# SF SYSTEMS INC. SLICE FACTORY

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The franchise offered is a pizzeria that offers 28" jumbo pizzas, jumbo slices, traditional pizza, wings, and salads in addition to traditional Italian food. The food is prepared with only the best and freshest of ingredients with a menu that showcases classic favorites with something to appeal to an entire family. Slice Factory believes in providing customers a one-of-a-kind experience, one slice at a time.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Slice Factory franchise is \$185,600 to \$353,100. This includes the \$29,500 franchise fee that must be paid to the franchisor or affiliate.

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

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

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

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## STATE COVER SHEETS

## **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 Exhibits F and G.
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 E 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 Slice Factory 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 an Slice Factory franchisee?	Item 20 or Exhibits F and G 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.

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

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

**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, you 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.

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

<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 C.

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

## Special Risks to Consider About *This* Franchise

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

1. <u>Out-of-State Dispute Resolution</u>. The franchise agreement requires you to resolve disputes with the franchisor by mediation, arbitration and/or litigation on in Illinois. 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 Illinois than in your own state.

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

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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MULTI-STATE ADDENDA

I.

## Item 1: The Franchisor, and any Parents, Predecessors, and Affiliates.

To simplify the language, this disclosure document uses "we," "us" or "our" to mean SF Systems Inc., the franchisor. "You" or "your" means the individual, corporation, or other entity that buys a Slice Factory franchise.

## The Franchisor

We are SF Systems Inc., formed as an Illinois registered corporation on December 21, 2015, with a principle business address of 6900 Ogden Ave., Berwyn IL 60404. We do not have any parents. We currently use the name Slice Factory to conduct business and do not have any current plans to use other names. Our agent for service of process in Illinois is Domenico DiDiana who can be reached at the principal business address of 6900 Ogden Ave., Berwyn IL 60404. We have offered franchises providing the type of business you will operate since November 1, 2015. We have neither engaged in any other line of business nor offered franchises in any other line of business.

#### The Franchisor's Predecessors, Parents, and Affiliates

We do not have any predecessors or parents.

Our Affiliate Slice Factory 004 Co., with a principal business address of 6900 Ogden Ave., Berwyn IL 60404, has operated a business of the type being franchised since July 2013.

## The Market and Competition

Slice Factory is a pizzeria that offers 28" jumbo pizzas, jumbo slices, traditional pizza, wings, and salads in addition to traditional Italian food. The market for pizzerias is well developed. You will compete for customers with independent and franchised pizzerias as well as with other restaurants.

## **Industry Regulations**

Operation of a Slice Factory will require you to be aware of federal, state and local regulations that are common to all business and those laws specifically applicable to the restaurant business, including laws pertaining to food handling and safety, liquor, food labeling, sanitation, and weights and measurements, if applicable. You should also be aware of federal, state, and local employment laws and regulations, specifically including minimum wage and wage requirements. In addition, you may be required to obtain restaurant, business, occupational, food handling and other miscellaneous licenses. Some states also have laws regarding who may secure these licenses. You should consult with your own advisors and the government agencies for information on how these laws apply to you. Local law requirements vary by location.

## **Item 2: Business Experience.**

#### Domenico DiDiana

Employer	Title	City, State	Start Date	End Date
SF Systems Inc.	President	Melrose Park, IL	December 2015	Present
Bacci Pizzeria of Oak Lawn	President	Elmwood Park, IL	March 2010	Present
Slice Factory 004 Co.	President	Oak Park, IL	November 2013	Present
Slice Factory, Inc.	President	Melrose Park, IL	May 2013	Present

## Oscar Mendoza

Employer	Title	City, State	Start Date	End Date
SF Systems Inc.	Director of Operations	Melrose Park, IL	December 2015	Present
Bacci Pizzeria of Oak Lawn	Director of Operations	Elmwood Park, IL	March 2010	Present
Slice Factory 004 Co.	Director of Operations	Oak Park, IL	November 2013	Present
Bacci Café & Pizzeria on Ogden	Director of Operations	Berwyn, IL	May 2008	Present

## Item 3: Litigation.

No litigation is required to be disclosed in this Item.

## Item 4: Bankruptcy.

No bankruptcy is required to be disclosed in this Item.

## **Item 5: Initial Fees.**

An initial lump sum franchise fee of \$29,500 is due when you sign the Franchise Agreement. We will refund 50% of the franchise fee you have paid for a particular franchise if: (5.2) you fail to select a site within 6 months; (8.3) we terminate this agreement because we determine you are unable to satisfactorily complete the training program. We do not give refunds under other circumstances. Payment of all initial fees is

postponed until after all of our initial obligations are complete and franchisee is open for business. The Illinois Attorney General's Office imposed this deferral requirement due to our financial condition.

Item 6: Other Fees.

## **OTHER FEES**

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Royalty Fee	5% of Gross Revenue	Payable monthly	You must pay your royalty fee directly to us from Gross Revenue generated through your business.  "Gross revenue" means all revenue from the franchised business.
Local Advertising	3% of Gross Revenue or \$1,950 whichever is greater	Payable monthly	Every month, you shall spend three percent (3%) of its monthly Gross Revenue or \$1,950, whichever is greater, on advertising, promotions and public relations within the immediate locality surrounding the Franchised Business.
Marketing Fund Contribution	2% of Gross Revenue or \$500 whichever is greater	Payable monthly	Every month, you shall contribute 2% of the monthly gross revenue or \$500, whichever is greater, to the corporate marketing fund to be used to promote, market, and grow the brand.
Audit Expenses	All costs and expenses associated with audit, approximately \$1,500 to \$5,000	Due if the audit shows you have not spent 3% of your monthly gross revenue on local advertising or if you underreported amounts you owe us by 3% or more.	We assume costs vary depending on factors, including prevailing auditor's rates in your area, the business activity being audited and how well you keep your books and records. You pay our actual costs only. You should be able to investigate these costs by contacting auditors in your area.

Late Fees	1.5% per month or the highest rate allowed by the state where you are located (whichever is lower)	Applies to all overdue fees you owe us. Also applies to any understatement in amounts due revealed by an audit.	Late fees begin from the date payment was due, but not received, or date of underpayment.
Approval of Products or Suppliers	\$500 to \$1,000	Applies to the costs we expend in our evaluation of new suppliers you wish to purchase from or products you wish to purchase.	Applies to the costs we expend in our evaluation of new suppliers you wish to purchase from or products you wish to purchase.  Costs vary depending on the availability of product samples for testing, shipping costs or travel costs to review the product, the type of product under review, whether the product or supplier has been rated and other similar factors. You pay our actual costs only.
Insurance Policies	Approximately \$500-\$4,500	Yearly	Payable to us as a reimbursement only if you fail to maintain required insurance coverage and we elect, in our discretion, to obtain coverage for you.
Transfer Fee	\$10,000	At the time of transfer	Payable to us at time of transfer.
Substitute or New Manager Training/ Additional Training	Currently, Your expenses in attending but if you have to repeat our training programs, we may charge you a fee.	Time of training	We provide an initial training program before you begin operations and ongoing training programs during the term of the franchise.
Ongoing Training	Currently, Your expenses in attending	Time of assistance	From time to time, we may provide and if it does, has the right to require that the Designated Manager attend

			ongoing training programs or seminars during the term of this Agreement. You shall be responsible for all travel costs, room and board and employees' salaries incurred in connection with the Designated Manager's attendance at such training.
Cost of Enforcement	All costs including reasonable attorneys' fees	Upon demand	You must reimburse us for all costs incurred in enforcing your obligations to us if we prevail.

#### **Notes**

We may require that all fees payable to us be paid through an electronic depository transfer account.

All of the fees noted above are uniform. No other fees or payments are to be paid to us or our affiliate, nor do we impose or collect any other fees or payments for any other third party. All fees are generally non-refundable.

**Item 7: Estimated Initial Investment.** 

## ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT

Type of expenditure	Amount From	- To	Method of payment	When due	To whom payment is to be made
Franchise Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$29,500	\$29,500	Cashier's Check	Signing of Franchise Agreement	Us
Training Expenses <sup>2</sup>	\$8,000	\$12,000	Not Specified	During Training	Airlines, Hotels, Restaurants
Location Lease <sup>3</sup>	\$3,000	\$5,000	Not Specified	Before Beginning Operations	Landlord
Leasehold Improvements <sup>4</sup>	\$20,000	\$80,000	Not Specified	Before Beginning Operations	Approved Contractor
Computer Hardware and Software <sup>5</sup>	\$6,000	\$9,000	Not Specified	Before Beginning Operations	Vendors

Office Supplies	\$1,000	\$2,000	Not Specified	Before Beginning Operations	Vendors
Signage <sup>7</sup>	\$4,000	\$7,000	Not Specified	Before Beginning Operations	Approved Vendor
Furniture and Equipment <sup>8</sup>	\$40,000	\$80,000	Not Specified	Before Beginning Operations	Approved Vendor
Utilities <sup>9</sup>	\$100	\$600	Not Specified	Before Beginning Operations	Utility Provider
Uniforms <sup>10</sup>	\$1,000	\$2,000	Not Specified	Before Beginning Operations	Vendors
Inventory <sup>11</sup>	\$4,000	\$8,000	Not Specified	Before Beginning Operations	Approved Supplier
Grand Opening Advertising <sup>12</sup>	\$5,000	\$8,000	Not Specified	Before Beginning Operations	Approved Provider
Insurance <sup>13</sup>	\$500	\$4,500	Not Specified	Before Beginning Operations	Insurance Agent
Licenses and Permits <sup>14</sup>	\$500	\$1,000	Not Specified	Before Beginning Operations	Vendors
Legal and Accounting <sup>15</sup>	\$3,000	\$4,500	Not Specified	Before Beginning Operations	Accountants, Lawyers
Additional Funds <sup>16</sup>	\$60,000	\$100,000	Not Specified	Upon Beginning Operations	Vendors
Total <sup>17</sup>	\$185,600	\$353,100		1	1

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  <u>Franchise Fee</u>: The franchise fee and its refund policy are described in greater detail in ITEM 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>Training.</u> The cost of initial training is included in the franchise fee, but you are responsible for transportation and expenses for meals and lodging while attending training. The total cost will vary depending on the number of people attending, how far you travel and the type of accommodations you choose. Before making airline ticket, hotel, rental car or other reservations, you should inquire about the refund policy in the event you need to cancel any reservation. These expenses are typically non-refundable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>Location Lease.</u> Locations are 1,200 to 2,200 square feet and will typically be in a strip center location facility given rental rates and tenant improvements

from an existing landlord. Operations need to be in areas with strong traffic and great visibility to drive the sales volume and revenues per unit. It is difficult to estimate lease acquisition costs because of the wide variation in these costs between various locations. Lease costs will vary based upon square footage and cost per square foot. Some lessors may refund the security deposit if you cancel the lease before you occupy the premises. Estimated rental costs for 3 months are included with the category "Additional Funds".

<sup>4</sup> <u>Leasehold Improvements.</u> This category includes tables, chairs, restaurant décor, etc. The low end of the range in the initial outlay assumes that the landlord provides a partial build out allowance. The high end of the range reflects the cash outlay by a franchisee that does not receive a build-out allowance.

<sup>5</sup> Computer Hardware & Software. This is for computers, monitors, battery backups and other IT work in addition to the POS System. This is basic office IT equipment in addition to video monitors and cameras for a restaurant. You should inquire about the return and refund policy of the suppliers at or before the time of purchasing. The amounts you pay for a computer and software are typically non-refundable, or if refundable, may be subject to a "re-stocking" fee.

<sup>6</sup> Office Supplies. You must purchase general office supplies including stationery, business cards and typical office equipment. Factors that may affect your cost of office equipment and supplies include local market conditions, competition among suppliers and other factors. We do not know if the amounts you pay for office equipment and supplies are refundable. You should inquire about the return and refund policy of the supplier at or before the time of purchase. Factors determining whether office equipment and supplies are refundable typically include the condition of the items at time of return, level of use and length of time of possession.

<sup>7</sup> <u>Signage</u>. The range of costs represents the outright purchase of all signage on the franchised locations. It is subject to all local ordinances. These costs are typically not refundable.

<sup>8</sup> <u>Furniture & Equipment.</u> This category includes kitchen supplies you will need such as ovens, cookware, sinks, dishwashers, etc. Although some of these items may be leased, the range shown represents the actual purchase price. Equipment installation charges are included in the range of expenses for furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

<sup>9</sup> <u>Utilities.</u> A utility deposit will typically be required only if the franchisee is a new customer of the utility company.

 $^{10}\,\underline{\text{Uniforms.}}$  This expense covers shirts, hats and/or other branded apparel for employees.

<sup>11</sup> <u>Inventory.</u> Although it is possible that initial inventory may be purchased on open account, the range shown represents the full cost of purchase.

<sup>12</sup> <u>Grand Opening Advertising.</u> The Grand Opening Advertising will be managed and operated by you. You will use different vendors and marketing groups and we will provide direction to the marketing program. The size of the marketing program will depend on your territory and how much advertising you choose to do, but generally it will range between \$5,000 and \$8,000.

13 <u>Insurance</u>. You must purchase the following types and amounts of insurance: (1) workers' compensation insurance and employer liability coverage with a minimum limit of \$100,000 or higher if your state law requires; (2) comprehensive general liability insurance with a minimum liability coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, or higher if your state law requires; (3) automobile liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000 or higher if your state law requires; (4) insurance coverage for contractual indemnity. A 20 percent down payment of the annual premium for general liability insurance and workers' compensation insurance costs is included in the low-end estimate, and the full annual premium is included in the high estimate. Factors that may affect your cost of insurance include the size and location of the franchised business, equipment, inventory, number of employees and other factors. The amounts you pay for insurance are typically non-refundable. You should inquire about the cancellation and refund policy of the insurance carrier or agent at or before the time of purchase.

<sup>14</sup> <u>Licenses & Permits.</u> State and local government agencies typically charge fees for occupancy permits, operating licenses and permits to make improvements to your location. These fees are typically non-refundable. You should inquire about the cancellation and refund policy of the agencies at or before the time of payment. We do not know if the amounts you spend are refundable.

15 <u>Legal & Accounting.</u> You will need to employ an attorney, an accountant and other consultants to assist you in establishing your franchised business. These fees may vary from location to location depending on the prevailing rates of local attorneys, accountants and consultants and your existing relationships. These fees are typically non-refundable. You should inquire about the refund policy of the attorney, accountant or consultant at or before the time of hiring.

<sup>16</sup> Additional Funds. We recommend that you have a minimum amount of money available to cover operating expenses for the first 3 months that the franchised business is open. The lower end represents estimated expenses to maintain minimal operations without any sales for three months. The high end is a more conservative working capital estimate. We cannot guarantee that our recommendation will be sufficient. Additional working capital may be required if sales are low or operating costs are high. These expenses are typically non-refundable.

<sup>17</sup> <u>Total.</u> In compiling this chart, we relied on our and our affiliates' industry knowledge and experience in the business of the type being franchised. The amounts shown are estimates only and may vary for many reasons, including the condition of your facility, the capabilities of your management team, where you locate your franchised business and your business experience and acumen. You should review these

estimates carefully with an accountant or other business advisor before making any decision to buy a franchise. These figures are estimates only and we cannot guarantee that you will not have additional expenses in starting the franchised business. We do not offer direct or indirect financing for any part of the Estimated Initial Investment.

## Item 8: Restrictions on Sources of Products and Services.

#### **Direct Purchases**

You are not required to purchase or lease anything directly from our Affiliate or us.

## **Approved Suppliers**

We will provide you, in the Operations Manual or other written or electronic form, with a list of Approved Suppliers for the advertising materials, food and beverage products, paper goods and other supplies, signs, improvements, inventory and equipment. We may issue revisions to the list. Currently our Affiliate is not an Approved Supplier. None of our officers owns any interest in any of the Approved Suppliers.

If you desire to use any suppliers that we have not approved, you will first send us sufficient information, specifications and samples for us to determine whether the supplier complies with our standards and specifications. We will provide you with our standards and specifications in the Operations Manual or other written or electronic statements available to you and will provide you with our approval for suppliers that meet our criteria. Approval of a supplier will be conditioned on the supplier's ability to provide sufficient quantity of product; quality of products or services at competitive prices; production and delivery capability; dependability and general reputation. You will bear all expenses incurred by us in connection with determining whether we will approve the supplier. We will decide within a reasonable time (usually 30 days) after receiving the required information whether you may purchase or lease such items or services or from such supplier. We will revoke the approval of your submitted supplier at any time that we determine that they no longer meet our standards and specifications as stated in the Operations Manual or other written or electronic statements available to you.

None of the Approved Suppliers will make payments to us from your purchases.

## Our Specifications

You must remodel, furnish and equip your Outlet according to our standards and specifications. We make our Some of the products, supplies and services needed in connection with establishing and the ongoing operation of your Outlet, such as advertising materials, point of sale system, and business insurance, for example, must meet our specifications for appearance, quality, performance or functionality, among other things. We list the specifications for these items and services in the current Operations Manual or in other written or electronic communications provided to you. We estimate that 10% of your purchases made in establishing your Outlet will be made according to our specifications. We estimate that 10% of your purchases made in operating your Outlet will be made according to our specifications.

Neither our Affiliate nor we will derive any revenue or other material consideration from any required purchases or leases by you.

## Miscellaneous

There are no purchasing or distribution cooperatives. We will negotiate purchase agreements with suppliers on your behalf. We do not provide material benefits to you based on the purchase of particular products or services or use of particular suppliers.

## Item 9: Franchisee's Obligations

This table lists Franchisee's principal obligations under the franchise and other agreements. It will help Franchisee find more detailed information about Franchisee's obligations in these agreements and in other ITEMS of this Disclosure Document.

	Obligation	Section in Agreement	Disclosure Document Item
a.	Pre-opening purchases/leases	5 and 13	7 and 8
b.	Initial and ongoing training	8	6, 7 and 11
c.	Opening	5 and 8	11
d.	Fees	3 and 11	5, 6 and 7
e.	Compliance with standards and policies/ Operating Manual	9 and 13	8, 14 and 16
f.	Trademarks and proprietary information	6	13 and 14
g.	Restrictions on products/services offered	13	8 and 16
h.	Warranty and customer service requirements	13	16
i.	Territorial development and sales quotas	N/A	12
j.	Ongoing product/service purchases	13	8 and 11
k.	Maintenance, appearance and remodeling	5 and 13	6
	requirements		
1.	Insurance	15	6, 7 and 8
m.	Advertising	11	6,7 and 11
n.	Indemnification	21	N/A
0.	Owner's participation/ management/ staffing	8 and 13	15
p.	Records and reports	12.	11
q.	Inspections and audits	6 and 12	6, 11 and 13
r.	Transfer	18	6 and 17
S.	Renewal	4	17
t.	Post-termination obligations	17	17
u.	Noncompetition covenants	7	17
v.	Dispute resolution	23	17
Χ.	Right of First Refusal	19	N/A

## **Item 10: Financing**

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

## Item 11: Franchisor's Assistance, Advertising, Computer Systems and Training.

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

## <u>Initial Obligations of Franchisor</u>

Before you open, we will assist you in selecting a location for your Outlet by approving your site selection based on the condition of the premises, demographics of the surrounding area, proximity to other franchisees and affiliates, proximity to Competitive Businesses, or the size of the location and lease requirements. (§5.1) We will designate a geographic area your site selection will fall within, if you have not already received approval for your location when you sign the Franchise Agreement. (§2.3) We will approve or disapprove of your site selection within 30 days of receiving a proposed location. (§5.1) We will review and approve the lease contract for your site. (§5.3) If you fail to receive approval for your site within six months of signing the Franchise Agreement, we will have the right to terminate that Agreement. (§5.2)

We will provide you with specifications for the development of the Approved Location. (§5.4) We will provide you with a list of Approved suppliers and written specifications for your required purchases. (§13.1) We will provide training for your Designated manager and up to 2 assistants. (§8.1) We will provide training for your staff and other general opening assistance. (§8.2) We will provide you with a copy of our Operations Manual. (§9.1)

You will be responsible for conforming the site to local codes and ordinances. We will not assist you in construction, remodeling, or decorating your site. We will not assist you in hiring your employees.

#### Development Timetable

We estimate that the typical length of time between the signing of the Franchise Agreement and the opening of the franchise location is 6-12 months. Factors that may affect Franchisee's beginning operations include ability to obtain a lease, financing or building permits, zoning and local ordinances, weather conditions, shortages, or delayed installation of equipment, fixtures, and signs. (§§5.2, 5.5 and 5.7)

## Ongoing Obligations of Franchisor

We will provide training for newly named Designated Managers. (§8.4) We will provide additional training to the Designated Manager if necessary. (§8.5) We will provide you with developments to the System by providing updated copies of the

Operations Manual or other written documents. (§7.2) We will be available to render advice, discuss problems and offer general guidance to you by telephone, e-mail, facsimile, newsletters and other methods with respect to general operating problems. (§8.6)

We will provide you with modifications to the Operations Manual as they are made available to franchisees. (§9.2) We will prescribe a standard accounting system in the Operations Manual. (§12.1) We will provide you with pricing for the products offered. (§13.1) We will also make periodic visits to the Approved Location to provide you with consultation, assistance and guidance in various aspects of the operation and management of the Outlet. (§8.7)

We will not assist you in the hiring of your employees as your staff turns over.

## **Advertising Program**

You must participate in a System-wide Marketing Fund. All franchises and Company Owned affiliates will contribute 2% of their Gross Sales Monthly to the Marketing Fund. We are obligated to use the Marketing Fund for the purpose of advertising the franchise system. We will administer the fund and will have an accounting available to you upon request, of the marketing fund prepared each year at the marketing fund's expense. If excess amounts remain in any fund at the end of such fiscal year, all expenditures in the following fiscal year(s) shall be made first out of such excess amounts, including any interest or other earnings of the fund, and next out of prior year contributions and then out of current contributions. (§11.3) The funds from the Marketing Fund will be used to maintain the Slice Factory Website, develop Social Media and other physical advertising on a national level. We are not obligated to advertise directly in your territory. (§11.5) We did not have a franchisee in the past fiscal year and thus have not yet established the Marketing Fund. The System-wide Marketing Fund will not be used to solicit new franchise sales.

You will be permitted to use your own advertising material for local advertising provided that we first approve the material. (§11.2)

We do not have an advertising council. You will not be required to participate in an advertising cooperative.

## Computer System

You are required to purchase the following computer hardware and software:

Hardware	Software
POS Hardware	QuickBooks Accounting Pro Software Package (2011 or higher)
Computer	TOAST POS

Backup Drive	Microsoft Office (2007 or higher)

The approximate cost of the hardware and software is \$6,000 to \$9,000. We will be permitted full access to your computer and point of sale data without contractual limitation. (§12.4) We are not obligated to repair or maintain your computer system and do not require you to purchase a maintenance package, but you may decide to hire an IT professional for this purpose. We do not have any contractual limits on the frequency and cost to maintain, upgrade and update the computer system outside of the overall limit on the overall cost of changes to the franchise system.

## Operations Manual

We will provide to you, on loan, one copy of the Slice Factory Operations Manual or provide you with access to an electronic copy of the Operations Manual. The Table of Contents of the Operations Manual, along with number of pages devoted to each section, is included as Exhibit D to this Disclosure Document. (Section 9.1)

## Franchisor's Training Program

#### TRAINING PROGRAM

Subject	Hours of Classroom Training	Hours of On-The-Job Training	Location
Introduction to Slice Factory	4	0	Corporate Office
Front of the House Operations	2	20	Berwyn, IL or other location as specified
Back of the House Operations	2	20	Berwyn, IL or other location as specified
Administrative	4	0	Corporate Office
Marketing & Sales	12	4	Berwyn, IL or other location as specified
Management Techniques	4	4	Berwyn, IL or other location as specified
Vendor Relationships	4	0	Corporate Office
TOTAL	32	48	

The initial training program will be conducted on an as needed basis, approximately 2 months before the opening of the Outlet, and will be held at our location and yours. The initial training program must be completed within 12 months of receiving your site approval. (§§5.6 and 5.7) The training materials include the Operations Manual

and related written materials. Domenico DiDiana has been working in the industry since 2010 and has been working in the Slice Factory system since 2013. We do not charge for initial training; however, you must pay for all travel costs and living expenses any attendees. Your designated manager is required to attend and satisfactorily complete the initial training program. You may also bring up to 2 assistants. (§8.1) Additional training programs may be required but are not currently scheduled. (§8.5)

## **Item 12: Territory**

Your Franchised Business Location will be in a location that we approve. If we have not already approved a location for the Franchised Business, you shall select and submit possible sites within the Designated Area for our approval. (Section 2.3) You will not receive an exclusive territory. (Section 2.4) You may face competition from other franchisees, from outlets that we own, and from other channels of distribution or competitive brands that we control. We shall allow the reasonable relocation of the Franchised Business Location. You will not be permitted to open additional franchise outlets within the Territory. (Sections 2.5 and 2.6) We do not grant you a minimum territory. Your territory will be mutually agreed upon with us. (Section 2.4) We do not reserve a right to any channels of distribution within your territory.

You do not have any options, rights or first refusal or rights to acquire additional franchises granted under this Agreement. You shall not directly market to or solicit customers located outside your territory but may accept business from customers who come to you from outside your territory. (Section 2.10) We do not currently operate a business under a different trademark that will compete with you within the Territory but may do so in the future and reserve all channels of distribution for such a business. (Section 2.9)

## Item 13: Trademarks

#### Principal Trademark(s)

The following are the principal trademarks that we license to you that are registered on the principal register of the United State Patent and Trademark Office and for which all required affidavits have been filed:

Trademark	Registration	Registration	Renewal
	Date	Number	Date
Slice Factory	05/20/2014	4534814	05/20/2024

## **Material Determinations**

We know of no currently effective material determinations of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, or any state trademark administrator or court; or any pending infringement, opposition, or cancellation proceedings. We know of no pending material federal or state court litigation regarding our use or ownership rights in any of the Marks.

## **Trademark Agreements**

We have an agreement with our Affiliate for the use and licensing of our Marks that is perpetual and doesn't require the payment of any ongoing fees.

## **Trademark Liabilities**

We are not required to protect your right to use the principle trademark or to protect you against claims of infringement or unfair competition arising out of your use of the Marks. You must immediately notify us when you learn about an infringement of, or challenge to your use of, any Mark, or any claim by any person of any rights in any Marks, and you must not communicate with any person other than us and our counsel regarding any infringements, challenges or claims unless you are legally required to do so, however, you may communicate with you own counsel at your own expense. We are not required to take affirmative action when notified of these uses or claims but will take the action we think appropriate. We have the option to control the defense and settlement of any proceeding related to your use of the Marks. We will reimburse you for all of your expenses reasonably incurred in any legal proceeding disputing your authorized use of any Mark, but only if you notify us of the proceeding in a timely manner and you have complied with our directions with regard to the proceeding. If we require you to modify or discontinue using a trademark, you will be solely responsible for all expenses up to the cap for system modifications stated in the Franchise Agreement.

## Superior Rights and Infringements

We know of no infringing or prior superior uses that could materially affect the use of the Marks in the State of Illinois or any other state in which the Franchised Business is to be located.

## Item 14: Patents, Copyrights and Proprietary Information (Trade Secrets).

### <u>Patents</u>

We do not own rights in, or licenses to, patents or patent applications that are material to the franchise.

## Copyrights

All of our original works of authorship fixed in a tangible medium of expression, including but not limited to our Operations Manual, are automatically protected under the U.S. Copyright Act. We have not sought a copyright registration for any of these materials. You may use our copyrighted materials during the term of the franchise, in a manner consistent with our ownership rights, solely for the purpose of operating your Outlet. There are no material determinations of the United States Copyright Office or any

court regarding any of our copyrighted materials. We are not obligated to protect the copyright or to defend you against claims arising from your use of the copyrighted items.

## **Trade Secrets**

We have developed certain trade secrets and other confidential information, including methods of business management, sales and promotion techniques, and know-how, knowledge of, and experience in, operating our franchised business.

## Item 15: Obligation to Participate in the Actual Operation of the Franchised Business.

You are required to appoint a Designated Manager to provide personal onpremises supervision of the Outlet. Your Designated Manager is not required to hold an equity interest if you are a business entity. The Designated Manager must successfully complete our training program, any additional trainings we designate, and will be required to sign nondisclosure and noncompetition agreements in a form the same as or similar to the Nondisclosure and Noncompetition agreement attached to the Franchise Agreement.

## Item 16: Restrictions on What the Franchisee May Sell.

You are only permitted to offer the products authorized by us and you must discontinue offering any products that we may disapprove. You are not obligated to sell all of the products authorized by us. We may periodically change required or authorized services. There are no limits on our right to do so, except that your investment required to change required or authorized services will not exceed \$25,000 during the initial term of the franchise.

## 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 agreement attached to this Disclosure Document.

Provision	Section in Franchise or Other Agreement	Summary
a. Length of franchise term	4.1	The initial term is 10 years.
b. Renewal or extension of term	4.2	After the initial term you will be required to sign the then current franchise agreement that may contain materially different terms and conditions

		than your original franchise agreement but will be for a term of 10 years.
c. Requirements for franchisee to renew or extend	4.2	You may renew the then-current Franchise Agreement if you: have fully complied with the provisions of the Franchise Agreement; have the right to maintain possession of the approved location or an approved substitute location for the term of the renewal; have made capital expenditures as necessary to maintain uniformity with the System; have satisfied all monetary obligations owed to us; are not in default of any provision of the Franchise Agreement or any other agreement with us; have given timely written notice of your intent to renew; sign a current Franchise Agreement, which may have different terms and conditions than Franchisee's original Franchise Agreement; comply with current training requirements; and sign a general release in a form the same as or similar to the General Release attached to the Franchise Agreement. You will be required to sign the then current franchise agreement hat may contain materially different terms and conditions than your original franchise agreement.
d. Termination by franchisee	16.1	You may terminate the Franchise Agreement if you are in compliance with it, we materially breache it, and we fail to begin to cure our breach within 30 days of receiving your written notice.
e. Termination by franchisor without cause	None	
f. Termination by franchisor with cause	16.2	See g and h below.
g. "Cause" defined-curable defaults	16.2.2	If a default arises from your failure to comply with a mandatory specification in the Franchise Agreement or Operations Manual, you can avoid termination of the Franchise Agreement if you cure the following defaults: your failure to maintain insurance; your failure to make payments due to us; your failure to comply with any mandatory Specification, standard or operating procedure prescribed in the Operations

Manual or otherwise prescribed in writing; or any other default not explicitly stated in the Franchise Agreement.
We have the right to terminate the Franchise Agreement without giving you an opportunity to cure if you: fail to timely select an approved site for or establish, equip and begin operations of the franchised business; fails to have its Designated Manager satisfactorily complete training; makes a material misrepresentation or omission in the application for the franchise; after notice to cure, fail to refrain from activities, behavior or conduct likely to adversely affect the reputation of either party or the franchised business; are convicted of or pleads no contest to a felony or other crime or offense likely to affect the reputation of either party or the franchised business; use the Operations Manual, Training Manuals, trade secrets or other confidential information in an unauthorized manner; if required, fail to have its owners (and members of their immediate families and households), officers, directors, managers, executives and professional staff, and other individuals having access to trade secrets or other confidential information sign nondisclosure and noncompetition agreements or, if requested, fails to provide us with copies of all signed nondisclosure and noncompetition agreements; abandon the Franchised Business for 5 or more consecutive days; surrenders or transfers control of the Franchised Business in an unauthorized manner; fail to maintain the Franchised Business under the supervision of a Designated Manager following their death or disability; submits reports on 2 or more separate occasions understating any amounts due by more than 3%; is adjudicated bankrupt, insolvent or make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; misuses or makes unauthorized use of the Marks; fail on 2 or more occasions within any 12 months to submit reports or records or to pay any fees due Franchisor or any Affiliate; violate on 2 or more occasions any health, safety or other laws or operates the Franchised Business in a manner creating a health or safety hazard to customers, employees or the public; take any

		to us; fail to comply with applicable law after notice; breach the franchise agreement or fail to comply with specifications on 2 or more occasions within any 12 months; or default under any other agreement with us (or an Affiliate) so that they have the right to terminate such agreement.
i. Franchisee's obligations on termination/nonre newal	17.1	If the Franchise Agreement is terminated or not renewed, you must: stop operating the franchised business; stop using any trade secrets, confidential information, the System and the Marks; if requested, assign Franchisee's interest in the franchise location to Franchisor; cancel or assign to Franchisor any assumed names; pay all sums owed to Franchisor including damages and costs incurred in enforcing the Franchise Agreement; return the Operations Manual, trade secrets and all other confidential information; assign your telephone and facsimile numbers to us; comply with the covenants not to compete and any other surviving provisions of the Franchise Agreement.
j. Assignment of contract by franchisor	18.1	There are no restrictions on our right to assign its interest in the Franchise Agreement.
k. "Transfer" by franchisee- definition	18.2	"Transfer" means to sell, assign, convey, give away, pledge, mortgage, sublicense or otherwise transfer, whether by operation of law or otherwise, any interest in this Agreement, the franchise granted hereby, the Approved Location used in operating the Franchised Business, its assets, or any part or all of the ownership interest in your business.
1. Franchisor's approval of transfer by franchisee	18.2	You may not transfer your interest without our prior written consent.
m. Conditions for franchisor approval of transfer	18.2	We will consent to a transfer if: we have not exercised our right of first refusal; all obligations owed to us are paid; you and the transferee have signed a general release in a form the same as or similar to the General Release attached to the Franchise Agreement; the prospective transferee

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		meets our business and financial standards; the transferee and all persons owning any interest in the transferee sign the then current Franchise Agreement; you provide a copy of all contracts and agreements related to the transfer; you or the transferee pay a transfer fee of \$10,000; the transferee or the owners of transferee have agreed to be personally bound by all provisions of the Franchise Agreement; you have agreed to guarantee performance by the transferee, if requested by us; the transferee has obtained all necessary consents and approvals of third parties; you or all of your equity owners have signed a noncompetition agreement in a form the same as or similar to the Nondisclosure and Noncompetition attached to the Franchise Agreement; the transferee has agreed that its Designated Manager will complete the initial training program before assuming management of the franchised business; and the transferee has obtained all necessary types of insurance.
n. Franchisor's right of first refusal to acquire franchisee's business	19	we may match an offer for the Franchised Business or an ownership interest you propose to sell.
o. Franchisor's option to purchase franchisee's franchised business	17.4	Except as described in (n) above, we do not have the right to purchase the Franchised Business; however, during the 30-day period after the termination or expiration of the Franchise Agreement, we have the right to purchase any assets of the Franchised Business for fair market value.
p. Death or disability of franchisee	18.6	Following the death or incapacity of an owner of the Franchised Business or the death or incapacity of any holder of a legal or beneficial interest in the Franchised Business, that person or their representative must transfer, subject to the terms of the Franchise Agreement, their interest in the franchised business within 180 days of death or incapacity or we may terminate the Franchise Agreement.
q. Noncompetition covenants during	7.3	You, your owners (and members of their families and households) and your officers, directors,

the term of the franchise		executives, managers, professional staff and employees are prohibited from: attempting to divert any business or customer of the franchised business to a competitive business or causing injury or prejudice to the Marks or the System; owning or working for a competitive business.
r. Noncompetition covenants after the franchise is terminated or expires	17.2	For 1 year after the termination or expiration of the Franchise Agreement, you, your owners (and members of their families and households) and your officers, directors, executives, managers or professional staff are prohibited from: owning or working for a competitive business operating within 25 miles of the franchise location or within the area of primary responsibility (whichever is greater), or within 25 miles of any other Franchised Business; or soliciting or influencing any of our customers, employees or business associates to compete with us or terminate their relationship with us.
s. Modification of the agreement	9.2, 22.7 and 22.8	The Franchise Agreement can be modified only by written agreement between you and us. We may modify the Operations Manual without your consent if the modification does not materially alter Franchisee's fundamental rights.
t. Integration/ merger clause	22.7	Only the terms of the Franchise Agreement are binding. Nothing in this or in any related agreement, however, is intended to disclaim the representations we madke in this franchise disclosure document.
u. Dispute resolution by arbitration or mediation	23.6	Except for claims relating to the Marks, confidential information, trade secrets and covenants not to compete, and subject to state law, all disputes must be arbitrated in Melrose Park, Illinois.
v. Choice of forum	23.2	Subject to state law, any litigation must be pursued in courts located in Melrose Park, Illinois.
w. Choice of law	23.1	Subject to state law, Illinois Law applies; except that disputes over the Marks will be governed by the United States Trademark Act of 1946 (Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 1051 et seq.) and

	disputes over copyrights will be governed by federal copyright laws of the United States.
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## **Item 18: Public Figures.**

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

## **Item 19: Financial Performance Representation.**

- (1) 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 Franchisee is 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.
- (2) 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 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 Domenico DiDiana, 6900 Ogden Ave., Berwyn IL 60404, 708-328-0080, the Federal Trade Commission, and the appropriate state regulatory agencies.

Item 20: Outlets and Franchise Information.

Table No. 1 **System wide Outlet Summary For Years 2018 to 2020** 

Outlet Type	Year	Outlets at the Start of the Year	Outlets at the End of the Year	Net Change
	2018	0	0	0
Franchised	2019	0	4	+4
	2020	4	5	+1
	2018	5	5	0
Company-Owned	2019	5	5	0
	2020	5	4	-1
Total Outlate	2018	5	5	0
Total Outlets	2019	5	9	+4

2020	9	9	0

Table No. 2
Transfers of Outlets from Franchisees to New Owners (other than the Franchisor)
For Years 2018 to 2020

State	Year	Number of Transfers
	2018	0
Illinois	2019	0
	2020	0
	2018	0
Total	2019	0
	2020	0

Table No. 3 **Status of Franchised Outlets For Years 2018 to 2020** 

State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Terminations	Non- Renewals	Reacquired by Franchisor	Ceased Operations - Other Reasons	Outlets at End of the Year
	2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IL	2019	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
	2020	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
	2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2019	0	4	0	0	0	0	4
	2020	4	1	0	0	0	0	5

Table No. 4 **Status of Company-Owned Outlets For Years 2018 to 2020** 

State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Outlets Reacquired From Franchisees	Outlets Closed	Outlets Sold to Franchisees	Outlets at End of the Year
	2018	5	0	0	0	0	5
IL	2019	5	0	0	0	0	5
	2020	5	0	0	0	1	4
	2018	5	0	0	0	0	5
Total	2019	5	0	0	0	0	5

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Table No. 5 **Projected Openings as of December 31, 2020** 

State	Franchise Agreements Signed But Outlet Not Yet Opened	Projected New Franchised Outlet In The Next Fiscal Year	Projected New Company- Owned Outlet in the Next Fiscal Year
IL	0	2	1
Total	0	2	1

We have no franchisees at the time of the issuance of this FDD. If you buy this franchise, your contact information may be disclosed to other buyers when you leave the franchise system. No franchisees have had an outlet terminated, canceled, not renewed, or otherwise voluntarily or involuntarily ceased to do business under the franchise agreement. Your contact information will be disclosed here if you buy a franchise and later leave the franchise system. We are not selling any previously owned franchised outlets now under its control.

In some instances, current and former franchisees sign provisions restricting their ability to speak openly about their experience with Slice Factory franchise system. You may wish to speak with current and former franchisees, but be aware that not all such franchisees will be able to communicate with you.

There are no trademark-specific franchisee organizations associated with the franchise system being offered.

## **Item 21: Financial Statements.**

The required financial statements are attached in Exhibit E to this document. Our fiscal year end date is December 31.

#### **Item 22: Contracts.**

All proposed agreements regarding the franchise offering are attached: Franchise Agreement (Exhibit C); General Release (Exhibit 1 to the Franchise Agreement); Nondisclosure and Noncompetition Agreement (Exhibit 2 to the Franchise Agreement); Unlimited Guaranty and Assumption of Obligations (Exhibit 3 to the Franchise Agreement).

## Item 23: Receipts.

The receipts appear as the final two pages of this document.

## LIST OF STATE ADMINISTRATORS

The following is a list of state administrators responsible for registration and review of franchises for these states. We may register in one or more of these states.

#### California

Department of Financial Protection and Innovation One Sansome Street San Francisco, California 94104-4428

#### Connecticut

Connecticut Banking Commissioner Department of Banking Securities & Business Investments Division 260 Constitution Plaza Hartford, Connecticut 06103

#### <u>Florida</u>

Division of Consumer Services Attn: Business Opportunities 2005 Apalachee Parkway Tallahassee, Florida 32399-6500

### Hawaii

Commissioner of Securities Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs 335 Merchant Street, Room 203 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 (808) 586-2722

#### Illinois

Illinois Attorney General 500 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62706 (217) 782-4465

#### Indiana

Indiana Secretary of State Securities Division 302 West Washington Street, Room E-111 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

#### **Kentucky**

Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division Attn: Business Opportunity 1024 Capital Center Drive Frankfort, KY 40601-8204

#### Maine

Department of Professional and Financial Regulations Bureau of Banking Securities Division 121 Statehouse Station Augusta, Maine 04333

#### Maryland

Office of the Attorney General Securities Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Michigan

Michigan Attorney General's Office Consumer Protection Division Attn: Franchise Section 525 W. Ottawa Street G. Mennen Williams Building, 1st Floor Lansing, Michigan 48933

#### Minnesota

Minnesota Department of Commerce Commissioner of Commerce 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 600 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

#### Nebraska

Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance Commerce Court 1230 O Street, Suite 400

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Lincoln, Nebraska 68509

New York

Bureau of Investor Protection and Securities New York State Department of Law 120 Broadway, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor New York, New York 10271

North Carolina

Secretary of State Securities Division 300 North Salisbury Street, Suite 100 Raleigh, NC 27603-5909

North Dakota

North Dakota Securities Department 600 East Boulevard Avenue State Capitol – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Department 414 Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0510 (701) 328-4712

Rhode Island

Department of Business Regulation JOHN O. PASTORE COMPLEX 1511 Pontiac Avenue Bldg. 69, First Floor Cranston, RI 02920

South Carolina

Office of the Secretary of State 1205 Pendleton Street Edgar Brown Building, Suite 525 Columbia, South Carolina 29201

South Dakota

Department of Revenue and Regulation Division of Securities 445 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501

**Texas** 

Office of the Secretary of State Statutory Document Section 1019 Brazos Street Austin, Texas 78701

Utah

Utah Department of Commerce Division of Consumer Protection 160 East Three Hundred South P.O. Box 146704 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6704

Virginia

State Corporation Commission Division of Securities and Retail Franchising Tyler Building, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor 1300 East Main Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

Washington

Department of Financial Institutions Securities Division 150 Israel Road Southwest Olympia, Washington 98501

Wisconsin

Division of Securities Department of Financial Institutions 345 West Washington Avenue Madison, Wisconsin 53703

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## LIST OF STATE AGENTS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

The following state agencies are designated as Franchisor's agent for service of process in accordance with the applicable state laws. We may register in one or more of these states.

## California

Department of Financial Protection and Innovation One Sansome Street San Francisco, CA 94104-4428

#### Connecticut

Connecticut Banking Commissioner Department of Banking Securities & Business Investments Division 260 Constitution Plaza Hartford, Connecticut 06103

## <u>Hawaii</u>

Commissioner of Securities Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs 335 Merchant Street, Room 203 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

#### Illinois

Illinois Attorney General 500 South Second Street Springfield, Illinois 62706

#### Indiana

Indiana Secretary of State Securities Division 302 West Washington Street, Room E-111 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

#### Maryland

Maryland Securities Commissioner Office of Attorney General Securities Division 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, Maryland 21202

## Michigan

Michigan Department of Commerce Corporations and Securities Bureau P.O. Box 30054 6546 Mercantile Way Lansing, Michigan 48909

#### Minnesota

Minnesota Department of Commerce Commissioner of Commerce 85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 600 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

## New York

Secretary of the State of New York 41 State Street Albany, New York 12231

### North Dakota

North Dakota Securities Department State Capitol – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor 600 East Boulevard Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0510

## Rhode Island

Director, Department of Business Regulation JOHN O. PASTORE COMPLEX 1511 Pontiac Avenue Bldg. 69, First Floor Cranston, RI 02920

#### South Dakota

Department of Revenue and Regulation Division of Securities 445 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501

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## Virginia

Clerk, State Corporation Commission Tyler Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor 1300 East Main Street Richmond, Virginia 23219

## Washington

Director, Department of Financial Institutions
Securities Division
150 Israel Road Southwest
Olympia, Washington 98501

## Wisconsin

Commissioner of Securities 345 West Washington Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Madison, Wisconsin 53703

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## §1 Definitions

bound, agree as follows:

Whenever used in this Agreement, the following words and terms have the following meanings:

Slice Factory Franchised Business. Franchisor and Franchisee, intending to be legally

- "Affiliate" means any business entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with Franchisor.
- "Agreement" means this agreement entitled "Slice Factory Franchise Agreement" and all instruments supplemental hereto or in amendment or confirmation hereof.
- "Approved Location" means the site for the operation of the Franchised Business selected by Franchisee and approved in writing by Franchisor.
- "Competitive Business" means any business that offers or provides (or grants franchises or licenses to others to operate a business that offers or provides) services the same as or similar to those provided by Franchised Businesses or in which Trade Secrets or other Confidential Information could be used to the disadvantage of Franchisor, any Affiliate or its other franchisees; provided, however, that the term "Competitive Business" shall not apply to (a) any business operated by Franchisee under a Franchise Agreement with Franchisor, or (b) any business operated by a publicly-held entity in which Franchisee owns more than a five percent (5%) legal or beneficial interest.
- "Confidential Information" means information used in or related to Slice Factory Franchised Businesses and not commonly known by or available to the public, including, without limitation, Trade Secrets and any other information identified or labeled as confidential when delivered by Franchisor.

"Operations Manual" means the Slice Factory Operations Manual, whether in paper or electronic form, and any other items as may be provided, added to, changed, modified or otherwise revised by Franchisor from time to time that contain or describe the standards, methods, procedures and specifications of the System, including other operations, administration and managers' manuals and all books, computer programs, password-protected portions of an Internet site, pamphlets, memoranda and other publications prepared by, or on behalf of, Franchisor.

"Designated Manager" means the individual designated by Franchisee as having primary responsibility for managing the daily affairs of the Franchised Business.

"Effective Date" means the date on which Franchisor and Franchisee fully execute this Agreement, thereby commencing its effectiveness and term.

**"Franchise"** means the right granted to Franchisee by Franchisor to use the System and the Marks.

"Franchised Business" means the Slice Factory business to be established and operated by Franchisee pursuant to this Agreement.

"Gross Revenue" means the aggregate of all revenue collected from all sources in connection with the Franchised Business, whether for check, cash, credit or otherwise including, without limitation, all proceeds from any business interruption insurance, but excluding (a) any revenue Franchisee remits to a customer or property owner or collection agency that Franchisee is contractually obligated to remit, (b) any chargeback fees Franchisee pays to a collection agency, (c) any sales and equivalent taxes that are collected by Franchisee for or on behalf of any governmental taxing authority and paid thereto, and (d) any rebate received by Franchisee from a manufacturer or supplier.

"Incapacity" means the inability of Franchisee, or any holder of a legal or beneficial interest in Franchisee, to operate or oversee the operation of the Franchised Business on a regular basis by reason of any continuing physical, mental or emotional condition, chemical dependency or other limitation;

"Marks" means the trade name or trademark "Slice Factory" and such other trade names, trademarks, service marks, trade dress, designs, graphics, logos, emblems, insignia, fascia, slogans, drawings and other commercial symbols as Franchisor may designate to be used in connection with Slice Factory Franchised Businesses;

"System" means the uniform standards, methods, procedures and specifications developed by Franchisor and as may be added to, changed, modified, withdrawn or otherwise revised by Franchisor for the operation of SF Systems Inc. Businesses; and

"Trade Secrets" means information in any form (including, but not limited to, technical or non-technical data, formulas, patterns, compilations, programs, devices, methods, techniques, drawings, processes, financial data, financial plans, product plans, passwords, lists of actual or potential customers or suppliers) related to or used in Slice

Factory Franchised Businesses that are not commonly known by or available to the public and that: (a) derives economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertained by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and (b) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.

## §2 Grant of Franchise and Approved Location

### 2.1 Grant

Franchisor hereby grants to Franchisee, upon the terms and conditions herein contained, a revocable, limited license to operate one (1) Slice Factory Franchised Business using the System and Marks.

## 2.2 Approved Location

The street address (or detailed description of the premises) of the Approved	
Location for the operation of the Franchised Business is:	
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## 2.3 Approved Location Not Determined

If the Approved Location is determined as of the Effective Date, then this Section shall be inapplicable. If the Approved Location is not determined as of the Effective Date, then the geographic area in which the Approved Location is to be located shall be within the geographic area described below ("Designated Area"). Franchisee shall select and submit possible sites for Franchisor's evaluation in accordance with Section 5.1. When the Approved Location is determined, its address shall be inserted into Section 2.2, shall be initialed and dated by Franchisee and Franchisor and the Designated Area shall lapse. The failure to insert such address into Section 2.2, shall not automatically affect the enforceability of this Agreement. The Designated Area is delineated for the sole purpose of site selection and does not confer any territorial exclusivity or protection. A detailed description of the geographic area or boundaries of the Designated Area is:

## 2.4 Territory

Franchisee will not receive an exclusive territory. Franchisee shall receive a territory to be mutually agreed upon by Franchisor and Franchisee and depicted in the map in Section 2.7 below ("Territory"). Franchisee will operate the Franchised Business within the designated Territory and shall limit all direct marketing, advertising, and business activities as stated in Section 2.10. As long as this Agreement is in full force and effect and Franchisee is not in default under any of the terms hereof, Franchisor shall not

limit or alter the boundaries of Franchisee's Territory. Franchisee's rights in the Territory are subject to Franchisor's rights articulated in Section 2.9.

## 2.5 Approved Relocation

If Franchisee wishes to relocate to a new Approved Location, Franchisee shall select and submit possible sites for Franchisor's evaluation in accordance with Sections 2.3 and 5.1. Franchisor shall not unreasonably withhold its approval.

### 2.6 Additional Franchise Outlets

Franchisee shall not be permitted to open additional Franchised Businesses within their territory. Additional franchises shall be governed by an additional franchise agreement.

## 2.7 Map or Description of Territory

The Territory shall be defined by and exist within the following zip codes or other	er	
physical, political or natural boundaries:		

## [or Insert Map Here]

## 2.8 Sub-Franchising/Agents

Franchisee shall not sublicense the use of the System or Marks to any person or entity. Except as permitted in Section 18, Franchisee shall not grant any person or entity the right to perform any part of Franchisee's rights or obligations licensed hereunder.

## 2.9 Franchisor's Rights

- 2.9.1 Franchisee acknowledges that except to the extent provided in Section 2.4 above, Franchisor expressly retains all rights and discretion with respect to the Marks and System, including the right to:
- 2.9.1.1 establish, own or operate, and license others to establish, own or operate, Slice Factory Franchised Businesses outside of the Territory;
- 2.9.1.2 establish, own or operate, and license others to establish, own or operate other businesses under other systems using other trademarks at locations inside and outside of the Territory;

- 2.9.1.3 be acquired (regardless of the form of transaction) by any business, even if the other business operates, franchises and/or licenses Competitive Businesses within the Territory;
- 2.9.1.4 provide the services and sell the products authorized for Slice Factory Franchised Businesses using the Marks or other trademarks, service marks and commercial symbols through an alternate channel of distribution on such terms and conditions as Franchisor deems appropriate; and
- 2.9.1.5 purchase or otherwise acquire the assets or controlling ownership of one (1) or more businesses identical or similar to the Franchised Business some or all of which may be located anywhere, including within the Territory.
- 2.9.2 If Franchisor purchases or acquires such businesses within the Territory that are not franchised or licensed, Franchisor may, in its sole discretion:
- 2.9.2.1 offer to sell any such businesses to Franchisee or to any third party at the business's fair market value to be operated as a Slice Factory Franchised Business; or
- 2.9.2.2 offer Franchisee the opportunity to operate such business(s) in partnership with Franchisor (or an Affiliate) under the business(s) existing trade name or a different trade name.

## 2.10 Marketing and Solicitation Restrictions

- 2.10.1 Except as part of cooperative advertising implemented pursuant to Section 11.4, Franchisee shall not advertise in any media whose primary circulation is within the area of primary responsibility of another franchisee or Affiliate. Franchisor shall make reasonable efforts to enforce these restrictions with regard to Franchisee and any other Slice Factory Franchised Businesses, but under no circumstances shall Franchisor be required to engage in litigation or similar actions with regard to these restrictions.
- 2.10.2 Despite the marketing restriction in the previous section, Franchisee shall be permitted to serve any customers regardless of their home or business location at their Approved Location within the Territory.

## §3 Fees

### 3.1 Franchise Fee

Payment of the franchise fee is postponed until after all of franchisor's initial obligations are complete and franchisee is open for business. Franchisee shall pay a fee ("Franchise Fee") to Franchisor of TWENTY NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$29,500). The Franchise Fee shall be deemed fully earned upon execution of this Agreement and is nonrefundable, except under certain conditions set forth under Sections 5.2, and 8.3. The Franchise Fee is payment, in part, for expenses incurred by

Franchisor in furnishing assistance and services to Franchisee as set forth in this Agreement and for costs incurred by Franchisor, including general sales and marketing expenses, training, legal, accounting and other professional fees. The Franchise Fee shall be due within 15 days of opening for business after which it will be deemed late.

## 3.2 Monthly Royalty Fee

On or before the first Monday of each Month, for so long as this Agreement shall be in effect, Franchisor shall be entitled to a fee ("Royalty Fee") equal to five percent (5%) of the Gross Revenue for the previous month. Franchisee shall pay the Monthly Royalty Fee in the following manner: Monthly Royalty Fee payments made by Franchisee shall accompany a sales report included directly from the required POS System. If Franchisor requires Franchisee to pay Royalty Fees through electronic transfer as set forth in Section 3.4, such reports shall instead be submitted to Franchisor via facsimile transmission, e-mail or intranet system.

### 3.3 Taxes

Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor an amount equal to all sales taxes, excise taxes, use taxes, withholding taxes and similar taxes imposed on the fees payable by Franchisee to Franchisor hereunder and on services or goods furnished to Franchisee by Franchisor at the same time as Franchisee remits such fees to Franchisor, whether such services or goods are furnished by sale, lease or otherwise, unless the tax is an income tax assessed on Franchisor for doing business in the state where the Approved Location is located.

### 3.4 Late Fees

All Royalty Fees, Marketing Fund Contributions, amounts due for purchases by Franchisee from Franchisor and other amounts that are not received by Franchisor within five (5) days after the due date shall incur late fees at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month (or the highest rate allowed by the law of the state where Franchisee is located), from the date payment is due to the date payment is received by Franchisor. Franchisee shall pay Franchisor for all costs incurred by Franchisor in the collection of any unpaid and past due Royalty Fees, Marketing Fund Contributions or any other amounts due Franchisor, including reasonable accounting and legal fees. This Section shall not constitute an agreement by Franchisor to accept any payments after the due date or a commitment by Franchisor to extend credit to or otherwise finance Franchisee.

### 3.5 Application of Payments

Notwithstanding any designation by Franchisee, Franchisor shall have the right to apply any payments by Franchisee to any past due indebtedness of Franchisee for Royalty Fees, Marketing Fund Contributions, purchases from Franchisor or any other amount owed to Franchisor in any proportion or priority.

## §4 Term and Renewal

#### 4.1 Initial Term

This Agreement shall be effective and binding for an initial term of ten (10) years from the Effective Date, unless sooner terminated pursuant to Section 16.

### 4.2 Successor Franchise

- 4.2.1 Subject to the conditions below, Franchisee has the right to obtain a Successor Franchise at the expiration of the term of this Agreement by entering into the then current franchise agreement with Franchisor. To qualify for a successor franchise, each of the following conditions shall have been fulfilled and remain true as of the last day of the term of this Agreement:
- 4.2.1.1 Franchisee has, during the entire term of this Agreement, fully complied with all material provisions of this Agreement;
- 4.2.1.2 Franchisee has access to and, for the duration of the successor franchise, the right to remain in possession of the Approved Location, or a suitable substitute location approved by Franchisor, which is in full compliance with Franchisor's then-current specifications and standards;
- 4.2.1.3 Franchisee has, at its expense, made such capital expenditures as were necessary to maintain uniformity with any Franchisor-required System modifications such that the Franchised Business reflects Franchisor's then-current standards and specifications;
- 4.2.1.4 Franchisee has satisfied all monetary obligations owed by Franchisee to Franchisor (or any Affiliate), and has timely met these obligations throughout the term of this Agreement;
- 4.2.1.5 Franchisee is not in default of any provision of this Agreement or any other agreement between Franchisee and Franchisor;
- 4.2.1.6 Franchisee has given written notice of its intent to operate a successor franchise to Franchisor not less than nine (9) months nor more than twelve (12) months prior to the end of the term of this Agreement;
- 4.2.1.7 Franchisee has executed Franchisor's then-current form of franchise agreement that may be different from this Agreement (or has executed other documents at Franchisor's election that modify this Agreement to reflect the fact that the Franchise Agreement relates to the grant of a successor franchise), which franchise agreement shall supersede this Agreement in all respects, and the terms of which may differ from the terms of this Agreement by requiring, among other things, a different percentage Royalty Fee or Marketing Fund Contribution; provided, however, that Franchisee shall not be required to pay either a renewal fee or the then-current Franchise Fee:

4.2.1.8 Franchisee has complied with Franchisor's then-current qualifications for a new franchisee and has agreed to comply with any training requirements; and

4.2.1.9 Franchisee has executed a general release, in a form the same as or similar to the General Release attached as Exhibit 1, of any and all claims against Franchisor, any Affiliate and against their officers, directors, shareholders, managers, members, partners, owners, employees and agents (in their corporate and individual capacities), except to the extent prohibited by the laws of the state where the Franchised Business is located.

## §5 Approved Location

#### 5.1 Selection of Site

Franchisee shall select a facility to lease or purchase for the operation of the Franchised Business to be approved by Franchisor ("Approved Location"). If an Approved Location for the Franchised Business has not been determined as of the Effective Date, Franchisee shall promptly select a site for the Franchised Business and shall notify Franchisor of such selection. Franchisor shall evaluate the site and notify Franchisee of its approval or disapproval of the site within a reasonable time (usually thirty (30) days) of receiving notice of the site from Franchisee. If Franchisor approves of such selection, the site shall be designated as the Approved Location. If Franchisor does not approve of such selection, Franchisee shall select and notify Franchisor of new sites until Franchisor approves a site for the Franchised Business. Franchisor shall provide Franchisee with general guidelines to assist Franchisee in selecting a site suitable for the Approved Location. Franchisor has the right to approve or disapprove a proposed location based on such factors as it deems appropriate, including, without limitation, the condition of the premises, demographics of the surrounding area, proximity to other Slice Factory Franchised Businesses, proximity to Competitive Businesses, or the size of the location and lease requirements. Franchisee shall not locate the Franchised Business on a selected site without the prior written approval of Franchisor. Franchisor does not represent that it, or any of its Affiliates, owners, employees or agents, have special expertise in selecting sites. Neither Franchisor's assistance nor approval is intended to indicate or indicates that the Franchised Business will be profitable or successful at the Approved Location. Franchisee is solely responsible for identifying the Approved Location.

### **5.2** Failure to Select Site

Should Franchisee fail to obtain an Approved Location within Six (6) Months after the Effective Date, Franchisor has the right to terminate this Agreement. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section, Franchisor shall refund 50% of the Franchise Fee paid by Franchisee. The amount of the Franchise Fee retained shall be specifically understood and agreed by the parties to be in consideration of the services provided, time expended, work performed, and other efforts of Franchisor up to the date

of Franchisee's failure to timely commence operations of the Franchised Business and shall not be construed as nor considered to be a penalty.

## 5.3 Lease of Approved Location

- 5.3.1 If Franchisee is to execute a lease for, or a binding agreement to purchase, the Approved Location, Franchisee must obtain Franchisor's approval of the terms. Franchisor shall not unreasonably withhold its approval. *Franchisor's review of a lease* or purchase agreement, or any advice or recommendation offered by Franchisor, shall not constitute a representation or guarantee that Franchisee will succeed at the Approved Location nor constitute an expression of Franchisor's opinion regarding the terms of such lease or purchase agreement. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that Franchisee shall solely rely on its review of any such lease or purchase agreement. Franchisor shall be entitled to require that nothing therein contained is contradictory to, or likely to interfere with, Franchisor's rights or Franchisee's duties under this Agreement. Franchisee shall take all actions necessary to maintain the lease, if any, of the Approved Location while this Agreement is in effect. Any default for which the lease may be terminated shall also be deemed a default hereunder and the time to cure the same shall expire when the lease is terminated. Franchisor has the right to require that the lease for the Approved Location be collaterally assigned by Franchisee to Franchisor, pursuant to the terms of its standard collateral assignment of lease form, to secure performance by Franchisee of its obligation under this Agreement. Franchisor's approval of a lease shall be conditioned upon inclusion of terms in the lease acceptable to Franchisor and, at Franchisor's option, the lease shall contain such provisions as Franchisor may reasonably require, including but not limited to:
- 5.3.1.1 a provision reserving to Franchisor the right, but not the obligation, at Franchisor's election, to receive an assignment of the leasehold interest without payment of any assignment fee or similar charge and without a requirement for the payment of an additional security deposit or any increase in rent or other fees upon termination or expiration of the Franchise. The lessor agrees that, before the effective date of any assignment of the lease to Franchisor (or its designee), Franchisee shall be solely responsible for all obligations, debts and payments under the lease. Franchisee shall not be entitled to a return of its security deposit;
- 5.3.1.2 a provision requiring the lessor to provide Franchisor with a copy of any written notice of deficiency sent by the lessor to Franchisee, and granting to Franchisor the right (but not the obligation) to cure any deficiency under the lease should Franchisee fail to do so within fifteen (15) days after the expiration of the period in which Franchisee may cure the default;
- 5.3.1.3 a provision requiring the lessor to provide Franchisor (at the same time lessor provides to Franchisee) a copy of all lease amendments and assignments, and a copy of all letters and notices lessor sends to Franchisee relating to the lease or the leased premises;

- 5.3.1.4 a provision permitting Franchisor to enter the leased premises to make any modifications or alterations necessary in Franchisor's sole discretion to protect the System and the Marks without being guilty of trespass, or other tort or other crime;
- 5.3.1.5 a provision allowing Franchisee to display the Marks in accordance with the specifications required by the Operations Manual, subject only to the provisions of applicable law;
- 5.3.1.6 a provision prohibiting the premises from being used for any purpose other than the operation of the Franchised Business;
- 5.3.1.7 a provision allowing Franchisor, upon expiration and non-renewal or termination of the lease or the Franchise Agreement, to enter the premises and remove any interior and exterior signs containing the Marks and trade fixtures;
- 5.3.1.8 a provision stating that upon default of this Agreement, Franchisor or its nominee has the right, but not the obligation, to take possession of the Approved Location and operate the Franchised Business and notwithstanding Franchisor's (or the nominee's) possession, the lessor agrees that during all times prior to an assignment of the lease to Franchisor (or its designee), Franchisee shall be solely responsible for all obligations, debts and payments under the lease incurred prior to or during such possession and prior to such assignment; and
- 5.3.1.9 a provision stating that lessor shall not amend or otherwise modify the lease in any manner that would affect any of the foregoing provisions to be included in the lease set forth above without Franchisor's prior written consent.

## 5.4 Development of Approved Location

- 5.4.1 Franchisor shall make available to Franchisee, at no charge to Franchisee, specifications for the development of the Approved Location, including specifications for improvements, supplies and equipment that are necessary for the development and operation of a Slice Factory Franchised Business. In connection with the development of the Approved Location, Franchisee shall:
- 5.4.1.1 obtain all necessary permits and licenses required for operation of the Franchised Business, and certify in writing that all such permits and certifications have been obtained;
- 5.4.1.2 purchase any supplies or inventory necessary for the operation of the Franchised Business, as specified in the Operations Manual;
- 5.4.1.3 purchase and install all equipment, furniture and fixtures, including any software and computer equipment, required by Franchisor for the operation of the Franchised Business; and

5.4.1.4 establish broadband or high-speed Internet access and obtain at least one (1) telephone number and one (1) facsimile number solely dedicated to the Franchised Business.

## 5.5 Failure to Develop Approved Location

Should Franchisee fail to develop the Approved Location within 6 Months after the site approval, Franchisor has the right to terminate this Agreement. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section, Franchisor shall terminate any future obligations to Franchisee upon Franchisor's receipt of a general release, the same as or similar to the General Release attached as Exhibit 1, releasing any and all claims against Franchisor, any Affiliate and their officers, directors, shareholders, managers, members, partners, owners, employees and agents (in their corporate and individual capacities).

## 5.6 Opening

- 5.6.1 Before opening the Franchised Business and commencing business, Franchisee must:
- 5.6.1.1 fulfill all of the obligations of Franchisee pursuant to the other provisions of this Section 5;
- 5.6.1.2 furnish Franchisor with copies of all insurance policies required by this Agreement, or by the lease (if any), or such other evidence of insurance coverage and payment of premiums as Franchisor may request;
  - 5.6.1.3 complete initial training to the satisfaction of Franchisor;
- 5.6.1.4 hire and train the personnel necessary or required for the operation of the Franchised Business;
- 5.6.1.5 if Franchisee is a business entity, cause each of its stock certificates or other ownership interest certificates to be conspicuously endorsed upon the face thereof a statement in a form satisfactory to Franchisor that such ownership interest is held subject to, and that further assignment or transfer thereof is subject to, all restrictions imposed upon transfers and assignments by this Agreement;
- 5.6.1.6 obtain Franchisor's permission and approval of an opening date; Franchisor shall not unreasonably withhold consent to open. Permission to open shall be based on Franchisor's determination that Franchisee is ready to open and satisfactorily prepared to operate; and
  - 5.6.1.7 pay in full all amounts due to Franchisor.

### 5.7 Failure to Open

Time is of the essence. Should Franchisee fail to commence operations of the Franchised Business within 12 Months after the Site Approval Date, Franchisor has the right to terminate this Agreement.

## 5.8 Use of Approved Location

Franchisee shall not use the Approved Location for any purpose other than for the operation of a Franchised Business in full compliance with this Agreement and the Operations Manual, unless approved in writing by Franchisor.

#### 5.9 Relocation

Franchisee shall not relocate the Approved Location without the prior written consent of Franchisor. If the Approved Location is leased, and the lease expires or terminates through no fault of Franchisee or if the Approved Location's premises is destroyed, condemned or otherwise rendered unusable, Franchisee may request the right to relocate the Approved Location either permanently or temporarily as appropriate under the circumstances and Franchisor shall not unreasonably withhold its consent to such relocation. Should Franchisee desire to relocate the Approved Location for any other reason, Franchisee shall request the right and Franchisor may approve or disapprove such request. Any relocation of the Approved Location shall be at Franchisee's sole expense, and shall proceed in accordance with the requirements set forth in Sections 5.1 through 5.8. Franchisor has the right to charge Franchisee for any costs incurred by Franchisor in providing assistance to Franchisee, including, but not limited to, legal and accounting fees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisor has no obligation to provide relocation assistance. If Franchisor and Franchisee do not agree upon a substitute site within ninety (90) days after the lease expires or is terminated or the Approved Location is rendered unusable, this Agreement shall terminate as provided in Section 16.2.1.1.

## §6 Proprietary Marks

## 6.1 Ownership

Franchisee's right to use the Marks is derived solely from this Agreement, is nonexclusive and is limited to the conduct of business by Franchisee pursuant to, and in compliance with, this Agreement and all applicable standards, specifications and operating procedures prescribed from time to time by Franchisor. Any unauthorized use of the Marks by Franchisee is a breach of this Agreement and an infringement of the rights of Franchisor in and to the Marks. Franchisee's use of the Marks, and any goodwill created thereby, shall inure to the benefit of Franchisor. Franchisee shall not at any time acquire an ownership interest in the Marks by virtue of any use it may make of the Marks. This Agreement does not confer any goodwill, title or interest in the Marks to Franchisee. Franchisee shall not, at any time during the term of this Agreement or after its termination or expiration, contest the validity or ownership of any of the Marks or assist any other person in contesting the validity or ownership of any of the Marks.

### 6.2 Limitations on Use

Franchisee shall not use any Mark or portion of any Mark as part of any business entity name. Franchisee shall not use any Mark in connection with the sale of any unauthorized product or service or in any other manner not expressly authorized in writing by Franchisor. Franchisee shall give such notices of trademark and service mark registrations as Franchisor specifies and obtain such fictitious or assumed name registrations as may be required under applicable law to do business as a Franchised Business. Franchisee shall not register or seek to register as a trademark or service mark, either with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or any state or foreign country, any of the Marks or a trademark or service mark that is confusingly similar to any Mark licensed to Franchisee. Franchisee shall include on its letterhead, forms, cards and other such identification, and shall display at the Approved Location, a prominent notice stating that the Franchised Business is an "Independently Owned and Operated Franchise" of Franchisor.

#### **6.3** Notifications

Franchisee shall immediately notify Franchisor of any third party use of the Marks they become aware of, any challenge made to their use of any of the Marks or any published statements that attack the reputation of the brand. Franchisee shall not communicate with any person other than Franchisor and Franchisor's counsel in connection with any such infringement, challenge or claim; provided, however, Franchisee may communicate with Franchisee's counsel at Franchisee's expense. Franchisor has the right to take such action it deems appropriate and the right to exclusively control any litigation or other proceeding arising out of any infringement, challenge, or claim or otherwise relating to any of the Marks. Franchisee shall execute any and all instruments and documents, render such assistance, and do such acts and things as may, in the opinion of Franchisor's counsel, be necessary or advisable to protect and maintain Franchisor's interests in any such litigation or other proceeding or to otherwise protect and maintain Franchisor's interest in the Marks.

#### 6.4 Indemnification for Use of Marks

Franchiser shall reimburse Franchisee for all expenses reasonably incurred by Franchisee in any trademark or similar proceeding disputing Franchisee's authorized use of any Mark, provided that Franchisee has complied with the provisions of Section 6.3 and has complied with this Agreement and Franchisor's directions in responding to such proceeding. At Franchisor's option, Franchisor or its designee may defend and control the defense of any proceeding arising directly from Franchisee's use of any Mark. This indemnification shall, not include the expense to Franchisee of removing signage or discontinuance of the use of the Marks; not apply to litigation between Franchisor and Franchisee wherein Franchisee's use of the Marks is disputed or challenged by Franchisor; not apply to any separate legal fees or costs incurred by Franchisee in seeking independent counsel separate from the counsel representing Franchisor and Franchisee in the event of litigation disputing Franchisor and Franchisee's use of the Marks.

#### 6.5 Discontinuance of Use

If Franchisor deems it necessary for Franchisee to modify or discontinue use of any of the Marks, and/or use one (1) or more additional or substitute trade names, trademarks, service marks or other commercial symbols, Franchisee shall comply with Franchisor's directions within ten (10) business days after notice to Franchisee by Franchisor and subject to the limitations in Section 10.2. Franchisor shall not be required to reimburse Franchisee for its expenses in modifying or discontinuing the use of a Mark or any loss of goodwill associated with any modified or discontinued Mark or for any expenditures made by Franchisee to promote a modified or substitute Mark.

## 6.6 Right to Inspect

To preserve the validity and integrity of the Marks licensed hereunder, and to ensure that Franchisee is properly employing the Marks in the operation of the Franchised Business, Franchisor and its designees have the right to enter and inspect the Approved Location at all reasonable times and, additionally, have the right to observe the manner in which Franchisee renders services and conducts activities and operations, and to inspect facilities, equipment, products, supplies, reports, forms and documents and related data to ensure that Franchisee is operating the Franchised Business in accordance with the quality control provisions and performance standards established by Franchisor. Franchisor and its agents shall have the right, at any reasonable time, to remove sufficient quantities of products, supplies or other items to test whether such products or items meet Franchiser's then-current standards. Franchisor or its designee has the right to observe Franchisee and its employees during the operation of the Franchised Business and to interview and survey (whether in person or by mail) customers and employees and to photograph or videotape the operations.

## 6.7 Franchisor's Sole Right to Domain Name

Franchisee shall not advertise on the Internet using, or establish, create or operate an Internet site or website using a domain name or uniform resource locator containing, the Marks or the words "Slice Factory" or any variation thereof without Franchisor's written approval. Franchisor is the sole owner of all rights, title and interest in and to such domain names as Franchisor shall designate in the Operations Manual.

## **<u>§7</u>** Trade Secrets and Other Confidential Information

## 7.1 Confidentiality of Trade Secrets and Other Confidential Information

Both parties acknowledge that they shall disclose Confidential Information to each other. Neither party shall acquire any interest in the Confidential Information disclosed, other than the right to use it in the development and operation of the Franchised Business and in performing their duties during the term of this Agreement. Both parties acknowledge that the use or duplication of the Confidential Information in any other business venture would constitute unfair competition. Both parties acknowledge that the Confidential Information is proprietary and is disclosed solely on the condition that no one shall: (a) use the Confidential Information in any other business

or capacity; (b) break the absolute confidentiality of the Confidential Information during or after the term of this Agreement; (c) make any unauthorized copies of any portion of the Confidential Information disclosed; and (d) fail to adopt and implement all reasonable procedures to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of the Confidential Information. Both parties shall enforce this Section as to its employees, agents and representatives and shall be liable for any unauthorized disclosure or use of Confidential Information by any of them.

## 7.2 Additional Developments

All ideas, concepts, techniques or materials concerning the System or developed, in whole or in part, using Trade Secrets or other Confidential Information, whether or not protectable intellectual property and whether created by or for Franchisee or its owners or employees, shall be promptly disclosed to Franchisor and shall be deemed the sole and exclusive property of Franchisor and works made-for-hire for Franchisor, and no compensation shall be due to Franchisee or its owners or employees therefore, and Franchisee agrees to assign to Franchisor all right, title and interest in any intellectual property so developed. Franchisor has the right to incorporate such items into the System. To the extent any item does not qualify as a "work made-for-hire" for Franchisor, Franchisee shall assign, and by this Agreement, does assign, ownership of that item, and all related rights to that item, to Franchisor and shall sign any assignment or other document as Franchisor requests to assist Franchisor in obtaining or preserving intellectual property rights in the item. Franchisor shall disclose to Franchisee concepts and developments of other franchisees that are made part of the System. As Franchisor may reasonably request, Franchisee shall take all actions to assist Franchisor's efforts to obtain or maintain intellectual property rights in any item or process related to the System, whether developed by Franchisee or not.

## 7.3 Exclusive Relationship

- 7.3.1 Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor would be unable to protect the Trade Secrets and other Confidential Information against unauthorized use or disclosure and would be unable to encourage a free exchange of ideas and information among Slice Factory franchisees if owners of Franchised Businesses and members of their immediate families or households were permitted to hold an interest in or perform services for any Competitive Business. Therefore, during the term of this Agreement, neither Franchisee nor any holder of a legal or beneficial interest in Franchisee (or any member of their immediate families or households), nor any officer, director, executive, manager or member of the professional staff of Franchisee, either directly or indirectly, for themselves, or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with any person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other business entity, shall:
- 7.3.1.1 divert or attempt to divert any business or customer of the Franchised Business to any Competitive Business, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise, or do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Marks or the System; or

7.3.1.2 own an interest in, manage, operate, or perform services for any Competitive Business wherever located.

## 7.4 Nondisclosure and Noncompetition Agreements with Certain Individuals

Franchisor has the right to require any holder of a legal or beneficial interest in Franchisee (and any member of their immediate families or households), and any officer, director, executive, manager or member of the professional staff of Franchisee to execute a nondisclosure and noncompetition agreement, in a form the same as or similar to the Nondisclosure and Noncompetition Agreement attached as Exhibit 2, upon execution of this Agreement or prior to each such person's affiliation with Franchisee. Upon Franchisor's request, Franchisee shall provide Franchisor with copies of all nondisclosure and noncompetition agreements signed pursuant to this Section. Such agreements shall remain on file at the offices of Franchisee and are subject to audit or review as otherwise set forth herein. Franchisor shall be a third party beneficiary with the right to enforce covenants contained in such agreements.

### 7.5 Reasonableness of Restrictions

Franchisee acknowledges that the restrictive covenants contained in this Section are essential elements of this Agreement and that without their inclusion, Franchisor would not have entered into this Agreement. Franchisee acknowledges that each of the terms set forth herein, including the restrictive covenants, is fair and reasonable and is reasonably required for the protection of Franchisor, the System and the Marks and Franchisee waives any right to challenge these restrictions as being overly broad, unreasonable or otherwise unenforceable.

## **§8** Training and Assistance

## 8.1 Initial Training

Franchisor shall make an initial training program available to one (1) Designated Manager and up to two (2) assistants. Approximately sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the Franchised Business, the Designated Manager must attend and successfully complete, to Franchisor's satisfaction, an initial training program pertaining to the operation and administration of the Franchised Business including, but not limited to, sales and marketing methods; financial controls; maintenance of quality standards; operational procedures; customer service techniques; record keeping; and reporting procedures and other operational issues. Franchisor shall conduct the initial training program at its headquarters, Franchisee's Approved Location or at another designated location. Franchisor shall not charge tuition or similar fees for initial training, however, all expenses incurred by Franchisee in attending such program including, but not limited to, travel costs, room and board expenses and employees' salaries, shall be the sole responsibility of Franchisee. Franchisee shall be responsible for training its management and other employees.

## 8.2 Opening Assistance

In conjunction with the beginning of operation, but not to exceed 60 days from the opening of the Franchised Business, Franchisor shall make available to Franchisee, at Franchisor's expense, a minimum of one (1) of Franchisor's representatives, experienced in the System, for the purpose of familiarizing Franchisee's staff with the Franchised Business System techniques and for the purpose of providing general assistance and guidance in connection with the opening of the Franchised Business. If Franchisee requests additional assistance with respect to the opening or continued operation of the Franchised Business, and should Franchisor deem it necessary and appropriate to comply with such request, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor's then-current standard rates, plus expenses, for such additional assistance.

## 8.3 Failure to Complete Initial Training Program

If Franchisor determines that the Designated Manager is unable to satisfactorily complete the training program described above, Franchisor has the right to terminate this Agreement. If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section, Franchisor shall return to Franchisee fifty percent (50%) of the Franchise Fee paid by Franchisee upon Franchisor's receipt of a general release, the same as or similar to the General Release attached as Exhibit 1, releasing any and all claims against Franchisor, any Affiliate and their officers, directors, shareholders, managers, members, partners, owners, employees and agents (in their corporate and individual capacities). If Franchisee is a business entity and the Designated Manager fails to complete the initial training program to Franchisor's reasonable satisfaction, Franchisee may be permitted to select a substitute manager and such substitute manager must complete the initial training to Franchisor's satisfaction.

### 8.4 New Designated Manager

After beginning operations, should Franchisee name a new Designated Manager, Franchisee must notify Franchisor of the identity of the new Designated Manager and the new Designated Manager must complete the initial training program to Franchisor's satisfaction within thirty (30) days of being named. The new Designated Manager may attend the initial training program without charge, provided that Franchisor has the right to require Franchisee to pay the costs of training if Franchisor determines that manager changes are excessive or caused by poor hiring practices. Franchisee shall be responsible for all travel costs, room and board and employees' salaries incurred in connection with the new Designated Manager's attendance at such training.

## 8.5 Ongoing Training

From time to time, Franchisor may provide and if it does, has the right to require that the Designated Manager attend ongoing training programs or seminars during the term of this Agreement. Franchisor shall not charge a fee for any mandatory ongoing training. Franchisee shall be responsible for all travel costs, room and board and employees' salaries incurred in connection with the Designated Manager's attendance at such training.

## §9 Operations Manual

## 9.1 Loan by Franchisor

While this Agreement is in effect, Franchisor shall lend to Franchisee one (1) copy of the Operations Manual or grant Franchisee access to an electronic copy of the Operations Manual. Franchisee shall conduct the Franchised Business in strict accordance with the provisions set forth in the Operations Manual. The Operations Manual may consist of one (1) or more separate manuals and other materials as designated by Franchisor and may be in written or electronic form. The Operations Manual shall, at all times, remain the sole property of Franchisor and shall promptly be returned to Franchisor upon expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### 9.2 Revisions

Franchisor has the right to add to or otherwise modify the Operations Manual from time to time to reflect changes in the specifications, standards, operating procedures and rules prescribed by Franchisor; provided, however, that no such addition or modification shall materially alter Franchisee's fundamental status and rights under this Agreement. Franchisor may make such additions or modifications without prior notice to Franchisee. Franchisee shall immediately, upon notice, adopt any such changes and shall ensure that its copy of the Operations Manual is up-to-date at all times. If a dispute as to the contents of the Operations Manual arises, the terms of the master copy of the Operations Manual maintained by Franchisor at Franchisor's headquarters shall be controlling.

## 9.3 Confidentiality

The Operations Manual contains Trade Secrets and other Confidential Information of Franchisor and its contents shall be kept confidential by Franchisee both during the term of the Franchise and subsequent to the expiration and non-renewal or termination of this Agreement. Franchisee shall at all times ensure that its copy of the Operations Manual is available at the Approved Location in a current and up-to-date manner. If the Operations Manual is in paper form or stored on computer-readable media, Franchisee shall maintain the Operations Manual in a secure manner at the Approved Location; if the Operations Manual is in electronic form, Franchisee shall maintain the Operations Manual in a password-protected file. Franchisee shall only grant authorized personnel, as defined in the Operations Manual, access to the Operations Manual or any key, combination or passwords needed for access to the Operations Manual. Franchisee shall not disclose, duplicate or otherwise use any portion of the Operations Manual in an unauthorized manner.

## §10 Franchise System

## 10.1 Uniformity

Franchisee shall strictly comply, and shall cause the Franchised Business and its employees to strictly comply, with all requirements, specifications, standards, operating procedures and rules set forth in this Agreement, the Operations Manual or other communications supplied to Franchisee by Franchisor.

## **10.2** Modification of the System

Franchisor has the right to change or modify the System from time to time including, without limitation, the adoption and use of new or modified Marks or copyrighted materials, and computer hardware, software, equipment, inventory, supplies or sales and marketing techniques. Franchisee shall accept and use any such changes in, or additions to, the System as if they were a part of this Agreement as of the Effective Date. Franchisee shall make such expenditures as such changes, additions or modifications in the System may reasonably require; provided, however, Franchisee shall not be required to implement or conform to any such changes, additions or modifications if the cost to do so would exceed (a) ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) during the first (1st) year of the term of this Agreement; (b) TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) in the aggregate during the initial term of this Agreement (which amounts may be increased consistent with increases to the Consumer Price Index, U.S. City Average, all items, 1982-84=100, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics "CPI-U"); or (c) ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) during the final year of the term of this Agreement if Franchisee provides written notice of its intention not to renew the Franchise. Any required expenditure for changes or upgrades to the System shall be in addition to expenditures for repairs and maintenance as required in Section 13.2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee shall be required to make any and all improvements or modifications whenever such are required by law, regulation, agency decision or court order.

#### 10.3 Variance

Franchisor has the right to vary standards or specifications for any franchisee based upon that particular franchisee's qualifications, the peculiarities of the particular site or circumstances, the demographics of the trade area, business potential, existing business practices or any other condition which Franchisor deems to be of importance to the successful operation of any particular Franchised Business. Franchisor shall not be required to disclose or grant to Franchisee a like or similar variance granted to another franchisee.

## §11 Advertising and Promotional Activities

## 11.1 Grand Opening Advertising

Prior to, and/or during a period of approximately three (3) months following the initial opening of the Franchised Business, Franchisee shall spend an amount specified by Franchisor on local advertisement and promotion of the initial opening ("Grand Opening Advertising"). Franchisor shall determine and specify an appropriate minimum amount

which Franchisee shall be required to expend on Grand Opening Advertising based upon Franchisor's general assessment of the area surrounding the Franchised Business and taking into account other potentially relevant factors, such as prevailing costs of advertising in the area, the time of year of opening and other similar factors. Further, Franchisor shall specify the time at which Franchisee shall conduct Grand Opening Advertising. Prior to their use, all materials to be used in Grand Opening Advertising must be approved by Franchisor through the process set forth in Section 11.2.2. Grand Opening Advertising expenditures shall be in addition to any Local Advertising expenditures and Marketing Fund Contributions.

## 11.2 Local Advertising

- 11.2.1 Franchisee shall continuously promote the Franchised Business. Every month, Franchisee shall spend three percent (3%) of its monthly Gross Revenue or \$1,950, whichever is greater, on advertising, promotions and public relations within the immediate locality surrounding the Franchised Business ("Local Advertising"). Such expenditures shall be made directly by Franchisee, subject to the prior approval and direction of Franchisor. Franchisor shall provide general guidelines to Franchisee for conducting Local Advertising. Within thirty (30) days after the end of each month, Franchisee shall furnish to Franchisor an accurate accounting of the expenditures on Local Advertising for the preceding month.
- 11.2.2 Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor, for its prior approval, all advertising and promotional materials to be used by Franchisee including, but not limited to, television ads, radio ads, ad copy, coupons, flyers, scripts and direct mail. Franchisor shall use reasonable efforts to provide notice of approval or disapproval within twenty (20) days from the date all requested material is received by Franchisor. If Franchisor does not approve submitted materials by the end of such twenty (20) day period, such materials shall be deemed to have received the required approval. Franchisee shall not use any marketing or promotional material prior to approval by Franchisor. The submission of advertising materials to Franchisor for approval shall not affect Franchisee's right to determine the prices at which Franchisee sells products or provides services.

### 11.3 System-Wide Marketing Fund

11.3.1 Franchisor has established and administers a System-wide marketing, advertising and promotion fund to assist in Franchisor's regional and national advertising ("Marketing Fund"). Franchisee shall be required to contribute 2% of Gross Sales or \$500, whichever is greater, Monthly to the Marketing Fund in an amount specified by Franchisor and which Franchisor may adjust from time to time ("Marketing Fund Contribution"). Marketing Fund Contributions shall be made at the time and in the manner provided for Royalty Fees in Section 3.2. Franchisor shall notify Franchisee at least thirty (30) days before changing Marketing Fund Contribution requirements. Marketing Fund shall be maintained and administered by Franchisor or its designee as follows:

- 11.3.1.1 Franchisor shall oversee all marketing programs, with sole control over creative concepts, materials and media used in such programs, and the placement and allocation thereof. Franchisor does not warrant that any particular franchisee will benefit directly or *pro rata* from expenditures by the Marketing Fund. The program(s) may be local, regional or System-wide. Franchisor does not warrant the success or effectiveness of any particular marketing program.
- 11.3.1.2 Franchisee's Marketing Fund Contributions may be used to meet the costs of, or to reimburse Franchisor for its costs of, producing, maintaining, administering and directing consumer advertising (including, without limitation, the cost of preparing and conducting television, radio, Internet, magazine, newspaper, and direct mail advertising campaigns and other public relations activities; developing and/or hosting an Internet web page or site and similar activities; employing advertising agencies to assist therein; and providing promotional brochures and other marketing materials to franchisees). All Marketing Fund Contributions shall be maintained in a separate account from the monies of Franchisor and shall not be used to defray any of Franchisor's general operating expenses, except for such reasonable costs and expenses, if any, that Franchisor may incur in activities reasonably related to the administration of the Marketing Fund.
- 11.3.1.3 Franchisor shall endeavor to spend all Marketing Fund Contributions on marketing programs and promotions during Franchisor's fiscal year within which such contributions are made. If excess amounts remain in any Marketing Fund at the end of such fiscal year, all expenditures in the following fiscal year(s) shall be made first out of such excess amounts, including any interest or other earnings of the Marketing Fund, and next out of prior year contributions and then out of current contributions.
- 11.3.1.4 Although Franchisor intends the Marketing Fund to be of perpetual duration, Franchisor has the right to terminate the Marketing Fund at any time. The Marketing Fund shall not be terminated, however, until all Marketing Fund Contributions have been expended for advertising and promotional purposes or returned to Franchisee and other franchisees on a *pro rata* basis based on total Marketing Fund Contributions made in the aggregate by each franchisee.
- 11.3.1.5 Each franchised business operated by Franchisor or an Affiliate shall make Marketing Fund Contributions at the same rate as Franchised Businesses.
- 11.3.1.6 An accounting of the operation of the Marketing Fund shall be prepared annually and shall be available to Franchisee upon request. Franchisor retains the right to have the Marketing Fund reviewed or audited and reported on, at the expense of the Marketing Fund, by an independent certified public accountant selected by Franchisor.

11.3.1.7 Franchisee acknowledges that the Marketing Fund is not a trust and Franchisor assumes no fiduciary duty in administering the Marketing Fund.

## 11.4 Cooperative Advertising

Franchisor has the right, but not the obligation, to create a cooperative advertising program for the benefit of Franchised Businesses located within a particular region. Franchisor has the right to collect and designate all or a portion of the Local Advertising to payments or contributions to Franchisor for the funding of a cooperative advertising program. Franchisor has the right to determine the composition of all geographic territories and market areas for the implementation of each cooperative advertising program and to require that Franchisee participate in such cooperative advertising programs when established within Franchisee's region. If a cooperative advertising program is implemented in a particular region, Franchisor has the right to administer the cooperative advertising Program or to establish an advertising council of franchisees to self-administer the cooperative advertising program. Franchisee shall participate in the council according to the rules and procedures established by the council and Franchisee shall abide by the council's decisions. Should Franchisor establish a cooperative advertising program or programs with or without an advertising council, Franchisor has the right, but not the obligation, to change, dissolve or merge such program(s) and/or council(s) at any time.

## 11.5 Internet, Website and Social Media Marketing

Franchisee may not establish a presence on, or market using, the Internet, any website or Social Media (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, YouTube, blogs, and other online social networks, wikis, forums, content sharing communities, etc.) in connection with the Franchised Business without Franchisor's prior written consent. Franchisor has established and maintains an Internet website at the uniform resource locator The-Slice-Factory.com that provides information about the System and the products and services that Franchisor and its franchisees provide. Franchisor may (but is not required to) include at the Slice Factory website an intranet section or an interior page containing information about the Franchised Business. If Franchisor includes such information on the Internet website, Franchisor has the right to require Franchisee to prepare all or a portion of the section or page, at Franchisee's expense, and to pay reasonable, per page web hosting fee to Franchisor (or a third party web hosting firm) on a monthly basis. All such information shall be subject to Franchisor's approval prior to posting. Franchisor retains the sole right to advertise and sell the products and services offered by franchised businesses and to use the Marks on the Internet, including the use of websites, domain names, uniform resource locators, keywords, linking, search engines (and search engine optimization techniques), Social Media pages, banner ads, meta-tags, marketing, auction sites, e-commerce and co-branding arrangements. Franchisee may be requested to provide content for Franchisor's Internet marketing and shall be required to follow Franchisor's intranet and Internet usage rules, policies and requirements. Franchisor retains the sole right to approve any linking to, or other use of, the Slice Factory website.

If Franchisee is permitted to establish a presence on an Internet website or Social Media site, Franchisor must be granted administrative access to the account.

## §12 Accounting, Records and Reporting Obligations

#### 12.1 Records

During the term of this Agreement, Franchisee shall maintain full, complete and accurate books, records and accounts in accordance with the standard accounting system prescribed by Franchisor in the Operations Manual or otherwise in writing. Franchisee shall retain during the term of this Agreement, and for three (3) years thereafter, all books and records related to the Franchised Business including, without limitation, purchase orders, invoices, payroll records, sales tax records, state and federal tax returns, bank statements, cancelled checks, deposit receipts, cash receipts and disbursement journals, general ledgers, and any other financial records designated by Franchisor or required by law.

## 12.2 Gross Revenue Reports

Franchisee shall maintain an accurate record of daily Gross Revenue and shall deliver to Franchisor via facsimile transmission, email, or the intranet, a signed and verified statement of monthly Gross Revenue ("Gross Revenue Report") for the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of each month for the previous month in a form that Franchisor approves or provides in the Operations Manual. The Gross Revenue Report for the preceding month must be provided to Franchisor by the close of business on the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of each month as provided in Section 3.2.

### 12.3 Financial Statements

Franchisee shall supply to Franchisor on or before the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of each month following the close of a quarter, in a form approved by Franchisor, a balance sheet as of the end of the last day of the preceding month and an income statement for the preceding quarter and the fiscal year-to-date. Franchisee shall, at its expense, submit to Franchisor within ninety (90) days after the end of each calendar year, an income statement for the calendar year just ended and a balance sheet as of the last day of the calendar year. Such financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with GAAP, applied on a consistent basis. As required by Franchisor, such financial statements shall be reviewed or audited by a certified public accountant. Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor such other periodic reports in the manner and at the time specified in the Operations Manual or otherwise in writing.

## 12.4 Other Reports

Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor copies of all state sales tax returns that are required to be filed with the appropriate governmental agency and such other records as Franchisor may reasonably request from time to time or as specified in the Operations Manual. Franchisor shall have the right to release financial and operational information

relating to the Franchised Business to Franchisor's lenders or prospective lenders. Franchisee shall certify as true and correct all reports to be submitted pursuant to this Agreement.

## 12.5 Computer Equipment

Franchisor reserves the right to require Franchisee to purchase, install and use computer and point-of-sale systems consisting of hardware and software in accordance with Franchisor's specifications. Franchisor shall have full access to all of Franchisee's computer and point-of-sale data and systems and all related information by means of direct access, either in person or by telephone, modem or Internet to permit Franchisor to verify Franchisee's compliance with its obligations under this Agreement.

## 12.6 Right to Inspect

Franchisor or its designee has the right, during normal business hours, to examine, copy and audit the books, records and tax returns of Franchisee. If the audit or any other inspection should reveal that any payments to Franchisor have been underpaid, then Franchisee shall immediately pay to Franchisor the amount of the underpayment plus interest from the date such amount was due until paid at the rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum (or the highest rate allowed by the law of the state where Franchisee is located, whichever is lower). If the audit or any other inspection discloses an underpayment of three percent (3%) or more of the amount due for any period covered by the audit, Franchisee shall, in addition, reimburse Franchisor for any and all costs and expenses connected with the inspection (including, without limitation, travel expenses and reasonable accounting and attorneys' fees). The foregoing remedies shall be in addition to any other remedies Franchisor may have.

## 12.7 Release of Records

At Franchisor's request, Franchisee shall authorize and direct any third parties, including accounting and legal professionals, to release to Franchisor all accounting and financial records arising from or relating to the operation of the Franchised Business including, but not limited to, records evidencing Gross Revenue, profits, losses, income, tax liabilities, tax payments, revenues, expenses, and any correspondence, notes, memoranda, audits, business records, or internal accounts within said third parties' possession, custody or control, and to continue to release such records to Franchisor on a monthly basis for the length of the unexpired term of this Agreement or until such time as Franchisor withdraws its request. Franchisee shall execute all documents necessary to facilitate the release of records referenced herein to Franchisor.

## §13 Standards of Operation

## 13.1 Authorized Products, Services and Suppliers

13.1.1 Franchisee acknowledges that the reputation and goodwill of the System is based in large part on offering high quality products and services to its customers.

Accordingly, Franchisee shall provide or offer for sale or use at the Franchised Business only those items and services that Franchisor from time to time approves (and which are not thereafter disapproved) and that comply with Franchisor's specifications and quality standards.

- 13.1.2 Franchisor shall provide Franchisee, in the Operations Manual or other written or electronic form, with a list of specifications, pricing and a list of Approved Suppliers for some or all of the supplies, signs, furniture, fixtures, inventory, equipment and other approved or specified items and services. Franchisor may from time to time issue revisions to such list. Franchisee shall not offer for sale, sell or provide through the Franchised Business or from the Approved Location any products or services that Franchisor has not approved. Franchisor may revoke its approval of any item, service or supplier at any time by notifying Franchisee and/or the supplier. Franchisee shall, at its own expense, promptly cease using, selling or providing any items or services disapproved by Franchisor and shall promptly cease purchasing from suppliers disapproved by Franchisor.
- 13.1.3 If Franchisee desires to utilize any products or services that Franchisor has not approved (for products and services that require supplier approval), Franchisee shall first send Franchisor sufficient information, specifications and samples for Franchisor to determine whether the service or product complies with its standards and specifications or whether the supplier meets its Approved Supplier criteria. Franchisee shall bear all expenses incurred by Franchisor in connection with determining whether it shall approve an item, service or supplier. Franchisor will decide within a reasonable time (usually thirty (30) days) after receiving the required information whether Franchisee may purchase or lease such items or services or from such supplier. Approval of a supplier may be conditioned on the supplier's ability to provide sufficient quantity of product; quality of products or services at competitive prices; production and delivery capability; and dependability and general reputation. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require Franchisor to approve any particular supplier, or to require Franchisor to make available to prospective suppliers, standards and specifications that Franchisor deems confidential.
- 13.1.4 If Franchisor or an Affiliate is an Approved Supplier, Franchisee shall execute a standard form purchase or supply agreement for the items to be supplied by Franchisor or its Affiliate.
- 13.1.5 Franchisor has the right to designate certain products and services, not otherwise authorized for general use as part of the System, to be offered locally or regionally based upon such factors as Franchisor determines including, but not limited to, franchisee qualifications, test marketing and regional or local differences. Franchisor has the right to give its consent to one (1) or more franchisees to provide certain products or services not authorized for general use as part of the System. Such consent will be based upon the factors set forth in Section 10.3 and shall not create any rights in Franchisee to provide the same products or services.

- 13.1.6 Franchisor has the right to retain volume rebates, markups and other benefits from suppliers or in connection with the furnishing of suppliers. Franchisee shall have no entitlement to or interest in any such benefits.
- 13.1.7 Franchisor retains the rights to any business for which Franchisee is solicited but for which Franchisee does not provide the requested products or services. Franchisee shall promptly notify Franchisor of any offers or solicitations they receive but are not equipped at that time to handle so that the franchise system may benefit from that business. Time is of the essence and a prompt reply shall be judged by the individual circumstances of each situation.

## 13.2 Appearance and Condition of the Franchised Business

Franchisee shall maintain the Approved Location, vehicle, equipment and signage in "like new" condition, and shall repair or replace equipment, vehicle, fixtures, supplies, inventory and signage as necessary to comply with the health and safety standards and specifications of Franchisor and Franchisee's lessor and any applicable laws or regulations. The expense of such maintenance shall be borne by Franchisee and shall be in addition to any required System modifications, as described in Section 10.2.

## 13.3 Ownership and Management

The Franchised Business shall, at all times, be under the direct supervision of Franchisee who will appoint a Designated Manager who will provide personal "on premises" supervision of the Franchised Business. The Designated Manger is required to devote sufficient efforts to the management of the day-to-day operation of the Franchised Business, which shall entail not less than thirty-five (35) hours per week, excluding vacation, sick leave and similar absences. Franchisee shall keep Franchisor informed, in writing, at all times of the identity of its Designated Manager. Franchisee and the Designated Manager must not engage in any business or other activities that will conflict with their obligations under this Agreement.

## 13.4 Days of Operation

Franchisee shall keep the Franchised Business open for business during normal business hours on the days specified in the Operations Manual.

### 13.5 Contributions and Donations

In order to protect the Marks, Franchisee must obtain Franchisor's prior written consent before making any contributions or donations of items, services or funds to any individual or entity, or provide any type of other benefit to any charitable, religious, political, social, civic or other type of organization (or to any individual on behalf of any organization). Franchisor may withhold any such consent in its sole and absolute discretion.

### 13.6 Licenses and Permits

Franchisee shall secure and maintain in force all required licenses, permits and certificates necessary for the operation of the Franchised Business and shall operate the Franchised Business in full compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations. Franchisor makes no representation to Franchisee with regard to any legal requirements that Franchisee must satisfy or comply with in connection with the operation of the Franchised Business. Franchisee shall be solely responsible for investigating and complying with all such laws, ordinances and regulations with regard to the operation of the Franchised Business.

## 13.7 Notification of Proceedings

Franchisee shall notify Franchisor in writing of the receipt of a notice of demand or threatened claim of liability of, or damages against or involving, Franchisee or the Franchised Business not more than five (5) days after Franchisee's receipts of such notice. Franchisee shall notify Franchisor in writing of the commencement of any action, suit or proceeding involving Franchisee or the Franchised Business, and of the issuance of any order, writ, injunction, judgment, award or decree which may affect the operation or financial condition of the Franchised Business not more than five (5) days after notice of such commencement or issuance. Franchisee shall deliver to Franchisor not more than five (5) days after Franchisee's receipt thereof, a copy of any inspection report, warning, certificate or rating by any governmental agency relating to any health or safety law, rule or regulation that reflects Franchisee's failure to meet and maintain the highest applicable rating or Franchisee's noncompliance or less than full compliance with any applicable law, rule or regulation.

### 13.8 Compliance with Good Business Practices

Franchisee acknowledges that the quality of customer service, and every detail of appearance and demeanor of Franchisee and its employees, is material to this Agreement and the relationship created and licenses granted hereby. Therefore, Franchisee shall endeavor to maintain high standards of quality and service in the operation of the Franchised Business. Franchisee shall at all times give prompt, courteous and efficient service to customers of the Franchised Business. The Franchised Business shall in all dealings with its customers, vendors and the general public, adhere to the highest standards of honesty, fair dealing and ethical conduct. If Franchisor deems that Franchisee did not fairly handle a customer complaint, Franchisor has the right to intervene and satisfy the customer. Franchisor will take disciplinary action by giving written notice for failing to comply with good business practices. Termination will occur after 3 notices have been issued within 12 months. Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor for all costs incurred by Franchisor in servicing a customer of the Franchised Business pursuant to this Section.

### 13.9 Uniforms

Franchisee shall abide by any uniform or dress code requirements stated in the Operations Manual or otherwise. Uniforms, if required, must be purchased from an Approved Supplier.

### 13.10 E-Mail

Franchisee shall, at all times and at Franchisee's expense, maintain an e-mail address and account for communicating with Franchisor. Franchisee may change its e-mail address by giving written notice of such change of address to Franchisor.

#### 13.11 Best Efforts

Franchisee shall use its best efforts to promote and increase the sales and recognition of services offered through the Franchised Business. Franchisee shall require all of Franchisee's employees, managers, officers, agents and representatives to make a good faith effort to enhance and improve the System and the sales of all products and services provided as part of the System.

## §14 Franchisor's Additional Operations Assistance

## 14.1 General Advice and Guidance

Franchisor shall be available to render advice, discuss problems and offer general guidance to Franchisee by telephone, e-mail, facsimile, newsletters and other methods with respect to planning, opening and operating the Franchised Business. Franchisor shall not charge for this service, however, Franchisor retains the right to refuse or charge a fee for this service should Franchisee be deemed by Franchisor to be utilizing this service too frequently or in an unintended manner. Franchisor's advice or guidance to Franchisee relative to prices for products and services that, in Franchisor's judgment, constitutes good business practice is based upon the experience of Franchisor and its franchisees in operating Slice Factory businesses and an analysis of costs and prices charged for competitive products and services. Franchisee shall have the sole right to determine the prices to be charged by the Franchised Business; provided, however, that Franchisor shall have the sole right to determine the prices to be charged for products sold through the Slice Factory Internet site, including products sold to persons identified as customers of the Franchised Business.

### 14.2 Periodic Visits

Franchisor or Franchisor's representative shall make periodic visits, which may be announced or unannounced, to the Franchised Business for the purposes of consultation, assistance and guidance with respect to various aspects of the operation and management of the Franchised Business. Franchisor and Franchisor's representatives who visit the Franchised Business may prepare, for the benefit of both Franchisor and Franchisee, written reports detailing any problems or concerns discovered during any such visit and outlining any required or suggested changes or improvements in the operations of the Franchised Business. A copy of any such written report may be

provided to Franchisee. Franchisee shall implement any required changes or improvements as required by Franchisor with time being of the essence.

## §15 Insurance

## 15.1 Types and Amounts of Coverage

- 15.1.1 All policies (except any workers' compensation insurance) shall:
- 15.1.1.1 expressly name Franchisor as an additional insured or loss payee;
- 15.1.1.2 contain a waiver of all subrogation rights against Franchisor and its successors and assigns;
- 15.1.1.3 have a rating of B+ or higher from Moody's or a similar insurance ratings agency.
- 15.1.2 Within sixty (60) days of the Effective Date, in addition to any other insurance that may be required by applicable law, or by lender or lessor, at Franchisee's sole expense, Franchisee shall procure and maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement:
- 15.1.2.1 "all risk" property insurance coverage on all assets including inventory, furniture, fixtures, equipment, supplies and other property used in the operation of the Franchised Business. Franchisee's property insurance policy shall include coverage for fire, vandalism and malicious mischief and must have coverage limits of at least full replacement cost;
- 15.1.2.2 workers' compensation insurance that complies with the statutory requirements of the state in which the Franchised Business is located and employer liability coverage with a minimum limit of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) or, if higher, the statutory minimum limit as required by state law;
- 15.1.2.3 comprehensive general liability insurance against claims for bodily and personal injury, death and property damage caused by, or occurring in conjunction with, the operation of the Franchised Business, or Franchisee's conduct of business pursuant to this Agreement, with a minimum liability coverage of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence or, if higher, the statutory minimum limit required by state law;
- 15.1.2.4 such insurance as necessary to provide coverage under the indemnity provisions set forth in Section 21.3.

### 15.2 Future Increases

Franchisor has the right to reasonably increase the minimum liability protection requirement annually and require different or additional insurance coverage(s) to reflect inflation, changes in standards of liability, future damage awards or other relevant changes in circumstances.

#### 15.3 Carrier Standards

Such policies shall be written by an insurance company licensed in the state in which Franchisee operates and having at least an "A" Rating Classification as indicated in the latest issue of A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. Although A.M. Best groups "A" and "A-" in the same classification, Franchisor demands an "A" rating.

## 15.4 Evidence of Coverage.

Franchisee's obligation to obtain and maintain the foregoing policies shall not be limited in any way by reason of any insurance which may be maintained by Franchisor, nor shall Franchisee's performance of this obligation relieve it of liability under the indemnity provisions set forth in Section 21.3. Franchisee shall provide, annually, certificates of insurance showing compliance with the foregoing requirements. Such certificates shall state that said policy or policies shall not be canceled or altered without at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice to Franchisor and shall reflect proof of payment of premiums.

## 15.5 Failure to Maintain Coverage

Should Franchisee not procure and maintain insurance coverage as required by this Agreement, Franchisor has the right (but not the obligation) to immediately procure such insurance coverage and to charge the premiums to Franchisee, which charges, together with a reasonable fee for expenses incurred by Franchisor in connection with such procurement, shall be payable by Franchisee immediately upon notice.

## §16 Default and Termination

## **16.1** Termination by Franchisee

If Franchisee is in full compliance with all of the terms of this Agreement and Franchisor materially breaches this Agreement and fails to commence reasonable efforts to cure such breach within thirty (30) days after receiving written notice identifying the claimed breach, Franchisee may elect to terminate this Agreement unless the breach cannot reasonably be cured within such thirty (30) days. If the breach cannot reasonably be cured in such thirty (30) days, Franchisee may elect to terminate this Agreement only if Franchisor does not promptly undertake and continue efforts to cure such material breach within a reasonable period of time and furnish Franchisee reasonable proof of such efforts.

### **16.2** Termination by Franchisor

- 16.2.1 Franchisor has the right to terminate this Agreement, without any opportunity to cure by Franchisee, if Franchisee:
- 16.2.1.1 fails to timely select an approved site for or establish, equip and commence operations of the Franchised Business pursuant to Section 5;
- fails to have its Designated Manager satisfactorily complete any training program pursuant to Section 8;
- 16.2.1.3 made any material misrepresentation or omission in its application for the Franchise or otherwise to Franchisor in the course of entering into this Agreement;
- 16.2.1.4 is convicted of or pleads no contest to a felony or other crime or offense that is likely to adversely affect the reputation of Franchisor, Franchisee or the Franchised Business;
- 16.2.1.5 after notice to cure, fails to refrain from activities, behavior or conduct likely to adversely affect the reputation of Franchisor, Franchisee or the Franchised Business:
- 16.2.1.6 discloses, duplicates or otherwise uses in an unauthorized manner any portion of the Operations Manual, Trade Secrets or any other Confidential Information;
- 16.2.1.7 if required by Franchisor, fails to have any holder of a legal or beneficial interest in Franchisee (and any member of their immediate families or households), and any officer, director, executive, manager or member of the professional staff and all employees of Franchisee, execute a nondisclosure and noncompetition agreement, in a form the same as or similar to the Nondisclosure and Noncompetition Agreement attached as Exhibit 2, upon execution of this Agreement or prior to each such person's affiliation with Franchisee or fails to provide Franchisor with copies of all nondisclosure and noncompetition agreements signed pursuant to Section 7.4 if requested by Franchisor;
- 16.2.1.8 abandons, fails or refuses to actively operate the Franchised Business for five (5) or more consecutive days (unless the Franchised Business has not been operational for a purpose approved by Franchisor), or, if first approved by Franchisor, fails to promptly relocate the Franchised Business following the expiration or termination of the lease for the Approved Location, the destruction or condemnation of the Approved Location or any other event rendering the Approved Location unusable;
- 16.2.1.9 surrenders or transfers control of the operation of the Franchised Business without Franchisor's approval, makes or attempts to make an unauthorized direct or indirect assignment of the Franchise or an ownership interest in Franchisee, or fails or refuses to assign the Franchise or the interest in Franchisee of a deceased or incapacitated owner thereof as herein required;

- 16.2.1.10 fails to maintain the Franchised Business under the primary supervision of a Designated Manager during the one hundred eighty (180) days following the death or Incapacity of Franchisee or any holder of a legal or beneficial interest in Franchisee pursuant to Section 18.6;
- 16.2.1.11 submits to Franchisor on two (2) or more separate occasions at any time during the term of the Franchise any reports or other data, information or supporting records that understate any Royalty Fee or any other fees owed to Franchisor by more than three percent (3%) for any accounting period and Franchisee is unable to demonstrate that such understatements resulted from inadvertent error;
- affirmative act of insolvency, or files any action or petition of insolvency; if a receiver of its property or any part thereof is appointed by a court; if it makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; if a final judgment remains unsatisfied of record for thirty (30) days or longer (unless *supersedeas* bond is filed); if execution is levied against Franchisee's business or property; if a suit to foreclose any lien or mortgage against its Approved Location or equipment is instituted against Franchisee and not dismissed within thirty (30) days or is not in the process of being dismissed;
- 16.2.1.13 misuses or makes an unauthorized use of any of the Marks or commits any other act which can reasonably be expected to impair the goodwill associated with any of the Marks;
- 16.2.1.14 fails on two (2) or more separate occasions within any period of twelve (12) consecutive months to submit reports or other information or supporting records when due, to pay any Royalty Fee, Marketing Fund Contribution, amounts due for purchases from Franchisor and any Affiliate, or other payment when due to Franchisor or any Affiliate, whether or not such failures to comply are corrected after notice thereof is delivered to Franchisee;
- 16.2.1.15 violates on two (2) or more occasions any health or safety law, ordinance or regulation, or operates the Franchised Business in a manner that presents a health or safety hazard to its customers, employees or the public;
  - 16.2.1.16 engages in any activity exclusively reserved to Franchisor;
- 16.2.1.17 fails to comply with any applicable law or regulation within ten (10) days after being given notice of noncompliance;
- 16.2.1.18 breaches this Agreement and/or fails to comply with mandatory specifications, customer service standards or operating procedures prescribed in the Operations Manual on two (2) or more separate occasions within any period of twelve (12) consecutive months, whether or not previous breaches or failures are cured; or

- 16.2.1.19 defaults under any other agreement between Franchisor (or any Affiliate) and Franchisee, such that Franchisor or its Affiliate, as the case may be, has the right to terminate such agreement or such agreement automatically terminates.
- 16.2.2 Except as otherwise provided in Section 16.2.1, Franchisor has the right to terminate this Agreement for the following breaches and defaults by giving notice of such termination stating the nature of the default; provided, however, that Franchisee may avoid termination by curing such default or failure (or by providing proof acceptable to Franchisor that Franchisee has made all reasonable efforts to cure such default or failure and shall continue to make all reasonable efforts to cure until a cure is effected if such default or failure cannot reasonably be cured before the effective date of the termination) within the specified period:
- 16.2.2.1 within five (5) days of receiving notice of Franchisee's failure to pay any amounts due to Franchisor;
- 16.2.2.2 within ten (10) days of receiving notice of Franchisee's failure to maintain insurance as specified in Section 15 of this Agreement; or
- 16.2.2.3 within thirty (30) days of receiving notice of any other default by Franchisee or upon Franchisee's failure to comply with any mandatory specification, standard or operating procedure prescribed in the Operations Manual or otherwise prescribed in writing.

### 16.3 Reinstatement and Extension

If provisions of this Agreement provide for periods of notice less than those required by applicable law, or provide for termination, cancellation or non-renewal other than in accordance with applicable law, Franchisor may reinstate or extend the term of this Agreement for the purpose of complying with applicable law by submitting a written notice to Franchisee without waiving any of Franchisor's rights under this Agreement.

### 16.4 Right of Franchisor to Discontinue Services to Franchisee

If Franchisee is in breach of any obligation under this Agreement, and Franchisor delivers to Franchisee a notice of termination pursuant to Section 16.2.2, Franchisor has the right to suspend its performance of any of its obligations under this Agreement including, without limitation, the sale or supply of any products or services for which Franchisor is an Approved Supplier to Franchisee, until such time as Franchisee corrects the breach.

### 16.5 Right of Franchisor to Operate Franchised Business

Following the delivery of a notice of termination pursuant to Section 16.2.2, if necessary in Franchisor's discretion, Franchisor shall have the right, but not the obligation, to assume the operation of the Franchised Business until such time as Franchisee corrects the breach. Franchisor may charge a management fee as stated in the

Operations Manual from time to time, currently equal to SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$600.00) per day, and Franchisor shall be entitled to reimbursement of any expenses Franchisor incurs that are not paid out of the operating cash flow of the Franchised Business. Should Franchisor elect to assume the operation of the Franchised Business on a temporary basis, Franchisor shall have no responsibility or liability for the obligations, debts or payments under the lease for the Approved Location (if any) or otherwise.

## §17 Rights and Duties Upon Expiration or Termination

### 17.1 Actions to be Taken

- 17.1.1 Except as otherwise provided herein, upon termination or expiration, this Agreement and all rights granted hereunder to Franchisee shall terminate and Franchisee shall:
- 17.1.1.1 immediately cease to operate the Franchised Business and shall not thereafter, directly or indirectly, represent to the public or hold itself out as a present or former franchisee of Franchisor;
- 17.1.1.2 cease to use the Trade Secrets or other Confidential Information, the System and the Marks including, without limitation, all signs, slogans, symbols, logos, advertising materials, stationery, forms and any other items which display or are associated with the Marks;
- 17.1.1.3 upon demand by Franchisor, immediately assign (or, if an assignment is prohibited, sublease for the full remaining term, and on the same terms and conditions as Franchisee's lease) its interest in the lease then in effect for the Approved Location to Franchisor and Franchisee shall furnish Franchisor with evidence satisfactory to Franchisor of compliance with this obligation within thirty (30) days after termination or expiration of this Agreement, and Franchisor has the right to pay rent and other expenses directly to the party to whom such payment is ultimately due;
- 17.1.1.4 take such action as may be necessary to cancel or assign to Franchisor, at Franchisor's option, any assumed name or equivalent registration filed with state, city or county authorities which contains the name "Slice Factory" or any other Mark, and Franchisee shall furnish Franchisor with evidence satisfactory to Franchisor of compliance with this obligation within thirty (30) days after termination or expiration of this Agreement;
- 17.1.1.5 pay all sums owing to Franchisor and any Affiliate. In the event of termination for any default of Franchisee, such sums shall include, but not be limited to, all damages, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees with respect to litigation, arbitration, appellate or bankruptcy proceedings, unpaid Royalty Fees, loss of future Royalty Fee payments incurred by Franchisee as a result of any early termination of this Agreement, and any other amounts due to Franchisor or any Affiliate;

- 17.1.1.6 pay to Franchisor all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor subsequent to the termination or expiration of the Franchise in obtaining injunctive or other relief for the enforcement of any provisions of this Agreement;
- 17.1.1.7 immediately return to Franchisor the Operations Manual, Trade Secrets and all other Confidential Information including records, files, instructions, brochures, agreements, disclosure statements and any and all other materials provided by Franchisor to Franchisee relating to the operation of the Franchised Business (all of which are acknowledged to be Franchisor's property);
- 17.1.1.8 assign all telephone listings and numbers for the Franchised Business to Franchisor, notify the telephone company and all listing agencies of the termination or expiration of Franchisee's right to use any telephone numbers or facsimile numbers associated with the Marks in any regular, classified or other telephone directory listing, authorize transfer of same to or at the direction of Franchisor, and execute such instruments required effectuate such transfer; and
- 17.1.1.9 comply with all other applicable provisions of this Agreement.

## 17.2 Post-Termination Covenant Not to Compete

- 17.2.1 Franchisee acknowledges that the restrictive covenants contained in this Section and in Section 7 are fair and reasonable and are justifiably required for purposes including, but not limited to, the following:
- 17.2.1.1 to protect the Trade Secrets and other Confidential Information of Franchisor;
  - 17.2.1.2 to induce Franchisor to grant a Franchise to Franchisee; and
- 17.2.1.3 to protect Franchisor against its costs in training Franchisee and its officers, directors, executives, professional staff and Designated Managers.
- 17.2.2 Except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor, neither Franchisee, nor any holder of a legal or beneficial interest in Franchisee, nor any officer, director, executive, manager or member of the professional staff of Franchisee, shall, for a period of one (1) year after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, regardless of the cause of termination, either directly or indirectly, for themselves or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with, any person, persons, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other business entity:
- 17.2.2.1 own an interest in, manage, operate or provide the same goods or services to customers through a Competitive Business located or operating (a) within the Territory, or (b) within the territory of any other Franchised Business in existence at the time of termination or expiration; or

- 17.2.2.2 solicit or otherwise attempt to induce or influence any customer, employee or other business associate of Franchisor to terminate or modify his, her or its business relationship with Franchisor or to compete against Franchisor.
- 17.2.3 In furtherance of this Section, Franchisor has the right to require certain individuals to execute standard form nondisclosure or noncompetition agreements in a form the same as or similar to the Nondisclosure and Noncompetition Agreement attached as Exhibit 2.
- 17.2.4 If for whatever reason, either the above area or time frame covered by the Nondisclosure and Noncompetition Agreement is deemed unreasonable by a court of law, then and only in such an event shall such area and/or its time frame be reduced accordingly by the court. The rulings by the court concerning the area or time frame or any other judicial interpretation shall not affect the rest and remainder of such restrictive covenants.

#### 17.3 Unfair Competition

If Franchisee operates any other business, Franchisee shall not use any reproduction, counterfeit, copy or colorable imitation of the Marks, either in connection with such other business or the promotion thereof, that is likely to cause confusion, mistake or deception, or that is likely to dilute Franchisor's rights in the Marks. Franchisee shall not utilize any designation of origin, description or representation that suggests or represents an association or connection with Franchisor. This Section is not intended as an approval of Franchisee's right to operate other businesses and in no way is it intended to contradict Sections 7, 17.1 or 17.2. If Franchisor elects not to receive an assignment or sublease of the Approved Location, Franchisee shall make such modifications or alterations to the Approved Location (including changing telephone and facsimile numbers) immediately upon termination or expiration of this Agreement as may be necessary to prevent any association between Franchisor or the System and any business subsequently operated by Franchisee or others at the Approved Location. Franchisee shall make such specific additional changes to the Approved Location as Franchisor may reasonably request for that purpose including, without limitation, removal of all physical and structural features identifying or distinctive to the System. If Franchisee fails or refuses to comply with the requirements of this Section, Franchisor has the right to enter upon the Approved Location for the purpose of making or causing to be made such changes as may be required, at the expense of Franchisee, which expense Franchisee shall pay upon demand.

#### 17.4 Franchisor's Option to Purchase Certain Business Assets

Franchisor has the Right of first refusal under Section 19 of this Agreement (but not the obligation), for a period of thirty (30) days after termination or expiration of this Agreement, to purchase any or all assets of the Franchised Business including leasehold improvements, equipment, supplies and other inventory. The purchase price shall be equal to the assets' fair market value, as determined by an independent appraiser. If

Franchisor elects to exercise this option to purchase, it has the right to set off all amounts due from Franchisee under this Agreement, if any, against the purchase price.

#### 17.5 Survival of Certain Provisions

All obligations of Franchisor and Franchisee, which expressly or by their nature survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement, shall continue in full force and effect subsequent to and notwithstanding their expiration or termination and until satisfied or by their nature expire.

### §18 Transferability of Interest

#### 18.1 Transfer by Franchisor

This Agreement and all rights and duties hereunder are fully transferable in whole or in part by Franchisor and such rights will inure to the benefit of any person or entity to whom transferred; provided, however, that with respect to any assignment resulting in the subsequent performance by the assignee of the functions of Franchisor, the assignee shall assume the obligations of Franchisor hereunder and Franchisor shall thereafter have no liability for the performance of any obligations contained in this Agreement.

#### 18.2 Transfer by Franchisee to a Third Party

- 18.2.1 The rights and duties of Franchisee as set forth in this Agreement, and the Franchise herein granted, are personal to Franchisee (or its owners), and Franchisor has entered into this Agreement in reliance upon Franchisee's personal or collective skill and financial ability. Accordingly, neither Franchisee nor any holder of a legal or beneficial interest in Franchisee may sell, assign, convey, give away, pledge, mortgage, sublicense or otherwise transfer, whether by operation of law or otherwise, any interest in this Agreement, the Franchise granted hereby, the Approved Location used in operating the Franchised Business, its assets or any part or all of the ownership interest in Franchisee without the prior written approval of Franchisor. Any purported transfer without such approval shall be voidable and shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement. If Franchisee is in compliance with this Agreement, Franchisor's consent to such transfer shall be conditioned upon the satisfaction of the following requirements:
- 18.2.1.1 Franchisee has complied with the requirements set forth in Section 19;
- 18.2.1.2 all obligations owed to Franchisor, and all other outstanding obligations relating to the Franchised Business, are fully paid and satisfied;
- 18.2.1.3 Franchisee (and any transferring owners, if Franchisee is a business entity) has executed a general release, in a form the same as or similar to the General Release attached as Exhibit 1, of any and all claims against Franchisor, including its officers, directors, shareholders, managers, members, partners, owners, employees and agents (in their corporate and individual capacities), including, without limitation, claims

arising under federal, state or local laws, rules or ordinances, and any other matters incident to the termination of this Agreement or to the transfer of Franchisee's interest herein or to the transfer of Franchisee's ownership of all or any part of the Franchise; provided, however, that if a general release is prohibited, Franchisee shall give the maximum release allowed by law;

- 18.2.1.4 the prospective transferee has satisfied Franchisor that it meets Franchisor's management, business and financial standards, and otherwise possesses the character and capabilities, including business reputation and credit rating, as Franchisor may require to demonstrate ability to conduct the Franchised Business;
- 18.2.1.5 the transferee and, if Franchisor requires, all persons owning any interest in the transferee, have executed the then-current franchise agreement for new franchisees, which may be substantially different from this Agreement, including different Royalty Fee and Marketing Fund Contribution rates and other material provisions, and the franchise agreement then executed shall be for the term specified in such agreement;
- 18.2.1.6 the transferee has executed a general release, in a form the same as or similar to the General Release attached as Exhibit 1, of any and all claims against Franchisor and its officers, directors, shareholders, managers, members, partners, owners, employees and agents (in their corporate and individual capacities), with respect to any representations regarding the Franchise or the business conducted pursuant thereto or any other matter that may have been made to the transferee by Franchisee;
- 18.2.1.7 Franchisee has provided Franchisor with a complete copy of all contracts and agreements and related documentation between Franchisee and the prospective transferee relating to the intended sale or transfer of the Franchise;
- 18.2.1.8 Franchisee, or the transferee, has paid to Franchisor a transfer fee in the amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00);
- 18.2.1.9 the transferee, or all holders of a legal or beneficial interest in the transferee, has agreed to be personally bound jointly and severally by all provisions of this Agreement for the remainder of its term by executing a Unlimited Guaranty and Assumption of Obligations in such form as prepared by Franchisor;
- 18.2.1.10 Franchisee has agreed to be bound to the obligations of the new franchise agreement and to guarantee the full performance thereof by the transferee, if required by Franchisor;
- 18.2.1.11 the transferee has obtained all necessary consents and approvals by third parties (such as the lessor of the Approved Location) and all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, ordinances and requirements applicable to the transfer have been complied with or satisfied;

- 18.2.1.12 Franchisee has, and if Franchisee is an entity, all of the holders of a legal and beneficial interest in Franchisee have executed and delivered to Franchisor a nondisclosure and noncompetition agreement in a form satisfactory to Franchisor and in substance the same as the nondisclosure and noncompetition covenants contained in Sections 7 and 17;
- 18.2.1.13 the transferee agrees that its Designated Manager shall complete, to Franchisor's satisfaction, a training program in substance similar to the initial training described in Section 8.1 prior to assuming the management of the day-to-day operation of the Franchised Business; and
- 18.2.1.14 the transferee has obtained all necessary types of insurance as described in Section 15.1.

#### 18.3 Transfer to a Controlled Entity

- 18.3.1 If Franchisee wishes to transfer this Agreement or any interest herein to a corporation, limited liability company or other legal entity which shall be entirely owned by Franchisee ("Controlled Entity"), which Controlled Entity is being formed for the financial planning, tax or other convenience of Franchisee, Franchisor's consent to such transfer shall be conditioned upon the satisfaction of the following requirements:
- 18.3.1.1 the Controlled Entity is newly organized and its charter provides that its activities are confined exclusively to the operation of the Franchised Business;
- 18.3.1.2 Franchisee or all holders of a legal or beneficial interest in Franchisee own all of the equity and voting power of the outstanding stock or other capital interest in the Controlled Entity;
- 18.3.1.3 all obligations of Franchisee to Franchisor or any Affiliate are fully paid and satisfied; provided, however, that neither Franchisee nor the Controlled Entity shall be required to pay a transfer fee as required pursuant to Section 18.2.8;
- 18.3.1.4 the Controlled Entity has entered into a written agreement with Franchisor expressly assuming the obligations of this Agreement and all other agreements relating to the operation of the Franchised Business. If the consent of any other party to any such other agreement is required, Franchisee has obtained such written consent and provided the same to Franchisor prior to consent by Franchisor;
- 18.3.1.5 all holders of a legal or beneficial interest in the Controlled Entity have entered into an agreement with Franchisor jointly and severally guaranteeing the full payment of the Controlled Entity's obligations to Franchisor and the performance by the Controlled Entity of all the obligations of this Agreement;
- 18.3.1.6 each stock certificate or other ownership interest certificate of the Controlled Entity has conspicuously endorsed upon the face thereof a statement in

a form satisfactory to Franchisor that it is held subject to, and that further assignment or transfer thereof is subject to, all restrictions imposed upon transfers and assignments by this Agreement; and

- 18.3.1.7 copies of the Controlled Entity's articles of incorporation or organization, bylaws, operating agreement, federal tax identification number and other governing regulations or documents, including resolutions of the board of directors authorizing entry into this Agreement, have been promptly furnished to Franchisor. Any amendment to any such documents shall also be furnished to Franchisor immediately upon adoption.
- 18.3.2 The term of the transferred franchise shall be the unexpired term of this Agreement, including all renewal rights, subject to any and all conditions applicable to such renewal rights.
- 18.3.3 Franchisor's consent to a transfer of any interest in this Agreement, or of any ownership interest in the Franchised Business, shall not constitute a waiver of any claims Franchisor may have against the transferor or the transferee, nor shall it be deemed a waiver of Franchisor's right to demand compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

#### 18.4 Franchisor's Disclosure to Transferee

Franchisor has the right, without liability of any kind or nature whatsoever to Franchisee, to make available for inspection by any intended transferee of Franchisee all or any part of Franchisor's records relating to this Agreement, the Franchised Business or to the history of the relationship of the parties hereto. Franchisee hereby specifically consents to such disclosure by Franchisor and shall release and hold Franchisor harmless from and against any claim, loss or injury resulting from an inspection of Franchisor's records relating to the Franchised Business by an intended transferee identified by Franchisee.

### 18.5 For-Sale Advertising

Franchisee shall not, without prior written consent of Franchisor, place in, on or upon the location of the Franchised Business, or in any communication media, any form of advertising relating to the sale of the Franchised Business or the rights granted hereunder.

#### 18.6 Transfer by Death or Incapacity

18.6.1 Upon the death or Incapacity of Franchisee (if Franchisee is an individual) or any holder of a legal or beneficial interest in Franchisee (if Franchisee is a business entity), the appropriate representative of such person (whether administrator, personal representative or trustee) shall, within a reasonable time not exceeding one hundred eighty (180) days following such event, transfer such individual's interest in the Franchised Business or in Franchisee to a third party approved by Franchisor. Such

transfers, including transfers by will or inheritance, shall be subject to the conditions for assignments and transfers contained in this Agreement, unless prohibited by the laws of the state wherein Franchisee resided, with such choice of law provision being applicable only for this Section 18.6. During such one hundred eighty (180) day period, the Franchised Business must remain at all times under the primary management of a Designated Manager who otherwise meets Franchisor's management qualifications.

18.6.2 Following such a death or Incapacity of such person as described in this Section, if necessary in Franchisor's discretion, Franchisor shall have the right, but not the obligation, to assume operation of the Franchised Business until the deceased or incapacitated owner's interest is transferred to a third party approved by Franchisor. Franchisor may charge a management fee as stated in the Operations Manual from time to time, currently equal to SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$600.00) per day, and Franchisor shall be entitled to reimbursement of any expenses Franchisor incurs that are not paid out of the operating cash flow of the Franchised Business.

### §19 Right of First Refusal

#### 19.1 Submission of Offer

If Franchisee, or any of its owners, proposes to sell or otherwise transfer (including a transfer by death or Incapacity pursuant to Section 18.6) the Franchised Business (or any of its assets outside of the normal course of business), any ownership interest in Franchisee or any ownership interest in the Franchise granted hereunder, Franchisee shall obtain and deliver a *bona fide*, executed written offer or proposal to purchase, along with all pertinent documents including any contract or due diligence materials, to Franchisor, except with regards to a sale or transfer to a family member. The offer must apply only to an approved sale of the assets or interests listed above and may not include any other property or rights of Franchisee or any of its owners.

#### 19.2 Franchisor's Right to Purchase

Franchisor shall, for thirty (30) days from the date of delivery of all such documents, have the right, exercisable by written notice to Franchisee, to purchase the offered assets or interest for the price and on the same terms and conditions contained in such offer communicated to Franchisee. Franchisor has the right to substitute cash for the fair market value of any form of payment proposed in such offer. Franchisor's credit shall be deemed at least equal to the credit of any proposed buyer. After providing notice to Franchisee of Franchisor's intent to exercise this right of first refusal, Franchisor shall have up to sixty (60) days to close the purchase. Franchisor shall be entitled to receive from Franchisee all customary representations and warranties given by Franchisee as the seller of the assets or such ownership interest or, at Franchisor's election, such representations and warranties contained in the proposal.

#### 19.3 Non-Exercise of Right of First Refusal

If Franchisor does not exercise its right of first refusal within thirty (30) days from the date of delivery of all such documents, the offer or proposal may be accepted by Franchisee or any of its owners, subject to Franchisor's prior written approval as required by Section 18.2. Should the sale fail to close within one hundred eighty (180) days after the offer is delivered to Franchisor, Franchisor's right of first refusal shall renew and be implemented in accordance with this Section.

### 19.4 Sales or Transfers to Family Excepted

If Franchisee, or any of its owners, proposes to sell or otherwise transfer the Franchised Business (or any of its assets outside of the normal course of business), any ownership interest in Franchisee or any ownership interest in the Franchise granted hereunder to a member of Franchisee's (or its owners') family, then the terms and conditions of this Section 19 shall be inapplicable. Nothing in this Section 19.4 shall be construed to relieve Franchisee from full compliance with the terms and conditions of Section 18.2 prior to a sale or transfer to family pursuant to this Section.

### §20 Beneficial Owners of Franchisee

Franchisee represents, and Franchisor enters into this Agreement in reliance upon such representation, that the individuals identified in Exhibit 4 are the sole holders of a legal or beneficial interest (in the stated percentages) of Franchisee.

### §21 Relationship and Indemnification

### 21.1 Relationship

This Agreement is purely a contractual relationship between the parties and does not appoint or make Franchisee an agent, legal representative, joint venturer, partner, employee, servant or independent contractor of Franchisor for any purpose whatsoever. Franchisee may not represent or imply to third parties that Franchisee is an agent of Franchisor, and Franchisee is in no way authorized to make any contract, agreement, warranty or representation on behalf of Franchisor, or to create any obligation, express or implied, on Franchisor's behalf. During the term of this Agreement, and any extension or renewal hereof, Franchisee shall hold itself out to the public only as a franchisee and an owner of the Franchised Business operating the Franchised Business pursuant to a franchise from Franchisor. Franchisee shall take such affirmative action as may be necessary to do so including, without limitation, exhibiting a notice of that fact in a conspicuous place on the Approved Location and on all forms, stationery or other written materials, the content of which Franchisor has the right to specify. Under no circumstances shall Franchisor be liable for any act, omission, contract, debt, nor any other obligation of Franchisee. Franchisor shall in no way be responsible for any injuries to persons or property resulting from the operation of the Franchised Business. Any third party contractors and vendors retained by Franchisee to convert or construct the premises are independent contractors of Franchisee alone.

#### 21.2 Standard of Care

This Agreement does not establish a fiduciary relationship between the parties. Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement with respect to certain issues, whenever this Agreement requires Franchisee to obtain Franchisor's written consent or permits Franchisee to take any action or refrain from taking any action, Franchisor is free to act in its own self-interest without any obligation to act reasonably, to consider the impact on Franchisee or to act subject to any other standard of care limiting Franchisor's right, except as may be provided by statute or regulation.

#### 21.3 Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Franchisee shall, at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, hold harmless and indemnify Franchisor, any Affiliate, all holders of a legal or beneficial interest in Franchisor and all officers, directors, executives, managers, members, partners, owners, employees, agents, successors and assigns (collectively "Franchisor Indemnitees") from and against all losses, damages, fines, costs, expenses or liability (including reasonable attorneys' fees and all other costs of litigation) incurred in connection with any action, suit, demand, claim, investigation or proceeding, or any settlement thereof, which arises from or is based upon (a) any personal injury, bodily injury or property damage whatsoever occurring in or at the location of the Franchised Business; (b) any bodily injury to an employee of Franchisee arising out of and in the course of employment of the employee; (c) Franchisee's ownership or operation of the Franchised Business; (d) Franchisee's breach of the lease for the Approved Location; (e) Franchisee's violation, breach or asserted violation or breach of any federal, state or local law, regulation or rule; (f) Franchisee's breach of any representation, warranty, covenant, or provision of this Agreement or any other agreement between Franchisee and Franchisor (or an Affiliate); (g) Franchisee's defamation of Franchisor or the System; (h) Franchisee's acts, errors or omissions committed or incurred in connection with the Franchised Business and or place of operations, including any negligent or intentional acts; or (i) Franchisee's infringement, violation or alleged infringement or violation of any Mark, patent or copyright or any misuse of the Trade Secrets or other Confidential Information. The obligations of this Section shall expressly survive the termination of this Agreement.

#### 21.4 Right to Retain Counsel

Franchisee shall give Franchisor immediate notice of any such action, suit, demand, claim, investigation or proceeding that may give rise to a claim for indemnification by a Franchisor Indemnitee. Franchisor has the right to retain counsel of its own choosing in connection with any such action, suit, demand, claim, investigation or proceeding. In order to protect persons, property, Franchisor's reputation or the goodwill of others, Franchisor has the right to, at any time without notice, take such remedial or corrective actions as it deems expedient with respect to any action, suit, demand, claim, investigation or proceeding if, in Franchisor's sole judgment, there are grounds to believe any of the acts or circumstances listed above have occurred. If

Franchisor's exercise of its rights under this Section to take corrective or remedial action, causes any of Franchisee's insurers to refuse to pay a third party claim, all cause of action and legal remedies Franchisee might have against such insurer shall automatically be assigned to Franchisor without the need for any further action on either party's part. Under no circumstances shall Franchisor be required or obligated to seek coverage from third parties or otherwise mitigate losses in order to maintain a claim against Franchisee. The failure to pursue such remedy or mitigate such loss shall in no way reduce the amounts recoverable by Franchisor from Franchisee.

### §22 General Conditions and Provisions

#### 22.1 No Waiver

No failure of Franchisor to exercise any power reserved to it hereunder, or to insist upon strict compliance by Franchisee with any obligation or condition hereunder, and no custom nor practice of the parties in variance with the terms hereof, shall constitute a waiver of Franchisor's right to demand exact compliance with the terms of this Agreement. Waiver by Franchisor of any particular default by Franchisee shall not be binding unless in writing and executed by Franchisor and shall not affect nor impair Franchisor's right with respect to any subsequent default of the same or of a different nature. Subsequent acceptance by Franchisor of any payment(s) due shall not be deemed to be a waiver by Franchisor of any preceding breach by Franchisee of any terms, covenants or conditions of this Agreement.

#### 22.2 Injunctive Relief

As any breach by Franchisee of any of the restrictions contained in Sections 6, 7 and 17 would result in irreparable injury to Franchisor, and as the damages arising out of any such breach would be difficult to ascertain, in addition to all other remedies provided by law or in equity, Franchisor shall be entitled to seek injunctive relief (whether a restraining order, a preliminary injunction or a permanent injunction) against any such breach, whether actual or contemplated, without the necessity of posting security or bond and Franchisee shall be responsible for Franchisor's reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in pursuing the same. Franchisor's right to seek injunctive relief will not affect the parties' waiver of jury trial and covenant to arbitrate all disputes in accordance with Section 23.6. Franchisor's rights herein shall include pursuing injunctive relief through arbitration or in a state or federal court.

#### 22.3 Notices

All notices required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed received: (a) at the time delivered by hand to the recipient party (or to an officer, director or partner of the recipient party); (b) on the next business day after transmission by facsimile or other reasonably reliable electronic communication system; (c) two (2) business days after being sent via guaranteed overnight delivery by a commercial courier service; or (d) five (5) business days after being sent by Registered

Mail, return receipt requested. Either party may change its address by a written notice sent in accordance with this Section. All notices, payments and reports required by this Agreement shall be sent to Franchisor at the following address:

SF Systems Inc. Attn: Domenico DiDiana 6900 Ogden Ave. Berwyn IL 60404

#### 22.4 Cost of Enforcement or Defense

If Franchisor or Franchisee is required to enforce this Agreement in a judicial or arbitration proceeding, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reimbursement of its costs, including reasonable accounting and attorneys' fees, in connection with such proceeding.

### 22.5 Unlimited Guaranty and Assumption of Obligations

All holders of a legal or beneficial interest in Franchisee of five percent (5%) or greater shall be required to execute, as of the date of this Agreement, the Unlimited Guaranty and Assumption of Obligations attached as Exhibit 3, through which such holders agree to assume and discharge all of Franchisee's obligations under this Agreement and to be personally liable hereunder for all of the same.

#### 22.6 Approvals

Whenever this Agreement requires the prior approval or consent of Franchisor, Franchisee shall make a timely written request to Franchisor for such approval and, except as otherwise provided herein, any approval or consent granted shall be effective only if in writing. Franchisor makes no warranties or guarantees upon which Franchisee may rely, and assumes no liability or obligation to Franchisee or any third party to which it would not otherwise be subject, by providing any waiver, approval, advice, consent or services to Franchisee in connection with this Agreement, or by reason of any neglect, delay or denial of any request for approval.

#### 22.7 Entire Agreement

This Agreement and all exhibits to this Agreement constitute the entire agreement between the parties and supersede any and all prior negotiations, understandings, representations, and agreements. Nothing in this or in any related agreement, however, is intended to disclaim the representations Franchisor made in the franchise disclosure document that Franchisor furnished to you.

#### 22.8 Severability and Modification

22.8.1 Except as noted below, each paragraph, part, term and provision of this Agreement shall be considered severable. If any paragraph, part, term or provision herein is ruled to be unenforceable, unreasonable or invalid, such ruling shall not impair the

operation of or affect the remaining portions, paragraphs, parts, terms and provisions of this Agreement, and the latter shall continue to be given full force and effect and bind the parties; and such unenforceable, unreasonable or invalid paragraphs, parts, terms or provisions shall be deemed not part of this Agreement. If Franchisor determines that a finding of invalidity adversely affects the basic consideration of this Agreement, Franchisor has the right to, at its option, terminate this Agreement.

22.8.2 Notwithstanding the above, each of the covenants contained in Sections 7 and 17 shall be construed as independent of any other covenant or provision of this Agreement. If all or any portion of any such covenant is held to be unenforceable, unreasonable or invalid, then it shall be amended to provide for limitations on disclosure of Trade Secrets or other Confidential Information or on competition to the maximum extent provided or permitted by law.

#### 22.9 Construction

All captions herein are intended solely for the convenience of the parties, and none shall be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any provision hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in any agreement is intended to disclaim the express representations made in the Franchise Disclosure Document.

#### 22.10 Force Majeure

Whenever a period of time is provided in this Agreement for either party to perform any act, except pay monies, neither party shall be liable nor responsible for any delays due to strikes, lockouts, casualties, acts of God, war, terrorism, governmental regulation or control or other causes beyond the reasonable control of the parties, and the time period for the performance of such act shall be extended for the amount of time of the delay. This clause shall not result in an extension of the term of this Agreement.

#### **22.11** Timing

Time is of the essence. Except as set forth in Section 22.10, failure to perform any act within the time required or permitted by this Agreement shall be a material breach.

#### 22.12 Withholding Payments

Franchisee shall not, for any reason, withhold payment of any Royalty Fees or other amounts due to Franchisor or to an Affiliate. Franchisee shall not withhold or offset any amounts, damages or other monies allegedly due to Franchisee against any amounts due to Franchisor. No endorsement or statement on any payment for less than the full amount due to Franchisor will be construed as an acknowledgment of payment in full, or an accord and satisfaction, and Franchisor has the right to accept and cash any such payment without prejudice to Franchisor's right to recover the full amount due, or pursue any other remedy provided in this Agreement or by law. Franchisor has the right to apply any payments made by Franchisee against any of Franchisee's past due indebtedness as

Franchisor deems appropriate. Franchisor shall set off sums Franchisor owes to Franchisee against any unpaid debts owed by Franchisee to Franchisor.

#### 22.13 Further Assurances

Each party to this Agreement will execute and deliver such further instruments, contracts, forms or other documents, and will perform such further acts, as may be necessary or desirable to perform or complete any term, covenant or obligation contained in this Agreement.

#### 22.14 Third-Party Beneficiaries

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor shall be deemed, to confer upon any person or legal entity other than Franchisor or Franchisee, and their respective successors and assigns as may be contemplated by this Agreement, any rights or remedies under this Agreement.

#### 22.15 Multiple Originals

Both parties will execute multiple copies of this Agreement, and each executed copy will be deemed an original.

### §23 <u>Dispute Resolution</u>

#### 23.1 Choice of Law

Except to the extent this Agreement or any particular dispute is governed by the U.S. Trademark Act of 1946 or other federal law, this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois (without reference to its conflict of laws principles). The parties hereby submit all such disputes not governed by the U.S. Trademark Act of 1946 (or breaches of the Noncompete Provisions hereof set forth in Exhibit 2 hereof) to binding arbitration as their exclusive forum and remedy with the Illinois Arbitration Act to exclusively govern the procedure for all such arbitration. References to any law refer also to any successor laws and to any published regulations for such law as in effect at the relevant time. References to a governmental agency also refer to any regulatory body that succeeds the function of such agency.

#### 23.2 Consent to Jurisdiction

Any action brought by either party except those claims required to be submitted to arbitration, shall only be brought in the appropriate state or Federal courts located in or serving Melrose Park, Illinois. The parties waive all questions of personal jurisdiction or venue for the purposes of carrying out this provision. Claims for injunctive relief may be brought by Franchisor where Franchisee is located. This exclusive choice of jurisdiction and venue provision shall not restrict the ability of the parties to confirm or enforce judgments or arbitration awards in any appropriate jurisdiction.

#### 23.3 Cumulative Rights and Remedies

No right or remedy conferred upon or reserved to Franchisor or Franchisee by this Agreement is intended to be, nor shall be deemed, exclusive of any other right or remedy herein or by law or equity provided or permitted, but each shall be in addition to every other right or remedy. Nothing contained herein shall bar Franchisor's right to obtain injunctive relief against threatened conduct that may cause it loss or damages, including obtaining restraining orders and preliminary and permanent injunctions.

### 23.4 Limitation of Damages

Franchisee and Franchisor each waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any right or claim for any punitive or exemplary damages against the other and agree that if there is a dispute with the other, each will be limited to the recovery of actual damages sustained by it including reasonable accounting and legal fees as provided in Section 22.4. Franchisee waives and disclaims any right to consequential damages in any action or claim against Franchisor concerning this Agreement or any related agreement. In any claim or action brought by Franchisee against Franchisor concerning this Agreement, Franchisee's contract damages shall not exceed and shall be limited to refund of Franchisee's Franchise Fee and Royalty Fees.

### 23.5 Waiver of Jury Trial

Franchise and Franchisor Each irrevocably waive trial by jury in any action, whether at law or equity, brought by either of them.

#### 23.6 Arbitration

23.6.1 This Agreement evidences a transaction involving commerce and, therefore, the Federal Arbitration Act, Title 9 of the United States Code is applicable to the subject matter contained herein. Except for controversies or claims relating to intellectual property rights, including, but not limited to, Franchisor's Marks, copyrights or the unauthorized use or disclosure of Franchisor's Confidential Information, covenants against competition and other claims for injunctive relief, all disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement or to any other agreements between the parties, or with regard to interpretation, formation or breach of this or any other agreement between the parties (except the Noncompete Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 2), shall be settled by binding arbitration conducted in Melrose Park, Illinois, in accordance with the Revised Uniform Arbitration Act (G.S. 1-569.1). The proceedings will be held by a single arbitrator agreed upon by the parties or otherwise appointed by the Chief Resident Superior Court Judge for the Judicial District sitting in Melrose Park, Illinois. The decision of the arbitrator will be final and binding upon the parties. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having personal and subject matter jurisdiction.

23.6.2 Franchisee acknowledges that it has read the terms of this binding arbitration provision and affirms that this provision is entered into willingly and

voluntarily and without any fraud, duress or undue influence on the part of Franchisor or any of Franchisor's agents or employees.

### §24 Acknowledgements

#### 24.1 Receipt of this Agreement and the Franchise Disclosure Document

Franchisee represents and acknowledges that it has received, read and understands this Agreement and Franchisor's Franchise Disclosure Document; and that Franchisor has accorded Franchisee ample time and opportunity to consult with advisors of its own choosing about the potential benefits and risks of entering into this Agreement. Franchisee represents and acknowledges that it has received, at least fourteen (14) calendar-days prior to the date on which this Agreement was executed, the Disclosure Document required by the Trade Regulation Rule of the Federal Trade Commission entitled Disclosure Requirements and Prohibitions Concerning Franchising and Business Opportunity Ventures.

### 24.2 Consultation by Franchisee

Franchisee represents that it has been urged to consult with its own advisors with respect to the legal, financial and other aspects of this Agreement, the business franchised hereby and the prospects for that business. Franchisee represents that it has either consulted with such advisors or has deliberately declined to do so.

#### 24.3 True and Accurate Information

Franchisee represents that all information set forth in any and all applications, financial statements and submissions to Franchisor is true, complete and accurate in all respects, and Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor is relying upon the truthfulness, completeness and accuracy of such information.

#### **24.4** Risk

Franchisee represents that it has conducted an independent investigation of the business contemplated by this Agreement and acknowledges that, like any other business, an investment in a Franchised Business involves business risks and that the success of the venture is dependent, among other factors, upon the business abilities and efforts of Franchisee. Franchisor makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, in this Agreement or otherwise, as to the potential success of the business venture contemplated hereby.

#### 24.5 No Guarantee of Success

Franchisee represents and acknowledges that it has not received or relied on any guarantee, express or implied, as to the revenues, profits or likelihood of success of the Franchised Business. Franchisee represents and acknowledges that there have been no representations by Franchisor's officers, directors, employees or agents that are not

contained in, or are inconsistent with, the statements made in the Franchise Disclosure Document or this Agreement.

#### 24.6 No Violation of Other Agreements

Franchisee represents that its execution of this Agreement will not violate any other agreement or commitment to which Franchisee or any holder of a legal or beneficial interest in Franchisee is a party.

### 24.7 Severability

If a provision of this Agreement is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, that shall not affect: the validity or enforceability in that jurisdiction of any other provision of this Agreement; or the validity or enforceability in other jurisdictions of that or any other provision of this Agreement

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound hereby have duly executed this Agreement.

SF Systems Inc.	[Franchisee]	
Name Printed: <u>Domenico DiDiana</u>	Name Printed:	
Title: Owner	Title:	

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and other good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged.

Accordingly RELEASOR hereby releases and discharges RELEASEE, RELEASEE'S officers, directors, shareholders, managers, members, partners, owners, employees and agents (in their corporate and individual capacities), and RELEASEE'S successors and assigns, from any and all causes of action, suits, debts, damages, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, that RELEASOR and RELEASOR'S heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns had, now have or may have, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever from the beginning of the world to the date of this RELEASE arising out of or related to the Franchise or the Franchise Agreement, including, without limitation, claims arising under federal, state and local laws, rules and ordinances.

Any action brought by either party regarding this Release, shall only be brought in the appropriate state or federal court located in or serving Melrose Park, Illinois. The parties waive all questions of personal jurisdiction or venue for the purposes of carrying out this provision.

This General Release shall not be amended or modified unless such amendment or modification is in writing and is signed by RELEASOR and RELEASEE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, RELEASOR has executed this General Release as of the date first above written.

RELEASOR:_	
	(type/print name)
By:	
Name Printed:	
Title:	
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Date:	

# NONDISCLOSURE AND NONCOMPETITION AGREEMENT

This "Agreement" is by and between	
("Franchisee") and	
("Individual").	

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Franchisee is a party to that certain Franchise Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_ ("Franchise Agreement") by and between Franchisee; and SF Systems Inc. ("Company");

WHEREAS, Franchisee desires Individual to have access to and review certain Trade Secrets and other Confidential Information, which are more particularly described below;

WHEREAS, Franchisee is required by the Franchise Agreement to have Individual execute this Agreement prior to providing Individual access to said Trade Secrets and other Confidential Information; and

WHEREAS, Individual understands the necessity of not disclosing any such information to any other party or using such information to compete against Company, Franchisee or any other franchisee of Company in any business (i) that offers or provides (or grants franchises or licenses to others to operate a business that offers or provides) traditional Italian menu items the same as or similar to those provided by Franchisee or (ii) in which Trade Secrets and other Confidential Information (as defined below) could be used to the disadvantage of Franchisee, or Company, any affiliate of Company or Company's other franchisees (hereinafter, "Competitive Business"); provided, however, that the term "Competitive Business" shall not apply to any business operated by Franchisee under a Franchise Agreement with Company.

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

#### 1. Trade Secrets and Confidential Information

Individual understands Franchisee possesses and will possess Trade Secrets and other Confidential Information that are important to its business.

a) For the purposes of this Agreement, a "Trade Secret" is information in any form (including, but not limited to, materials and techniques, technical or nontechnical data, formulas, patterns, compilations, programs, devices, methods, techniques, drawings, processes, financial data, financial plans, product plans, passwords, lists of actual or

potential customers or suppliers) related to or used in the Franchised Business that is not commonly known by or available to the public and that information: (i) derives economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use; and (ii) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.

- b) For the purposes of this Agreement "Confidential Information" means technical and nontechnical information used in or related to the Franchised Business that is not commonly known by or available to the public, including, without limitation, Trade Secrets and information contained in the Operations Manual and training guides and materials. In addition, any other information identified as confidential when delivered by Franchisee shall be deemed Confidential Information. Confidential Information shall not include, however, any information that: (i) is now or subsequently becomes generally available to the public through no fault of Individual; (ii) Individual can demonstrate was rightfully in its possession, without obligation of nondisclosure, prior to disclosure pursuant to this Agreement; (iii) is independently developed without the use of any Confidential Information; or (iv) is rightfully obtained from a third party who has the right, without obligation of nondisclosure, to transfer or disclose such information.
- c) Any information expressly designated by Company or Franchisee as "Trade Secrets" or "Confidential Information" shall be deemed such for all purposes of this Agreement, but the absence of designation shall not relieve Individual of his or her obligations hereunder in respect of information otherwise constituting Trade Secrets or Confidential Information. Individual understands Franchisee's providing of access to the Trade Secrets and other Confidential Information creates a relationship of confidence and trust between Individual and Franchisee with respect to the Trade Secrets and other Confidential Information.

#### 2. Confidentiality/Nondisclosure

- a) Individual shall not communicate or divulge to (or use for the benefit of) any other person, firm, association, or corporation, with the sole exception of Franchisee, now or at any time in the future, any Trade Secrets or other Confidential Information. At all times from the date of this Agreement, Individual must take all steps reasonably necessary and/or requested by Franchisee to ensure that the Confidential Information and Trade Secrets are kept confidential pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. Individual must comply with all applicable policies, procedures and practices that Franchisee has established and may establish from time to time with regard to the Confidential Information and Trade Secrets.
- b) Individual's obligations under paragraph 2(a) of this Agreement shall continue in effect after termination of Individual's relationship with Franchisee, regardless of the reason or reasons for termination, and whether such termination is voluntary or involuntary, and Franchisee is entitled to communicate Individual's obligations under this Agreement to any future customer or employer to the extent

deemed necessary by Franchisee for protection of its rights hereunder and regardless of whether Individual or any of its affiliates or assigns becomes an investor, partner, joint venturer, broker, distributor or the like in a Slice Factory Business.

### 3. Noncompetition

- a) During the term of Individual's relationship with Franchisee and for a period of one (1) year after the expiration or termination of Individual's relationship with Franchisee, regardless of the cause of expiration or termination, Individual shall not, directly or indirectly, for themselves or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with, any person, persons, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other business entity, divert or attempt to divert any business or customer of Franchisee to any Competitive Business, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise, or do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Company's trademark "Slice Factory" and such other trade names, trademarks, service marks, trade dress, designs, graphics, logos, emblems, insignia, fascia, slogans, drawings and other commercial symbols as the Company designates to be used in connection with the Franchised Businesses or the Company's uniform standards, methods, procedures and specifications for the establishment and operation of a Franchised Business.
- b) During the term of Individual's relationship with Franchisee, Individual shall not, directly or indirectly, for themselves or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with, any person, persons, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other business entity, carry on, be engaged in or take part in, render services to, or own or share in the earnings of any Competitive Business anywhere within a twenty-five (25) mile radius of the Franchisee's Approved Location or within Franchisee's Territory, whichever is greater without the express written consent of Franchisee.
- c) For a one (1) year period following the term of Individual's relationship with Franchisee, regardless of the cause of termination, Individual shall not, directly or indirectly, for themselves or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with, any person, persons, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other business entity, carry on, be engaged in or take part in, render services to, or own or share in the earnings of any Competitive Business within Franchisee's Territory, or within the territory of any other Slice Factory Business without the express written consent of Franchisee.
- d) During the term of Individual's relationship with Franchisee and for a period of one (1) year thereafter, regardless of the cause of termination, Individual shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit or otherwise attempt to induce or influence any employee or other business associate of Franchisee, Company or any other Slice Factory Business to compete against, or terminate or modify his, her or its employment or business relationship with, Franchisee, Company or any other Slice Factory Business.

#### 4. Reasonableness of Restrictions

Individual acknowledges that each of the terms set forth herein, including the restrictive covenants, is fair and reasonable and is reasonably required for the protection of Franchisee, Company, and Company's Trade Secrets and other Confidential Information, the Company's business system, network of franchises and trade and service marks, and Individual waives any right to challenge these restrictions as being overly broad, unreasonable or otherwise unenforceable. If, however, a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any such restriction is unreasonable or unenforceable, then Individual shall submit to the reduction of any such activity, time period or geographic restriction necessary to enable the court to enforce such restrictions to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law. It is the desire and intent of the parties that the provisions of this Agreement shall be enforced to the fullest extent permissible under the laws and public policies applied in any jurisdiction where enforcement is sought.

# 5. Relief for Breaches of Confidentiality, NonSolicitation and Noncompetition

Individual further acknowledges that an actual or threatened violation of the covenants contained in this Agreement will cause Franchisee and Company immediate and irreparable harm, damage and injury that cannot be fully compensated for by an award of damages or other remedies at law. Accordingly, Franchisee and Company shall be entitled, as a matter of right, to an injunction from any court of competent jurisdiction restraining any further violation by Individual of this Agreement without any requirement to show any actual damage or to post any bond or other security. Such right to an injunction shall be cumulative and in addition to, and not in limitation of, any other rights and remedies that Franchisee and Company may have at law or in equity.

#### 6. <u>Miscellaneous</u>

- a) This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement supersedes any prior agreements, negotiations and discussions between Individual and Franchisee. This Agreement cannot be altered or amended except by an agreement in writing signed by the duly authorized representatives of the parties.
- b) Except to the extent this Agreement or any particular dispute is governed by the U.S. Trademark Act of 1946 or other federal law, this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois (without reference to its conflict of laws principles). The Federal Arbitration Act shall govern all matters subject to arbitration. References to any law refer also to any successor laws and to any published regulations for such law as in effect at the relevant time. References to a governmental agency also refer to any regulatory body that succeeds the function of such agency.
- c) Any action brought by either party, shall only be brought in the appropriate state or federal court located in or serving Melrose Park, Illinois. The parties waive all questions of personal jurisdiction or venue for the purposes of carrying out this

provision. Company may bring claims for injunctive relief where Franchisee is located. This exclusive choice of jurisdiction and venue provision shall not restrict the ability of the parties to confirm or enforce judgments or arbitration awards in any appropriate jurisdiction.

- d) Individual agrees if any legal proceedings are brought for the enforcement of this Agreement, in addition to any other relief to which the successful or prevailing party may be entitled, the successful or prevailing party shall be entitled to recover attorneys' fees, investigative fees, administrative fees billed by such party's attorneys, court costs and all expenses, including, without limitation, all fees, taxes, costs and expenses incident to arbitration, appellate, and post-judgment proceedings incurred by the successful or prevailing party in that action or proceeding.
- e) This Agreement shall be effective as of the date this Agreement is executed and shall be binding upon the successors and assigns of Individual and shall inure to the benefit of Franchisee, its subsidiaries, successors and assigns. Company is an intended third-party beneficiary of this Agreement with the independent right to enforce the confidentiality and noncompetition provisions contained herein.
- f) The failure of either party to insist upon performance in any one (1) or more instances upon performance of any terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed a waiver of future performance of any such term, covenant or condition of this Agreement and the obligations of either party with respect thereto shall continue in full force and effect.
- g) The paragraph headings in this Agreement are included solely for convenience and shall not affect, or be used in connection with, the interpretation of this Agreement.
- h) In the event that any part of this Agreement shall be held to be unenforceable or invalid, the remaining parts hereof shall nevertheless continue to be valid and enforceable as though the invalid portions were not a part hereof.
- i) This Agreement may be modified or amended only by a written instrument duly executed by Individual, Franchisee and Company.
- j) The existence of any claim or cause of action Individual might have against Franchisee or Company will not constitute a defense to the enforcement by Franchisee or Company of this Agreement.
- k) Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, no remedy conferred upon Franchisee or Company pursuant to this Agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given pursuant to this Agreement or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial

exercise by any party of any right, power or remedy pursuant to this Agreement shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

INDIVIDUAL CERTIFIES THAT HE OR SHE HAS READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY, AND UNDERSTANDS AND ACCEPTS THE OBLIGATIONS THAT IT IMPOSES WITHOUT RESERVATION. NO PROMISES OR REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO SUCH PERSON TO INDUCE THE SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT.

THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE COMPANY IS A THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY TO THIS AGREEMENT AND THAT THE COMPANY SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ENFORCE THIS AGREEMENT WITHOUT THE COOPERATION OF THE FRANCHISEE. INDIVIDUAL AND FRANCHISEE AGREE THAT THIS AGREEMENT CANNOT BE MODIFIED OR AMENDED WITHOUT THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE COMPANY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Franchisee has hereunto caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer, and Individual has executed this Agreement, all being done in duplicate originals with one (1) original being delivered to each party as of the day and year first above written.

FRANCHISEE:	
	By:
INDIVIDUAL:	Title:
	Name:

# HOLDERS OF LEGAL OR BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN FANCHISEE; OFFICERS; DIRECTORS

## **OWNERSHIP INFORMATION**

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Form of Owner	ship. Franchisee is a (check o	one):
	Sole Proprietorship	
_	Partnership	
	Limited Liability Comp	pany
	Corporation	
State of incorpor	ration / organization / residence	ace:
Sole Proprietor		
	Name	Social Security Number
	Name	Shares or Percentag of Ownership
Officers. If Fran	chisee is a limited liability co	ompany or corporation:
	Name	Title

	MULTI-STATE ADDENDA		
FOR THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  This Addendum to the Franchise Agreement is agreed to this day of,			
20	_, is by and between SF System	s Inc. and	
1. 2.	In conformance with Section provision in a franchsie agree	goern the Franchise Agreement. 4 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, any ment that designates jurisdiction and venue in a Illinois is void. However, a franchise agreement may place outside of Illinois.	
3.		ination and Non-Renewal are set forth in section 19	
4.	In conformance with section condition, stipulation or provi	41 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act, any ision purporting to bind any person acquiring any e with the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act or any	
		he undersigned hereby acknowledges having read consents to be bound by all of its terms.	
SF S	ystems Inc.:	Franchisee:	
By: _		By:	
Title:		Title:	

# **SLICE FACTORY**

# **CONFIDENTIAL OPERATIONS MANUAL**

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# SF SYSTEMS INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

**DASH Business Solutions, LLC** 

13957 Exotica Lane

Wellington, FL 33414 561.247.5303

#### SF SYSTEMS INC.

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#### **DASH Business Solutions, LLC**

#### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Shareholders of SF Systems Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of SF Systems Inc., which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2020, and the related statement of operations, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of SF Systems Inc. as of December 31, 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

#### Basis for Opinion

The audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards (GAAS) of the United States of America while specifically adhering to the auditor's responsibility listed below. The auditor is required to be independent of the entity and meet other ethical responsibilities relevant to the audit. 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 generally accepted accounting principles in the Unites 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.

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

Performing an audit in accordance with GAAS requires the auditor to exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. The GAAS 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, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, consideration of the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable amount of time, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

The auditor is 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 the auditor identified during the audit.

The objectives of the auditor are to i) obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and ii) issue an auditor's report that includes the auditor's 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 the risk of detecting a misstatement resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

DASH Business Solutions, LLC

DASH Business Solutions, LLC Wellington, FL September 10, 2021

#### SF SYSTEMS INC.

Balance Sheet December 31, 2020

#### ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 17,704
Total Current Assets	17,704
Other Assets	
Other Assets	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 17,704
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 2,496
Total Current Liabilities	2,496
Long-Term Liabilities	
SBA Note Payable	16,500
Total Long-Term Liabilities	16,500
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Total Liabilities	18,996
Shareholders' Equity	
Capital Stock	-
Retained Earnings	(1,292)
Shareholders' Equity	(1,292)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 17,704

#### SF SYSTEMS INC.

# Statement of Operations For The Year Ended December 31, 2020

Revenues	
Franchise Fee Revenue	\$ -
Royalty Revenue	36,060
Total Revenue	36,060
Expenses	
Advertising and Marketing	6,705
Bank Charges	27
Business Licenses	275
Cost of Labor	1,800
Legal and Professional Fees	12,986
Meals and Entertainment	96
Payroll Tax Expenses	739
Postage and Shipping	82
Repairs and Maintenance	120
Shareholder Salary Expense	6,500
Uniforms	1,152
Total Expenses	30,482
Operating Income	5,578
Other Income	1,000
Net Income	\$ 6,578

#### SF SYSTEMS INC.

Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity For The Year Ended December 31, 2020

Equity at January 1, 2020	\$ -
Adjustment for ASC 606	-
Shareholder Contributions (Distributions)	(7,870)
Net Income	 6,578
Equity at December 31, 2020	\$ (1,292)

#### SF SYSTEMS INC.

#### Statement of Cash Flows For The Year Ended December 31, 2020

Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 6,578
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income (Loss)	
to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
7 1 8	
Depreciation & Amortization	-
Changes in Assets and Liabilities	
Decrease (Increase) in Assets	_
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities	18,996
	 25.551
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	 25,574
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:	
Fixed Asset Retirements (Acquisitions)	-
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Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	 
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:	
Shareholder Contributions (Distributions)	(7,870)
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Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	 (7,870)
Net Change in Cash	17,704
Cash - Beginning of Period	_
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Cash - End of Period	\$ 17,704

#### SF SYSTEMS INC.

Notes to the Financial Statements

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Nature of Business

SF Systems Inc. (the "Company") was formed on December 21, 2015 as an Illinois corporation for the purpose of offering franchise opportunities and support for entrepreneurs who want to own a franchisee location of Slice Factory, a pizzeria that offers jumbo pizzas, jumbo slices, traditional pizza, wings, salads and traditional Italian food.

Basis of Accounting

The Company uses the accrual basis of accounting, and their accounting period is the 12-month period ending December 31 of each year.

Accounting Standards Codification

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") has issued the FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") that became the single official source of authoritative U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), other than guidance issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), superseding existing FASB, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, emerging Issues Task Force and related literature. All other literature is not considered authoritative. The ASC does not change GAAP; it introduces a new structure that is organized in an accessible online search system.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase. Also included with cash equivalents are deposits in-transit from banks for payments related to third-party credit card and debit card transactions. As of December 31, 2020, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$17,704.

Concentration of Risk

The Company maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which at times may exceed federally insured limits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts. The Company believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risks on cash or cash equivalents.

### SF SYSTEMS INC.

Notes to the Financial Statements

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are recorded for amounts due based on the terms of executed franchise agreements for franchise sales, royalty fees, and other revenues. These receivables are carried at original invoice amount less an estimate made for doubtful receivables, based on a review of outstanding amounts. Management regularly evaluates individual customer receivables considering their financial condition, credit history and current economic conditions. Accounts receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible. Recoveries of accounts receivable previously written off are recorded as income when received. As of December 31, 2020, the Company had no accounts receivable and no allowance for doubtful accounts.

### Revenue Recognition

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued codification Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (ASC 606). Under ASC 606, the franchisor must determine if the pre-opening activities contain any distinct goods or services, known as performance obligations, and then allocate the initial franchise fees to those performance obligations using the stand-alone selling price of the goods or services. The Company has instituted ASC 606 by allocating fifty percent of the initial franchise fee to the pre-opening services provided including training, site location assistance, and the operations manual. The remaining fifty percent is initially deferred as unearned revenue liability and recognized equally over the ten-year contract term beginning on the year the fee is collected. The Modified Retrospective Approach to ASC 606 was implemented during the year ending December 31, 2020. The Modified Retrospective Approach requires that the cumulative effect of the changes related to the adoption be charged to retained earnings. There was no change in the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2020.

The Company's revenues consist of fees from franchises such as initial franchise fees, royalties, and other fees. The initial franchise fees are not collected until all of the initial obligations are complete and the franchise is open for business as indicated in the Franchise Disclosure Document. The royalty revenue, and other fees are recognized when earned and are based on a percentage of gross sales of each individual franchise according to the franchise contract.

The Company is obligated to provide the franchisee with specific performances, including name and trademark use, as outlined in the franchise disclosure document, for a period of ten years. The initial franchise fee is refundable upon specific terms as set forth in the Franchise Disclosure Document. After collection, future allocations of the initial franchise fees have no risk of impairment. When a franchise terminates the contract prior to the ten-year contract period, the remaining unearned franchise fee is recognized in the year of termination. There were no franchise fees collected for the year ending December 31, 2020.

### SF SYSTEMS INC.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Financial Instruments

For certain of the Company's financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, long term notes receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses, the carrying amounts approximate fair value due to their short maturities.

#### Income Taxes

The entity is structured as a corporation with a Subchapter S election for federal and state income tax purposes. Accordingly, the income or loss of the Company will be included in the income tax returns of the shareholders. Therefore, there is no provision for federal and state income taxes.

The Company follows the guidance under Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 740, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes. ASC Topic 740 prescribes a more-likely-than-not measurement methodology to reflect the financial statement impact of uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the tax return. If taxing authorities were to disallow any tax positions taken by the Company, the additional income taxes, if any, would be imposed on the members rather than the Company. Accordingly, there would be no effect on the Company's financial statements.

The Company's income tax returns are subject to examination by taxing authorities for a period of three years from the date they are filed. As of December 31, 2020, the 2019, 2018 and 2017 tax years were subject to examination.

### Advertising Costs

The Company expenses advertising costs when the first advertising takes place. The advertising expense for the year ending December 31, 2020 was \$6,705.

### Subsequent Events

Management has reviewed and evaluated subsequent events through September 10, 2021, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

### NOTE 2 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Company has not incurred any operating expenses with related parties.

### SF SYSTEMS INC.

Notes to the Financial Statements

### NOTE 3 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company may be subject to various claims, legal actions and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business. In accounting for legal matters and other contingencies, the Company follows the guidance in ASC Topic 450 Contingencies, under which loss contingencies are accounted for based upon the likelihood of incurrence of a liability. If a loss contingency is "probable" and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated, it is accrued. If a loss contingency is "probable" but the amount of loss cannot be reasonably estimated, disclosure is made. If a loss contingency is "reasonably possible," disclosure is made, including the potential range of loss, if determinable. Loss contingencies that are "remote" are neither accounted for nor disclosed. There are no loss contingencies that require disclosure at December 31, 2020.

### NOTE 4 - FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

The terms of the Company's franchise agreement will be as follows:

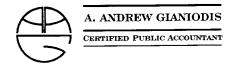
- A. The Company will grant the right to use the Company name, trademark and system in the franchisees franchise development business.
- B. The franchisee is obligated to pay a non-refundable initial franchise fee.
- C. The franchisee is obligated to pay a monthly royalty fee and other fees as outlined in the agreement.
- D. Other requirements as outlined in the Franchise Disclosure Document.

### NOTE 5 - DEFERRED REVENUE

As stated in Note 1, under ASC 606, franchisor may recognize franchise fee revenue when the franchisor has substantially performed all services required to earn the initial franchise fee, or if pre-opening activities contain any distinct goods or services that can be allocated from the initial franchise fee. Management has determined that fifty percent of the initial franchise fee represents the distinct pre-opening services provided to the franchise, and fifty percent will be deferred and recognized over the contract period. For the year ending December 31, 2020, no franchise fees were collected.

### NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The Company has a long-term liability from the Small Business Administration in the amount of \$16,500 with an interest rate of 3.75% and loan repayment period of thirty years. There is no current portion on the Balance Sheet as the debt does not require any repayment within the subsequent twelve months. The Company received an additional \$1,000 from the SBA that was considered emergency funds and was not subject to repayment. The emergency portion is classified as "Other Income" on the Statement of Operations.



SF Systems, Inc.

DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## SF SYSTEMS, INC.

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June 12, 2020

#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Board of Directors and Stockholders of SF Systems, Inc.:

REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I have audited the accompanying balance sheets of SF Systems, Inc. (a subchapter-s Corporation) as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 and the related statements of operations, changes in member's equity and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these statements based on my audits.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

#### AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audits. I conducted my audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards as 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 of material misstatement.

An audit includes 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 risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Company'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 Company's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion.

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An audit also includes evaluating appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

### **OPINION**

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of SF Systems, Inc. (a subchapter-s Corporation) as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 and the related statements of operations, changes in member's equity and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

A. Andrew Gianiodis

Certified Public Accountant

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# SF Systems, Inc.

## Balance Sheet December 31, 2019 and 2018

### **ASSETS**

CURRENT AGGETS		2019	2018
CURRENT ASSETS Cash Accounts Receivable	\$	3,386	\$ 2,331
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		3,386	2,331
FIXED ASSETS Equipment Accumulated Depreciation		<u>-</u>	- -
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	_		 
OTHER ASSETS Intangible Assets (Net)			 
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	3,386	\$ 2,331
LIABILITIES & EQUIT	ГΥ		
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts Payable Due to Owners TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$	22,840 29,444 52,284	\$ 550 29,444 29,994
TOTAL LIABILITIES		52,284	29,994
EQUITY Common Stock Retained Deficit		5,000 (53,898)	5,000 (32,663)
TOTAL EQUITY		(48,898)	 (27,663)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$	3,386	\$ 2,331

See accompanying notes

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# SF Systems, Inc.

# Statement of Operations Years ending December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
Revenues		
Franchise revenue	\$ 25,271	\$ 11,812
Other revenue	 	
Total revenue	25,271	11,812
Expenses		
•	17 204	7 040
Advertising and Promotion	17,394	7,812
Bank Fees	132	366
Licenses	330	-
Office	1,140	-
Payroll	22,840	=
Professional Fees	5,801	2,351
Travel	354	-
Tatal ayyaanaa	 47.004	 10.520
Total expenses	 47,991	 10,529
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (22,720)	\$ 1,283

See accompanying notes

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# SF Systems, Inc.

## Statement of Changes in Equity Years ending December 31, 2019 and 2018

	Capita	l Stock	Retained Deficit	Total Equity
Total equity, January 1, 2018	\$	5,000	\$ (33,946)	(28,946)
Stock Sale Proceeds		-	-	-
Net Income		-	1,283	1,283
Total equity at December 31, 2018	\$	5,000	\$ (32,663)	(27,663)
Total equity, January 1, 2019	\$	5,000	\$ (32,663)	(27,663)
Stock Sale Proceeds, net		-	1,485	1,485
Net Loss		-	(22,720)	(22,720)
Total equity at December 31, 2019	\$	5,000	\$ (53,898)	(48,898)

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# SF Systems, Inc.

# Statement of Cash Flows Years ending December 31, 2019 and 2018

Cash flows from operating activities:	2019	2018
Cash nows from operating activities.		
Net Income/(Loss)	\$ (22,720)	\$ 1,283
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:  Depreciation & amortization	-	-
Changes in assets and liabilities Current assets Current liabilities	- 22,290	- 550
Net cash provided by operating activities	 (430)	 1,833
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment in Intangibles	 	 
Net cash provided by investing activities	 	 -
Cash flows from financing activities: Advances from stockholders Stock sale proceeds	- 1,485	<u>-</u> -
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,485	-
Net change in cash	1,055	1,833
Cash - beginning of year	 2,331	 498
Cash - end of year	\$ 3,386	\$ 2,331
Supplemental Disclosures Interest Paid Income Taxes Paid	- -	-

See accompanying notes - 5 -

# SF SYSTEMS, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of SF Systems, Inc. is presented to assist in understanding the Company's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of the Company's management who is responsible for the integrity and objectivity of the financial statements. These accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

### **ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF BUSINESS**

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois for the purpose of offering franchise opportunities to entrepreneurs who want to own and operate their own Slice Factory restaurant operation as a franchise.

### **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

#### **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers unrestricted currency, demand deposits, money market accounts and all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with original maturities of 90 days or less to be cash equivalents.

### **REVENUE RECOGNITION**

Initial franchise fees will be recorded as income when the company provides substantially all the initial services agreed upon in the franchise agreement or when the franchise has commenced operations, whichever comes first. If the fee is received over a period of time and the Company has no reasonable basis for estimating the collectability of the fee, the Company will use the installment method of recognition of the initial fee as revenue. Monthly royalty fees will be recognized when reported by the franchisee.

# SF SYSTEMS, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### **COMPANY INCOME TAXES**

The Company, with the consent of its stockholders, has elected to be an s-corporation. In lieu of corporation income taxes, the stockholder(s) of an s-corporation is taxed based on its proportionate share of the Company's taxable income. Therefore, no provision or liability for income taxes has been included in these financial statements.

### **USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of 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.

### NOTE 2 DISCLOSURE ABOUT FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company estimates that the fair value of all financial instruments at December 31, 2019 and 2018, does not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying balance sheet. The estimated fair value amounts have been determined by the Company using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. Considerable judgment is required in interpreting market data to develop the estimates of fair value, and accordingly, the estimates are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that the Company could realize in a current market exchange.

### NOTE 3 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company does not carry general liability or worker's compensation coverage, nor is it self-insured

# SF SYSTEMS, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 4 FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

The terms of the Company's franchise agreement will be as follows:

- A. The Company will grant the right to use the Company name, trademark and system in the franchisee's franchise development business.
- B. The franchisee is obligated to pay a non-refundable initial franchise fee.
- C. The franchisee is obligated to pay a monthly royalty fee. Certain other fees are also outlined in the agreement.

### NOTE 5 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 12, 2020, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

# LIST OF CURRENT FRANCHISES

Alfredo Manzo Manzo Hospitality Inc 708-725-3500 421 n Harlem Ave, Oak Park IL 60301

Nino Faso Faso Corporation 708-634-0050 1732 N Harlem Ave, Elmwood Park IL 60707

Pablo Ramirez Pistolero Pizza Inc 773-249-5800 3435 1/2 w 26th St., Chicago IL 60623

Oscar Ramirez Hip Slice Inc 312-270-8666 1502 w 18th St., Chicago IL 60608

# LIST OF TERMINATED FRANCHISES

There are no franchisees who have had an outlet terminated, cancelled, transferred, not renewed or otherwise voluntarily or involuntarily ceased to do business under a franchise agreement during the most recently completed fiscal year or who have not communicated with Franchisor within 10 weeks of the application date.

# FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE QUESTIONAIRE

As you know, SF Systems Inc. and Franchisee are preparing to enter into a Franchise Agreement for the operation of a Franchised Business. In this Franchisee Disclosure Questionnaire, SF Systems Inc. will be referred to as "we" or "us." The purpose of this Questionnaire is to determine whether any statements or promises were made to Franchisee that we did not authorize and that may be untrue, inaccurate or misleading. Please review each of the following questions carefully and provide honest and complete responses to each question.

1. Agreement an	Have you received and personally reviewed SF Systems Inc. Franchise d each exhibit, addendum and schedule attached to it?  Yes No
2. Agreement an	Do you understand all of the information contained in the Franchise d each exhibit and schedule attached to it?  Yes No
(Attach additi	If "No", what parts of the Franchise Agreement do you not understand? onal pages, if necessary.)
3. Document Fra	Have you received and personally reviewed Franchisor's Disclosure inchisor provided to you?  Yes No
4.	Do you understand all of the information contained in the Disclosure
Document?	Yes No

(Attach addit	If "No", what parts of the Disclosure Document do you not understand? ional pages, if necessary.)
5. Business with understand th	Have you discussed the benefits and risks of operating the Franchised han attorney, accountant or other professional advisor and do you nose risks?  Yes No
businesses, in	Do you understand that the success or failure of Franchisee's business will ge part upon Franchisee's skills and abilities, competition from other nterest rates, inflation, labor and supply costs, lease terms and other d business factors?  Yes No
	Has any employee or other person speaking on Franchisor's behalf made tor promises concerning the revenues, profits or operating costs of the susiness that Franchisor or our franchisees operate?  Yes No
•	Has any employee or other person speaking on Franchisor's behalf made t or promise concerning a Franchised Business that is contrary to, or n, the information contained in the Disclosure Document?  Yes No
any statemen	Has any employee or other person speaking on Franchisor's behalf made t or promise concerning the likelihood of success that you should or might lieve from operating a Franchised Business?  Yes No
support servi	Has any employee or other person speaking on Franchisor's behalf made t, promise or agreement concerning the advertising, marketing, training, ce or assistance that Franchisor will furnish to you that is contrary to, or n, the information contained in the Disclosure Document?  Yes No
11. provide a ful	If you have answered "Yes" to any of questions 7 through 10, please lexplanation of your answer in the following blank lines. (Attach additional

pages, if necessary, and refer to them be questions, please leave the following lin	, · · ·	No" to each of these
12. Do you understand that i	n all dealings with you, Francl	nisor's officers
directors, employees and agents act only individual capacity and these dealings a Yes No	y in a representative capacity a	nd not in an
You understand that your answe will rely on them.	ers are important to Franchisor	and that Franchisor
By signing this Franchisee Discl you have responded truthfully to the abo	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	representing that
	Name of Franchis	see/Applicant
	Date:	, 20
	Signature	
	Name and Title o	f Person Signing

# **MULTI STATE ADDENDA**

### **FOR THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

- No action for liability under the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act shall be maintained unless brought before the expiration of 3 years after the act or transaction constituting the violation upon which it is based, the expiration of 1 year after the franchisee becomes aware of facts or circumstances reasonably indicating that he may have a claim for relief in respect to conduct governed by the Act, or 90 days after delivery to the franchisee of a written notice disclosing the violation, whichever shall first expire.
- Illinois law governs the Franchise Agreement (without regard to conflict of laws), and jurisdiction and venue for court litigation shall be in Illinois.
- Any provision in the Franchise Agreement requiring a general release is void if the provision requires a waiver of compliance with the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act.
- Any provision in the Franchise Agreement that designates jurisdiction or venue in a forum outside the State of Illinois is void.

ITEM 17 of the Disclosure Document is amended to add the following:

- The conditions under which a franchise can be terminated and Franchisee's rights upon nonrenewal, as well as the application by which Franchisee must bring any claims, may be affected by Sections 705/19 and 20 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act of 1987, 815 ILCS 705/19 and 705/20.
- The Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act provides that any provision in the Franchise Agreement which designates jurisdiction or venue in a forum outside of Illinois is void with respect to any cause of action which otherwise is enforceable in Illinois.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned hereby acknowledges having read this Addendum, and understands and consents to be bound by all of its terms.

SF Systems Inc.:	Franchisee:
By:	By:
Title:	Title:

### STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states have franchise laws that require that the Franchise Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the states, or be exempt from registration: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

This document is effective and may be used in the following states, where the document is filed, registered, or exempt from registration, as of the Effective Date stated below:

State	Effective Date
Illinois	

## RECEIPT

Issuance Date: September 11, 2021

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

If SF Systems Inc. offers you a franchise, SF Systems Inc. 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 unless otherwise stated in your state's addendum. The delivery of the Disclosure Document is to be received 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 in the State of Illinois.

If SF Systems Inc. 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, D.C. 20580 and the State Administrator listed in Exhibit A.

The following are the names, principal business addresses, and telephone numbers of each franchise seller offering the franchise:

Domenico DiDiana, 6900 Ogden Ave., Berwyn IL 60404, 708-328-0080

Oscar Mendoza, 6900 Ogden Ave., Berwyn IL 60404, 708-263-5583

I have received a Franchise Disclosure Document including the following exhibits on the date listed below:

- A. List of State Administrators
- B. List of State Agents for Service of Process
- C. Franchise Agreement
- D. Table of Contents to the Operations Manual
- E. Financial Statements
- F. List of Current Franchisees
- G. List of Terminated Franchisees
- H. Franchisee Disclosure Questionnaire
- I. Multi-State Addenda

Name:	Date:	
Signature:		

You should return this copy of the signed receipt either by signing, dating, and mailing it to SF Systems Inc., 6900 Ogden Ave., Berwyn IL 60404 or by scanning and emailing a copy of the signed receipt to: <a href="mailto:domd@the-slice-factory.com">domd@the-slice-factory.com</a>

This copy is for the Franchisor's records.

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