	9,543
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 35,638	\$ 19,707
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' (DEFICIT)		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Account payable	\$ 6,792	\$ 5,404
Due to related party	8,210	13,210
Non-refundable deferred franchise fees, current	 10,325	 6,500
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	25,327	25,114
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Non-refundable deferred franchise fees	79,389	54,333
TOTAL LIABILITIES	 104,716	 79,447
MEMBERS' (DEFICIT)		
Members' contribution	270,382	184,325
Retained (deficit)	(339,460)	(244,065)
TOTAL MEMBERS' (DEFICIT)	 (69,078)	 (59,740)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND		
MEMBERS' (DEFICIT)	\$ 35,638	\$ 19,707

# **CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

	FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30,								
	2023			2022		2022		2021	
REVENUES									
Franchise fees	\$	9,369	\$	4,167	\$	-			
Royalty fees		16,131		2,792		-			
Other revenue		1,000		1,000		-			
TOTAL REVENUE		26,500		7,959		-			
OPERATING EXPENSES									
General and administrative		60,027		64,540		18,849			
Professional fees		46,346		26,464		63,151			
Advertising and promotion		10,221		39,388		29,451			
Franchise costs		2,402		7,750					
Depreciation expense		1,682		1,682		551			
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		120,678		139,824		112,002			
OPERATING (LOSS)		(94,178)		(131,865)		(112,002)			
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>									
Interest expense		(1,217)		(198)		-			
NET (LOSS)	\$	(95,395)	\$	(132,063)	\$	(112,002)			

# CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023, 2022 AND 2021

	Members Contribution	Retained (Deficit)	Total Members' Equity (Deficit)
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Member contribution	131,000	-	131,000
Net income	-	(112,002)	(112,002)
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2021	131,000	(112,002)	18,998
Member contribution	53,325	-	53,325
Net income	-	(132,063)	(132,063)
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2022	184,325	(244,065)	(59,740)
Member contribution	86,057	-	86,057
Net income	-	(95,395)	(95,395)
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2022	\$ 270,382	\$ (339,460)	\$ (69,078)

### **CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

	FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE			Е 30,		
		2023		2022		2021
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Net income	\$	(95,395)	\$	(132,063)	\$	(112,002)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:						
Non-cash advances from affiliates		5,316		4,686		3,210
Depreciation expense		1,682		1,682		551
Recognition of non-refundable deferred franchise fees		(9,369)		(4,167)		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:						
Accounts payable		1,388		2,665		2,739
Non-refundable deferred franchise fees		38,250		65,000		-
Net cash used by operating activities		(58,128)		(62,197)		(105,502)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Purchase of property and equipment		-		-		(11,776)
Net cash used by investing activities		-		-		(11,776)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Member contribution		80,741		48,639		131,000
Advances from affiliates		(5,000)		(10,000)		20,000
Net cash provided by financing activities		75,741		38,639		151,000
NET INCREASE IN CASH		17,613		(23,558)		33,722
CASH, BEGINNING		10,164		33,722		-
CASH, ENDING	\$	27,777	\$	10,164	\$	33,722
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES						
Cash paid for interest	\$	1,217	\$	198	\$	-
Cash paid for taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

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

Creatif Franchising LLC ("Company") was incorporated on April 24, 2020, (Inception) in the State of California. The Company grants franchises to qualified persons to own and operate a family-friendly creative arts studio business that features art parties, workshops, children's art classes and camps, and walk-in painting activities ("Créatif").

#### <u>Affiliates</u>

Créatif LLC is a California limited liability company that was formed on September 21, 2016, and owns and licenses to the Company the trademarks and other intellectual property used in the operation of the Créatif locations. Créatif LLC has operated one studio similar to the kind being franchised since 2018.

Tvara LLC is a California limited liability company that was formed on April 24, 2020, and owns and licenses to the Company the proprietary software used in the Créatif system.

The affiliates have not offered franchises in this or any other line of business.

The following table summarizes the number of studios owned and operating for the year ended June 30:

	2022	2022	2021
Studios in operation, beginning	2	1	1
Studios opened	1	1	-
Studios terminated or closed	-	-	-
Studios in operation, ending	3	2	1
Franchised studios	2	1	_
Affiliate owned studios	1	1	1

A summary of significant accounting policies follows:

#### Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

#### Use of Estimates

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

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase to be cash equivalents. The Company had no cash equivalents as of June 30, 2023, and 2022.

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

#### Accounts Receivable

Timing of revenue recognition may be different from the timing of invoicing to customers. The Company records an accounts receivable when revenue is recognized prior to invoicing, or unearned revenue when revenue is recognized after invoicing. Management evaluates individual customers' receivables considering their financial condition, credit history and current economic conditions. Accounts receivable are written off if deemed uncollectible and recoveries of accounts receivable previously written off are recorded as income when received. The Company did not have any accounts receivable or allowance for doubtful accounts as of June 30, 2023, and 2022 and did not charge-off any accounts receivable during the years ended June 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021.

#### Property and Equipment

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

Property and equipment consist of the following as of December 31:

	2022	, ,	2021
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	\$ 11,776	\$	11,776
Less accumulated depreciation	(3,915)		(2,233)
	\$ 7,861	\$	9,543

#### Intangible Assets

The Company has adopted ASC 350, Intangibles – Goodwill and Other that requires that goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives no longer be amortized to earnings but be tested for impairment at least annually. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives. The useful life of an intangible asset is the period over which it is expected to contribute directly or indirectly to future cash flows. Intangible assets with infinite lives are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value might not be recoverable. The Company had no intangible assets at June 30, 2022, and 2021.

#### Income Taxes

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

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

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

#### Income Taxes (continued)

Based on its evaluation, the Company has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions requiring recognition in its financial statements or that would affect the Company's members. The Company's evaluation was performed for the years ended June 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021.

#### Revenue Recognition

The Company's revenue will be recognized under the guidance of ASC 606 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers".

The Company's revenue mainly consists of franchise fees and royalties.

Each franchise agreement is comprised of several performance obligations. The Company identifies those performance obligations, determines the contract price for each obligation, allocates the transaction price to each performance obligation and recognizes revenue when the Company has satisfied the performance obligation by transferring control of the good or service to the franchisee. The remainder of performance obligations represent a single performance obligation and are recognized over the term of the respective franchise agreement from the date the agreement is executed. Uncarned initial fee revenues from franchisee acquisition and acceptance will be recorded as deferred revenue and recognized as revenue over the term of the contract which is currently 10 years.

Royalties are 6% of gross revenues, are billed weekly and are recognized as revenue when earned. Royalties are subject to weekly minimums after one year of operations.

#### Brand Fund Contribution

Contributions to the brand fund are 1% of weekly gross revenues. The Company has the right to increase this fee to 2%. Contributions will be recognized up to the amount paid by the fund, for both operating and capital expenditures, not to exceed amounts collected or accrued during the year. Any amounts collected or accrued but unspent at the end of the year will be reported as deferred revenue on the balance sheet.

#### Advertising Costs

The Company expenses advertising costs as incurred. Advertising expense the year ended June 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021 were \$10,221, \$39,388, and \$29,451.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

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

#### Recently issued accounting pronouncements

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

#### NOTE 2 – CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

The Company has recorded a liability for unearned revenue associated with the performance obligation of the Company's franchise agreements. The account balances and activity for the years ended June 30, are as follows:

	June 30,				
	2022			2022	
Deferred Non-refundable Franchise Fees:					
Balance beginning of year	\$	60,833	\$	-	
Deferral of non-refundable franchise fees		38,250		65,000	
Recognition of non-refundable franchise fees	_	(9,369)		(4,167)	
Balance at end of year	\$	89,714	\$	60,833	

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

Estimated revenues to be recognized in future periods related to deferred franchise fees as reported at June 30, 2023, is as follows:

	Non-refundable Franchise Fees	
Year ending June 30:		
2024	\$ 10,325	
2025	10,325	
2026	10,325	
2027	10,325	
2028	10,325	
Thereafter	 38,089	
	\$ 89,714	

#### Disaggregation of Revenues

Disaggregated revenues based on the satisfaction of performance obligations in the Company's contracts with franchisees for the years ending June 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021 is as follows:

	2023		2022		20	021
Performance obligations satisfied at a point in time	\$	17,131	\$	3,792	\$	-
Performance obligations satisfied through the passage of time		9,369		4,167		_
Total revenues	\$	26,500	\$	7,959	\$	-

#### NOTE 3 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with the Company's related parties primarily consist of advances made by the related parties to support the Company's operations and development both in cash and payments made on behalf of the Company.

Advances are not collateralized, noninterest bearing and due on demand. Advances due to the related party as of June 30, 2023, and 2022 were \$8,210 and \$13,210, respectively. The advances are reported as a current liability in the accompanying balance sheets.

#### **NOTE 3 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

#### *Litigation*

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

#### NOTE 4 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

#### Date of Management's Evaluation

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 25, 2022, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

# **CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC**

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2022



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

To the Members Creatif Franchising LLC Pleasanton, California

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Creatif Franchising LLC as of June 30, 2022, and 2021 and the related statements of operations, members' equity (deficit) and cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2022, and 2021, and the notes to financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Creatif Franchising LLC as of June 30, 2022, and 2021 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2022, and 2021 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Rose CPA LLC

Thornton, Colorado September 27, 2022

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# CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC BALANCE SHEETS AS OF JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 10,164	\$ 33,722
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	10,164	33,722
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property and equipment	9,543	11,225
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 19,707	\$ 44,947
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Account payable	\$ 5,404	\$ 2,739
Due to related party	13,210	23,210
Non-refundable deferred franchise fees, current	6,500	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	25,114	25,949
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Non-refundable deferred franchise fees	54,333	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	79,447	25,949
MEMBERS' EQUITY		
Members' contribution	184,325	131,000
Retained (deficit)	(244,065)	(112,002)
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY	(59,740)	18,998
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND		
MEMBERS' EQUITY	\$ 19,707	\$ 44,947

### CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

	2021		2020	
REVENUES				
Franchise fees	\$	4,167	\$	-
Royalty fees		2,792		-
Other revenue		1,000		-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	7,959	\$	-
OPERATING EXPENSES				
General and administrative		64,540		18,849
Franchise costs		7,750		
Advertising and promotion		39,388		29,451
Professional fees		26,464		63,151
Depreciation expense		1,682		551
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		139,824		112,002
OPERATING (LOSS)		(131,865)		(112,002)
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>				
Interest expense		(198)		-
NET (LOSS)	\$	(132,063)	\$	(112,002)

# CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

	Members Contribution	Retained (Deficit)	Total Members' Equity (Deficit)	
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Member contribution	131,000	-	131,000	
Net income	-	(112,002)	(112,002)	
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2021	131,000	(112,002)	18,998	
Member contribution	53,325	-	53,325	
Net income	-	(132,063)	(132,063)	
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 2022	184,325	(244,065)	(59,740)	

# CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2022 AND 2021

	2021		2020	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Net income	\$	(132,063)	\$	(112,002)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Non-cash advances from affiliates		4,686		3,210
Depreciation expense		1,682		551
Recognition of non-refundable deferred franchise fees		(4,167)		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts payable		2,665		2,739
Non-refundable defered franchise fees		65,000		-
Net cash used by operating activities		(62,197)		(105,502)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchase of property and equipment		-		(11,776)
Net cash used by investing activities		-		(11,776)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Member contribution		48,639		131,000
Advances from affiliates		(10,000)		20,000
Net cash provided by financing activities		38,639		151,000
NET INCREASE IN CASH		(23,558)		33,722
CASH, BEGINNING		33,722		-
CASH, ENDING	\$	10,164	\$	33,722
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES				
Cash paid for interest	\$	198	\$	-
Cash paid for taxes	\$	-	\$	-

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

Creatif Franchising LLC ("Company") was incorporated on April 24, 2020, (Inception) in the State of California. The Company grants franchises to qualified persons to own and operate a family-friendly creative arts studio business that features art parties, workshops, children's art classes and camps, and walk-in painting activities ("Créatif").

#### <u>Affiliates</u>

Créatif LLC is a California limited liability company that was formed on September 21, 2016, and owns and licenses to the Company the trademarks and other intellectual property used in the operation of the Créatif locations. Créatif LLC has operated one studio similar to the kind being franchised since 2018.

Tvara LLC, is a California limited liability company that was formed on April 24, 2020, and owns and licenses to the Company the proprietary software used in the Créatif system.

The affiliates have not offered franchises in this or any other line of business.

The following table summarizes the number of studios owned and operating for the year ended June 30:

	2022	2021	
Studios in operation, beginning	1	1	
Studios opened	1	-	
Studios terminated or closed	-	-	
Studios in operation, ending	2 1		
Franchised studios	1	-	
Affiliate owned studios	1	1	

#### <u>COVID-19</u>

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

A summary of significant accounting policies follows:

#### Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP").

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

#### **Development Stage Operations**

The Company's planned franchising activities, as previously described, have not yet commenced. Since its inception the Company has not sold any franchises or earned any revenue. The Company's activities are subject to significant risks and uncertainties, including failing to secure additional capital to fund operations until the Company achieves break-even operational status.

#### Use of Estimates

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

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

#### Accounts Receivable

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

#### **Property and Equipment**

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

Property and equipment consist of the following as of December 31:

	2022		2021	
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	\$	11,776	\$	11,776
Less accumulated depreciation		(2,233)		(551)
	\$	9,543	\$	11,225

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

#### Intangible Assets

The Company has adopted ASC 350, Intangibles – Goodwill and Other that requires that goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives no longer be amortized to earnings but be tested for impairment at least annually. Intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over their estimated useful lives. The useful life of an intangible asset is the period over which it is expected to contribute directly or indirectly to future cash flows. Intangible assets with infinite lives are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value might not be recoverable. The Company had no intangible assets at June 30, 2022, and 2021.

#### Income Taxes

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

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

Based on its evaluation, the Company has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions requiring recognition in its financial statements or that would affect the Company's members. The Company's evaluation was performed for the year ended June 30, 2022, and 2021.

#### Revenue Recognition

The Company's revenue will be recognized under the guidance of ASC 606 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers".

The Company's revenue mainly consists of franchise fees and royalties.

Each franchise agreement is comprised of several performance obligations. The Company identifies those performance obligations, determines the contract price for each obligation, allocates the transaction price to each performance obligation and recognizes revenue when the Company has satisfied the performance obligation by transferring control of the good or service to the franchisee. The remainder of performance obligations represent a single performance obligation and are recognized over the term of the respective franchise agreement from the date the agreement is executed. Uncarned initial fee revenues from franchisee acquisition and acceptance will be recorded as deferred revenue and recognized as revenue over the term of the contract which is currently 10 years.

Royalties are 6% of gross revenues, are billed weekly and are recognized as revenue when earned. Royalties are subject to weekly minimums after one year of operations.

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

#### Brand Fund Contribution

Contributions to the brand fund are 1% of weekly gross revenues. The Company has the right to increase this fee to 2%. Contributions will be recognized up to the amount paid by the fund, for both operating and capital expenditures, not to exceed amounts collected or accrued during the year. Any amounts collected or accrued but unspent at the end of the year will be reported as deferred revenue on the balance sheet.

#### Advertising Costs

The Company expenses advertising costs as incurred. Advertising expense the year ended June 30, 2022, and 2021 was \$39,388 and \$29,451.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

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

#### Recently issued accounting pronouncements

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

#### NOTE 2 – CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS

The Company has recorded a liability for unearned revenue associated with the performance obligation of the Company's franchise agreements. The account balances and activity for the years ended June 30, are as follows:

	June 30,				
		2022		2021	
Non-refundable Deferred Franchise Fees:					
Balance beginning of year	\$	-	\$	-	
Deferral of non-refundable franchise fees	65,000			-	
Recognition of non-refundable franchise fees		(4,167)		-	
Balance at end of year	\$	60,833	\$	-	

#### CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE 2 – CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)

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

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

	Non-refundable Franchise Fees
Year ending June 30:	
2023	\$ 6,500
2024	6,500
2025	6,500
2026	6,500
2027	6,500
Thereafter	28,333
	\$ 60,833

#### Disaggregation of Revenues

Disaggregated revenues based on the satisfaction of performance obligations in the Company's contracts with franchisees for the years ending June 30, 2022, and 2021 is as follows:

	2022		2021	
Performance obligations satisfied at a point in time	\$	1,000	\$	-
Performance obligations satisfied through the passage of time		6,959		-
Total revenues	\$	7,959	\$	_

#### NOTE 3 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions with the Company's related parties primarily consist of advances made by the related parties to support the Company's operations and development both in cash and payments made on behalf of the Company.

Advances are not collateralized, noninterest bearing and due on demand. Advances due to the related party as of June 30, 2022, and 2021 were \$13,210 and \$23,210, respectively. The advances are reported as a current liability in the accompanying balance sheets.

#### **NOTE 3 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

#### Litigation

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

#### CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 4 –SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

#### Date of Management's Evaluation

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 27, 2022, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

## <u>EXHIBIT E</u>

## **CRÉATIF OPERATIONS MANUAL**

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## FRANCHISED OUTLETS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

Franchisee	Individual Contact	Address	City/State	Contact Information
Artable Incorporated	Thomas Blamire	2879 Highway 160W, Suite 110	Fort Mill, SC 29708	(803) 547-8640
Andrea Siegner	Andrea Siegner	631 Orange Street	Redlands, CA 92374	(951) 233-8243

## Franchise Agreements Signed But Outlet Not Open as of June 30, 2023

Franchisee	Address	City/State	Contact Information
Julia Yang	565 S. Livingston Ave	Livingston, NJ 07039	(973) 280-2802

## Former Franchisees

that had an outlet terminated, canceled, not renewed, or otherwise voluntarily or involuntarily ceased to do business under the Franchise Agreement during the most recently completed fiscal year or has not communicated with the franchisor within the 10 weeks preceding the Issuance Date of this Disclosure Document:

NONE

## EXHIBIT G

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENTS**

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#### CREATIF FRANCHISEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Acknowledgement of the truthfulness of the statements below are an inducement for the Franchisor to enter into a Franchise Agreement. Notify Franchisor immediately, prior to acknowledgment, if any statement below is incomplete or incorrect.

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.

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

#### Initial

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

#### Initial

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

#### Initial

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

Agreement. Franchisee represents, as an inducement to Franchisor's entry into this Agreement, that it has made no misrepresentations in obtaining the Franchise Agreement.

- 5. Franchisor expressly disclaims the making of, and Franchisee acknowledges that it has not received or relied upon, any warranty or guarantee, express or implied, as to the potential volume, profits or success of the business venture contemplated by the Franchise Agreement.
- 6. Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor's approval or acceptance of Franchisee's Business location does not constitute a warranty, recommendation or endorsement of the location for the Franchised Business, nor any assurance by Franchisor that the operation of the Franchised Business at the premises will be successful or profitable.
- 7. Franchisee acknowledges that it has received the Creatif Franchising LLC Franchise Disclosure Document with a complete copy of the Franchise Agreement and all related Attachments and agreements at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date on which the Franchise Agreement was executed. Franchisee further acknowledges that Franchisee has read such Franchise Disclosure Document and understands its contents.
- 8. Franchisee acknowledges that it has had ample opportunity to consult with its own attorneys, accountants and other advisors and that the attorneys for Franchisor have not advised or represented Franchisee with respect to the Franchise Agreement or the relationship thereby created.
- 9. Franchisee, together with Franchisee's advisers, has sufficient knowledge and experience in financial and business matters to make an informed investment decision with respect to the Franchise granted by the Franchise Agreement.

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

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

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BY EXECUTING THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, FRANCHISEE AND ANY PRINCIPAL, 12. INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF FRANCHISEE'S AND SUCH PRINCIPAL'S HEIRS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, HEREBY FOREVER RELEASE AND DISCHARGE CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC, CREATIF LLC, TVARA LLC, AND ANY OF EITHER'S PARENT COMPANY, SUBSIDIARIES, DIVISIONS, AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND DESIGNEES, AND THE FOREGOING ENTITIES' DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SHAREHOLDERS, SUCCESSORS, DESIGNEES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND JUDGMENTS RELATING TO OR ARISING UNDER THE STATEMENTS, CONDUCT, CLAIMS OR ANY OTHER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES EXECUTED PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, WHETHER PRESENTLY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, SUSPECTED OR UNSUSPECTED, ARISING UNDER THE FRANCHISE. SECURITIES. TAX OR ANTITRUST LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF ANY STATE OR TERRITORY THEREOF. THIS RELEASE SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY CLAIMS ARISING FROM REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY FRANCHISOR IN FRANCHISOR'S FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT RECEIVED BY FRANCHISEE.

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

(Print Name)

Date:

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#### CREATIF DEVELOPER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Acknowledgement of the truthfulness of the statements below are an inducement for the Franchisor to enter into a Multi-Unit Development Agreement. Notify Franchisor immediately, prior to acknowledgment, if any statement below is incomplete or incorrect.

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.

Developer has conducted an independent investigation of all aspects relating to the financial, operational, and other aspects of the business of developing the Créatif outlets contemplated hereunder. Developer further acknowledges that, except as may be set forth in Franchisor's Disclosure Document, no representations of performance (financial or otherwise) for the Créatif outlets to be developed hereunder has been made to Developer by Franchisor and Developer hereby waives any claim against Franchisor for any business failure Developer may experience as a developer under this Agreement.

#### Initial

Developer agrees that no claims of success or failure have been made to him or her prior to signing this Agreement and that he/she understands all the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Developer further acknowledges that this Agreement contains all oral and written agreements, representations and arrangements between the parties hereto, and any rights which the respective parties hereto may have had under any other previous contracts are hereby cancelled and terminated, and that this Agreement cannot be changed or terminated orally; provided, however, nothing in this Multi-Unit Development Agreement or in any related agreement is intended to disclaim the representations made to Developer in Franchisor's Franchise Disclosure Document.

#### Initial

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

#### Initial

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

Initial

Initial

Developer acknowledges that he/she has received the Creatif Franchising LLC Franchise Disclosure Document with a complete copy of this Agreement and all related Exhibits and agreements at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date on which this Agreement was executed. Developer further acknowledges that Developer has read such Franchise Disclosure Document and understands its contents.

#### Initial

Developer acknowledges that he/she has had ample opportunity to consult with his/her own attorneys, accountants, and other advisors and that the attorneys for Franchisor have not advised or represented Developer with respect to this Agreement or the relationship thereby created.

#### Initial

Developer, together with Developer's advisers, has sufficient knowledge and experience in financial and business matters to make an informed investment decision with respect to the development rights granted by this Agreement.

#### Initial

BY EXECUTING THIS AGREEMENT, DEVELOPER, INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF DEVELOPER'S HEIRS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, HEREBY FOREVER RELEASE AND DISCHARGE CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC, CREATIF LLC, TVARA LLC, AND ALL OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, AGENTS AND SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND JUDGMENTS RELATING TO OR ARISING UNDER THE STATEMENTS, CONDUCT, CLAIMS OR ANY OTHER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES EXECUTED PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, WHETHER PRESENTLY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, SUSPECTED OR UNSUSPECTED, ARISING UNDER THE FRANCHISE, SECURITIES, TAX OR ANTITRUST LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF ANY STATE OR TERRITORY THEREOF. THIS RELEASE SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY CLAIMS ARISING FROM REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY FRANCHISOR IN FRANCHISOR'S FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT RECEIVED BY DEVELOPER.

(Print Name)

Date:

## <u>EXHIBIT H</u>

## **GENERAL RELEASE**

#### **GENERAL RELEASE**

This release (the "Release") is g	en this day of by	
, a(n), w	its principal place of business located at	
("Franchisee") and	's principals,	an
individual residing at	and ("Principal(s)").	

Franchisee and Principal(s), on behalf of themselves and their respective officers, directors, employees, successors, assigns, heirs, personal representatives, and all other persons acting on their behalf or claiming under them (collectively, the "Franchisee Releasors"), hereby release, discharge and hold harmless Creatif Franchising LLC ("Franchisor") and Franchisor's affiliates, officers, directors, members, shareholders, employees, agents, attorneys, successors, and assigns (collectively, the "Franchisor Releasees") from any suits, claims, controversies, rights, promises, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, costs, expenses, actions, and causes of action of every nature, character and description, in law or in equity, whether presently known or unknown, vested or contingent, suspected or unsuspected arising under, relating to, or in connection with the Franchise Agreement dated

between Franchisee and Franchisor and any related agreements and the relationship created thereby, or the Franchised Business operated under the Franchise Agreement, or any claims or representations made relative to the sale of the franchise to operate such Franchised Business or under any federal or state franchise or unfair or deceptive trade practice laws, which any of the Franchisee Releasors now own or hold or have at any time heretofore owned or held against the Franchisor Releasees (collectively, the "Franchisee Released Claims").

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

Release given this day of \_\_\_\_\_ by:

FRANCHISEE:

PRINCIPAL:

(Print Name)

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

(Print Name, Title)

PRINCIPAL:

(Print Name)

## <u>EXHIBIT I</u>

## STATE ADDENDA

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

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

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

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

- 4. Item 17 is amended to state:
  - (a) California Business and Professions Code Sections 2000 through 20043 provide rights to the franchisee concerning termination, transfer or non-renewal of a franchise. If the franchise agreement contains a provision that is inconsistent with the law, the law will control.
  - (b) The Franchise Agreement and Multi-Unit Development Agreement provide for termination upon bankruptcy. This provision may not be enforceable under federal bankruptcy law (11 U.S.C.A. § 101 et seq.).
  - (c) The Franchise Agreement and Multi-Unit Development Agreement contain a covenant not to compete which extends beyond the termination of the franchise. This provision may not be enforceable under California law.

5. 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.

6. You must sign a general release if you renew or transfer your franchise. California Corporations Code Section 31512 voids a waiver of your rights under the Franchise Investment Law (California Corporations Code Sections 31000 through 31516). Business and Professions Code Section 20010 voids a waiver of your rights under the Franchise Relations Act (Business and Professions Code Sections 20000 through 20043).

- 7. The highest interest rate allowed by law in California is 10% annually.
- 8. The Franchise Agreement contains a liquidated damages clause. Under California Civil Code Section 1671, certain liquidated damages clauses are unenforceable.
- 9. The Department has determined that the franchisor has not demonstrated it is adequately capitalized and/or that the franchisor must rely on franchise fees to fund operations. The Commissioner has imposed a requirement for the franchisor to maintain a surety bond in the amount of \$100,000 with Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, telephone number (860) 277-0111, during the registration period. The surety bond is available for you to recover your damages in the event the franchisor does not fulfill its obligations to you to open your franchised business. We will provide you with a copy of the surety bond upon request.

## ADDENDUM TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT PURSUANT TO THE ILLINOIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE ACT

Illinois law shall apply to and govern the Franchise Agreement.

In conformance with Section 4 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, any provision in a franchise agreement that designates jurisdiction and venue in a forum outside of the State of Illinois is void. However, a franchise agreement may provide for arbitration to take place outside of Illinois.

Franchisee's right upon Termination and Non-Renewal are set forth in sections 19 and 20 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act.

In conformance with section 41 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, any condition, stipulation or provision purporting to bind any person acquiring any franchise to waive compliance with the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act or any other law is void.

Item 5 is hereby supplemented with the following:

In the State of Illinois, the Franchisor has secured a surety bond in the amount of \$45,000.00 from Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company. The Illinois Attorney General's Office imposed the bond requirement due to Franchisor's financial condition.

## AMENDMENT TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

In recognition of the requirements of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, 815 ILCS §§ 705/1 et seq. (1987) (the "Act"), which govern the attached Créatif Franchise Agreement (the "Franchise Agreement"), the parties thereto agree as follows:

1. To the extent of any inconsistences, the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"Section 4 of the Act provides that no franchisee shall be required to litigate any cause of action, with the exception of arbitration proceedings, arising under the Franchise Agreement or the Act outside of the State of Illinois."

2. To the extent of any inconsistences, the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"Illinois law governs the terms of this Franchise Agreement."

3. To the extent of any inconsistencies, the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"Section 41 of the Act provides that any condition, stipulation, or provision purporting to bind Franchisee to waive compliance with any provision of the Act, or any other Illinois law is void. The foregoing requirement, however, shall not prevent Franchisee from entering into a settlement agreement or executing a general release regarding a potential or actual lawsuit filed under any of the provisions of the Act, and shall not prevent the arbitration of any claim pursuant to the provisions of Title 9 of the United States Code."

4. To the extent of any inconsistencies, the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"To the extent any provision regarding termination or renewal of the Franchise Agreement is inconsistent with the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act §§ 815 ILCS §§ 705/19 and 705/20, the provisions of these sections of the Act will control."

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

6. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 6.1.1 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"In the State of Illinois, the Franchisor has secured a surety bond in the amount of \$45,000.00 from Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company. The Illinois Attorney General's Office imposed the bond requirement due to Franchisor's financial condition."

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

Bv:		
-	Jaya Aiyar , (Print Name, Title)	
FRAN	ICHISEE:	
Ву:		
	(Print Name, Title)	
PRIN	CIPAL:	
	(Print Name)	

(Print Name)

## AMENDMENT TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

In recognition of the requirements of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, 815 ILCS §§ 705/1 et seq. (1987) (the "Act"), which govern the attached Créatif Multi-Unit Development Agreement (the "Multi-Unit Development Agreement"), the parties thereto agree as follows:

1. To the extent of any inconsistences, the Multi-Unit Development Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"Section 4 of the Act provides that no franchisee shall be required to litigate any cause of action, with the exception of arbitration proceedings, arising under the Multi-Unit Development Agreement or the Act outside of the State of Illinois."

2. To the extent of any inconsistences, the Multi-Unit Development Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"Illinois law governs the terms of this Multi-Unit Development Agreement."

3. To the extent of any inconsistencies, the Multi-Unit Development Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"Section 41 of the Act provides that any condition, stipulation, or provision purporting to bind Franchisee to waive compliance with any provision of the Act, or any other Illinois law is void. The foregoing requirement, however, shall not prevent Franchisee from entering into a settlement agreement or executing a general release regarding a potential or actual lawsuit filed under any of the provisions of the Act, and shall not prevent the arbitration of any claim pursuant to the provisions of Title 9 of the United States Code."

4. To the extent of any inconsistencies, the Multi-Unit Development Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"To the extent any provision regarding termination or renewal of the Multi-Unit Development Agreement is inconsistent with the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act §§ 815 ILCS §§ 705/19 and 705/20, the provisions of these sections of the Act will control."

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

6. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 4.1 of the Multi-Unit Development Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"In the State of Illinois, the Franchisor has secured a surety bond in the amount of \$45,000.00 from Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company. The Illinois Attorney General's Office imposed the bond requirement due to Franchisor's financial condition."

The parties hereto have duly executed this Illinois Amendment to the Multi-Unit Development Agreement on the same date as that on which the Franchise Agreement was executed.

FRAN	ICHISOR:	
CREA	ATIF FRANCHISING LLC	
By:		
	Jaya Aiyar, (Print Name, Title)	CEO
FRAN	ICHISEE:	
Ву:		
	(Print Name, Title)	
PRIN	CIPAL:	
	(Print Name)	
	CIPAL:	

(Print Name)

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

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

1. No requirement that you agree to any release, assignment, novation, estoppel or waiver of liability as a condition to your purchasing a Créatif franchise shall act as a release, estoppel or waiver of any liability under the Maryland Franchise Law.

2. Item 5 is amended to state:

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 and the outlet is opened. In addition, all development fees and initial payments by area developers shall be deferred until the first franchise under the development agreement opens.

3. Item 17 is amended to state:

(a) Any claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Law must be brought within three (3) years after the grant of the franchise.

(b) Any general release required by the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement as a condition of renewal, assignment or transfer shall not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Law.

(c) Our right to terminate you upon your bankruptcy may not be enforceable under federal bankruptcy law (11 U.S.C. §101 *et. seq.*).

(d) Nothing herein shall waive your right to file a lawsuit alleging a cause of action arising under the Maryland Franchise Law in any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Maryland.

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

## AMENDMENT TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND

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

1. The Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law prohibits a franchisor from requiring a franchisee's assent to a release of liability under that Law as a condition for the sale, renewal, assignment or transfer of the franchise. To the extent of any inconsistencies with the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law contained in Article 5 or Section 16.3 of the Franchise Agreement, such inconsistent provisions are hereby deleted.

2. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 6.1.1 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"Based upon Franchisor's financial condition, the Maryland Securities Commissioner has required a financial assurance. Therefore, Franchisor will defer collection of the Initial Franchise Fee and other initial fees payable payable to Franchisor until Franchisor has completed its pre-opening obligations pursuant to this Agreement, and the outlet is open."

3. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 17.1 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"Our right to terminate you upon your bankruptcy, however, may not be enforceable under federal bankruptcy law (11 U.S.C. §101 *et. seq.*)."

4. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 20.3 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"Nothing herein shall waive your right to file a lawsuit alleging a cause of action arising under the Maryland Franchise Law in any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Maryland."

5. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 20.7 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"Any claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Law must be brought within three (3) years after the grant of the franchise."

6. 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.

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, Md. Code Ann., Bus. Reg. § 14-201 et seq., are met independently without reference to this Amendment.

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

## FRANCHISOR:

CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC

Ву:\_\_\_\_\_

<u>Jaya Aiyar , CEO</u> (Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE:

Ву:\_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name, Title)

PRINCIPAL:

(Print Name)

PRINCIPAL:

(Print Name)

## AMENDMENT TO THE MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND

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

1. The Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law prohibits a franchisor from requiring a franchisee's assent to a release of liability under that Law as a condition for the sale, renewal, assignment or transfer of the franchise. To the extent of any inconsistencies with the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law contained in Article 6 of the Multi-Unit Development such inconsistent provisions are hereby deleted.

2. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 4.1 of the Multi-Unit Development Agreement is hereby amended to add:

"Franchisor will defer collection of the Development Fee and other initial fees payable to the Franchisor until Franchisor has fulfilled its initial pre-opening obligations, and the franchisee has opened their first franchise outlet under the Development Agreement."

3. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 7.1 of the Multi-Unit Development Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"Our right to terminate you upon your bankruptcy, however, may not be enforceable under federal bankruptcy law (11 U.S.C. §101 *et. seq.*)."

4. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 10.5 of the Multi-Unit Development Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"Nothing herein shall waive your right to file a lawsuit alleging a cause of action arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law in any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Maryland."

5. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 10.8 of the Multi-Unit Development Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

"Any claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law must be brought within three (3) years after the grant of the franchise."

6. 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.

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, Md. Code Ann., Bus. Reg. § 14-201 et seq., are met independently without reference to this Amendment.

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

CREATIF FRANCHISING LLC
By:
<u>Jaya Aiyar</u> , CEO (Print Name, Title)
FRANCHISEE:
By:
(Print Name, Title)
PRINCIPAL:
(Print Name)
PRINCIPAL:

(Print Name)

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

The Commissioner of Commerce for the State of Minnesota requires that certain provisions contained in franchise documents be amended to be consistent with Minnesota Franchise Act, Minn. Stat. Section 80.01 et seq., and of the Rules and Regulations promulgated under the Act (collectively the "Franchise Act"). To the extent that the Agreement contains provisions that are inconsistent with the following, such provisions are hereby amended:

1. Item 6, Non-Sufficient Funds Fee, is amended to state:

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 604.113, the Non-Sufficient Funds Fee is \$30.00 per occurrence.

2. Item 17 is amended to state:

(a) Minn. Stat. § 80C.21 and Minnesota Rules § 2860.4400(J) prohibit us from requiring litigation to be conducted outside Minnesota, requiring waiver of a jury trial, or requiring you to consent to liquidated damages, termination penalties or judgment notes. In addition, nothing in this Franchise Disclosure Document or agreement(s) shall abrogate or reduce (1) any of your rights as provided for in Minn. Stat. Chapter 80C or (2) your rights to any procedure, forum, or remedies provided for by the laws of the jurisdiction.

(b) In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 80C.14 subd. 3-5, except in certain specified cases, we will give you 90 days notice of termination (with 60 days to cure) and 180 days notice for non-renewal of the Franchise Agreement. Additionally, we will not unreasonably withhold our consent to a transfer of your Créatif outlet.

(c) In accordance with Minnesota Rules 2860.4400(D), we cannot require you to assent to a general release.

(d) In accordance with Minnesota Rules 2860.4400(J), we cannot require you to consent to liquidated damages.

(e) Minn. Stat. § 80C.17 subd. 5 requires that an action be commenced pursuant to the Franchise Act within three (3) years after the cause of action accrues.

(f) You cannot consent to us obtaining injunctive relief. We may <u>seek</u> injunctive relief. See Minnesota Rules 2860.4400(J),

## AMENDMENT TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

In recognition of the requirements of the Minnesota Statutes Chapter 80C, the parties to the attached Créatif Franchise Agreement (the "Franchise Agreement") agree as follows:

1. Minnesota Rules 2860.4400(D) prohibits a franchisor from requiring a franchisee's assent to a release other than as part of a voluntary settlement of disputes. To the extent of any inconsistencies with the Minnesota Rules requirement contained in Sections 5.2.5 or 16.3.6 of the Franchise Agreement, such inconsistent provisions are hereby deleted.

2. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 5.1.1 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to state:

"Except in certain specified cases as set forth in Minn. Stat. § 80C.14 subd. 4, Franchisor will give Franchisee 180 days' notice for non-renewal of the Franchise Agreement."

3. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 6.5 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to state that the non-sufficient funds fee is Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per occurrence.

4. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Sections 17.1 through 17.3 of the Franchise Agreement are hereby amended to state:

"Except in certain specified cases as set forth in Minn. Stat. § 80C.14 subd. 3, Franchisor will give Franchisee 90 days notice of termination (with 60 days to cure)".

5. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Article 20, Dispute Resolution, of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to state:

"Franchisor cannot require Franchisee to: (i) conduct litigation outside Minnesota, (ii) waive a jury trial, or (iii) consent to liquidated damages, termination penalties or judgment notes. Nothing in this Franchise Agreement shall abrogate or reduce (1) any of Franchisee's rights as provided for in Minn. Stat. Chapter 80C or (2) Franchisee's rights to any procedure, forum, or remedies provided for by the laws of the jurisdiction. Franchisee cannot consent to Franchisor obtaining injunctive relief. Franchisor may <u>seek</u> injunctive relief."

8. Each provision of this Amendment shall be effective only to the extent, with respect to such provision, that the jurisdictional requirements of the Minnesota Statutes Chapter 80C are met independently without reference to this Amendment.

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

## FRANCHISOR:

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

\_\_\_\_,\_\_\_\_

<u>Jaya Aiyar , CEO</u> (Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE:

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

(Print Name, Title)

PRINCIPAL:

(Print Name)

PRINCIPAL:

(Print Name)

## VIRGINIA ADDENDUM TO FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

The following statements are added to Item 17.h.

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

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

### **STATE EFFECTIVE DATES – 2024**

The following states require that the Franchise Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the state, or be exempt from registration: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

This Franchise Disclosure Document is registered, on file or exempt from registrations in the following states having franchise disclosure laws, with the following effective dates:

State	Effective Date
California	PENDING
Illinois	PENDING
Maryland	PENDING
Virginia	PENDING
Wisconsin	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 J

**RECEIPTS** 

#### <u>RECEIPT</u>

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

If Creatif Franchising LLC offers you a franchise, it must provide this Disclosure Document to you 14 calendar-days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make a payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale.

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

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

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

Jaya Aiyar 5000 Hopyard Road, Suite 250 Pleasanton, CA 94588	Sriram Dayanandan 5000 Hopyard Road, Suite 250 Pleasanton, CA 94588	
925-640-5176	925-640-5176	

Issuance Date: October 6, 2023

I received a Disclosure Document dated \_\_\_\_\_, that included the following Exhibits:

EXHIBIT A: List of State Franchise Administrators and Agents for Service of Process

- EXHIBIT B: Franchise Agreement with Attachments 1 9
- EXHIBIT C: Multi-Unit Development Agreement with Attachments 1-2
- EXHIBIT D: Financial Statements of Creatif Franchising LLC
- EXHIBIT E: Operations Manual Table of Contents

EXHIBIT F: Outlets as of the date of this Disclosure Document

- EXHIBIT G: Acknowledgment Statements
- EXHIBIT H: General Release
- EXHIBIT I: State Addenda
- EXHIBIT J: Receipt

Date Received:

DATE:	

(If other than date signed)

(Signature of recipient)

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

Print Address:

Please return signed receipt to Creatif Franchising, LLC, 5000 Hopyard Road, Suite 250 Pleasanton, California, 94588

#### <u>RECEIPT</u>

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

If Creatif Franchising, LLC offers you a franchise, it must provide this Disclosure Document to you 14 calendar-days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make a payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale.

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

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

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

925-640-5176 925-640-5176
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Issuance Date: October 6, 2023

I received a Disclosure Document dated \_\_\_\_\_, that included the following Exhibits:

EXHIBIT A: List of State Franchise Administrators and Agents for Service of Process

- EXHIBIT B: Franchise Agreement with Attachments 1 9
- EXHIBIT C: Multi-Unit Development Agreement with Attachments 1-2
- EXHIBIT D: Financial Statements of Creatif Franchising LLC
- EXHIBIT E: Operations Manual Table of Contents
- EXHIBIT F: Outlets as of the date of this Disclosure Document
- EXHIBIT G: Acknowledgment Statements
- EXHIBIT H: General Release
- EXHIBIT I: State Addenda
- EXHIBIT J: Receipt

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_\_(If other than date signed)

DATE:\_\_\_\_\_

other than date signed)

(Signature of recipient)

Print Name:

Print Address:\_\_\_\_\_

#### KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS