

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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We offer *Barrio Queen* franchises. As a franchisee, you will operate a restaurant called *Barrio Queen* specializing in authentic Southern Mexican food and beverages prepared using proprietary recipes on a take-out or eat-in basis, and branded, licensed products.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Barrio Queen franchise ranges from \$1,346,250 to \$3,515,750 if you lease the premises, and from \$3,746,250 to \$7,515,750 if you purchase your premises, and under in either case includes \$105,750 to \$150,750 which must be paid to the franchisor or its 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.**

You may wish to receive your disclosure document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact BQ Concepts, LLC, Attn: Legal Department, 12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 100, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343-4164 and 952-294-1300.

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

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

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

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## HOW TO USE THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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

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

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT FRANCHISING GENERALLY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### SOME STATES REQUIRE REGISTRATION

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

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

## SPECIAL RISKS TO CONSIDER ABOUT THIS FRANCHISE

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

1. **Out-of-State Dispute Resolution.** The franchise agreement requires you to resolvedisputes with the franchisor by mediation, arbitration and/or litigation only in Arizona.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 Arizona than in your own state.
2. **Spousal Liability.** Your spouse must sign a document that makes your spouse liable for all financial obligations under the franchise agreement even though your spouse has no ownership interest in the franchise. This guarantee will place both your and your spouse’s marital and personal assets, perhaps including your house,at risk if your franchise fails.
3. **Franchise History.** This restaurant concept has never been franchised prior to March 2023. As of the Issuance Date of this Disclosure Document, there are no (and have been no) franchisees who have signed a franchise agreement and/or opened and operated a Barrio Queen restaurant – as all Barrio Queen restaurants have only been owned and operated by franchisor or its predecessor.

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

THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS APPLY ONLY TO TRANSACTIONS GOVERNED BY  
THE MICHIGAN FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW

Section 445.1508(1) of the Michigan Franchise Investment Law requires franchisor to give you a copy of the Franchise Disclosure Document earlier of: (i) 10 business days prior to signing the Franchise Agreement; or (ii) 10 business days prior to franchisor's receipt of any consideration.

**THE STATE OF MICHIGAN PROHIBITS CERTAIN UNFAIR PROVISIONS THAT ARE SOMETIMES IN THE FRANCHISE DOCUMENTS. IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ARE IN THESE FRANCHISE DOCUMENTS, THE PROVISIONS ARE VOID AND CANNOT BE ENFORCED AGAINST YOU:**

- (a) A prohibition on the right of a franchisee to join an association of franchisees.
- (b) A requirement that a franchisee assent to a release, assignment, novation, waiver, or estoppel which deprives a franchisee of rights and protections provided in this act. This shall not preclude a franchisee, after entering into a franchise agreement, from settling any and all claims.
- (c) A provision that permits a franchisor to terminate a franchise prior to the expiration of its term except for good cause. Good cause shall include the failure of the franchisee to comply with any lawful provision of the franchise agreement and to cure such failure after being given written notice thereof and a reasonable opportunity, which in no event need be more than 30 days, to cure such failure.
- (d) A provision that permits a franchisor to refuse to renew a franchise without fairly compensating the franchisee by repurchase or other means for the fair market value at the time of expiration of the franchisee's inventory, supplies, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings. Personalized materials which have no value to the franchisor and inventory, supplies, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings not reasonably required in the conduct of the franchise business are not subject to compensation. This subsection applies only if: (i) The term of the franchise is less than 5 years and (ii) the franchisee is prohibited by the franchise or other agreement from continuing to conduct substantially the same business under another trademark, service mark, trade name, logotype, advertising, or other commercial symbol in the same area subsequent to the expiration of the franchise or the franchisee does not receive at least 6 months advance notice of franchisor's intent not to renew the franchise.
- (e) A provision that permits the franchisor to refuse to renew a franchise on terms generally available to other franchisees of the same class or type under similar circumstances. This section does not require a renewal provision.
- (f) A provision requiring that arbitration or litigation be conducted outside this state. This shall not preclude the franchisee from entering into an agreement, at the time of arbitration, to conduct arbitration at a location outside this state.
- (g) A provision which permits a franchisor to refuse to permit a transfer of ownership of a franchise, except for good cause. This subdivision does not prevent a franchisor from exercising a right of first refusal to purchase the franchise. Good cause shall include, but is not limited to:
  - (i) The failure of the proposed transferee to meet the franchisor's then-current reasonable qualifications or standards.

(ii) The fact that the proposed transferee is a competitor of the franchisor or subfranchisor.

(iii) The unwillingness of the proposed transferee to agree in writing to comply with all lawful obligations.

(iv) The failure of the franchisee or proposed transferee to pay any sums owing to the franchisor or to cure any default in the franchise agreement existing at the time of the proposed transfer.

(h) A provision that requires the franchisee to resell to the franchisor items that are not uniquely identified with the franchisor. This subdivision does not prohibit a provision that grants to a franchisor a right of first refusal to purchase the assets of a franchise on the same terms and conditions as a bona fide third party willing and able to purchase those assets, nor does this subdivision prohibit a provision that grants the franchisor the right to acquire the assets of a franchise for the market or appraised value of such assets if the franchisee has breached the lawful provisions of the franchise agreement and has failed to cure the breach in the manner provided in subdivision (c).

(i) A provision which permits the franchisor to directly or indirectly convey, assign, or otherwise transfer its obligations to fulfill contractual obligations to the franchisee unless provision has been made for providing the required contractual services.

(j) No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**THE FACT THAT THERE IS A NOTICE OF THIS OFFERING ON FILE WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL, RECOMMENDATION, OR ENDORSEMENT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

Any questions regarding this Notice shall be directed to:

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
ATTENTION: FRANCHISE SECTION  
P.O. BOX 30213  
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909  
(517) 373-7117

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

### The Franchisor, Parents and Predecessors and Affiliates

The franchisor is BQ Concepts, LLC. To simplify the language in this “Disclosure Document,” BQ Concepts, LLC may be referred to as “BQ Concepts,” “we,” “us,” “our” and “Franchisor.” “You” and “your” mean the person(s), partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or other entity that buys the *Barrio Queen* unit franchise. If “you” are a business entity, “you” includes the shareholders, members or owners of the business to the extent each guaranties or otherwise agrees to perform or be bound by the obligations of the business entity.

BQ Concepts is an Arizona limited liability company which was formed on February 4, 2022. BQ Concepts is in the business of owning, operating, and now franchising to others the right to own and operate restaurants, including under the name of Barrio Queen. BQ Concepts purchased the rights to own, operate and franchise the Barrio Queen brand in March 2022 from L&S Culinary Concepts, LLC and certain of its other affiliates pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement involving all open and operating Barrio Queen restaurants, which at such time was seven (7) corporate-owned restaurants and zero (0) franchised restaurants. BQ Concepts is the first company to franchise this Barrio Queen brand.

A principal business address of Franchisor is 12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 100, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343-4164, (952) 294-1300, [www.barrioqueen.com](http://www.barrioqueen.com).

We began offering franchises for the first time as of March 2023, and prior to such time this brand had never been franchised.

As of November 30, 2024, Franchisor had zero (0) operational Barrio Queen franchises and eight (8) operational corporate-owned Barrio Queen restaurants, all in the state of Arizona (see Item 20 and Exhibit K and L). Franchisor operates and offers franchises in other lines of business, as detailed in the chart in Item 1 below.

Franchisor’s agents for service of process are listed in Exhibit A to this Disclosure Document. Unless otherwise specified, our registered agent for service of process is CT Corporation System, 300 Montvue Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

Franchisor’s parent company is BBQ Holdings, Inc., a Minnesota corporation (“BBQ”). BBQ has subsidiaries including Franchisor and other than Franchisor that franchise other restaurant concepts, as further detailed in the chart below. On September 27, 2022, BBQ merged with a wholly owned subsidiary of MTY Food Group, Inc. (“MTY”) having an address at 8150 Transcanada Highway, Suite 200, Saint Laurent, Québec H4S 1M1. BBQ’s parent company became MTY Franchising USA, Inc. (“MTY USA”), originally known as The Extreme Pita Franchising USA, Inc., and having an address of 9311 E Via De Ventura, Scottsdale, AZ 85258. MTY USA directly and through its other subsidiaries franchise other restaurant concepts, as further detailed in the chart below. MTY USA’s

parent corporation is MTY Franchising Inc. (“MTY Canada”), a Canadian corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of MTY, formerly known as MTY Tiki Ming Enterprises Inc., and having an address at 8150 Route Transcanadienne, Suite 200, Ville Saint-Laurent, Quebec, H4S 1M5, Canada.

In addition to the concepts franchised by Franchisor or its current or former US-based affiliates as further detailed in the chart below, MTY or one or more of its Canadian-based subsidiaries franchises over (55) different restaurant concepts and has over 2,500 units under the following trademarks in Canada primarily, and other international countries: Allo Mon Coco, Baton Rouge Steakhouse & Bar, Ben & Florentine, Big Smoke Burger, Café Depot, Casa Grecque, Country Style, Cultures, Dagwoods, Extreme Pita, Giorgio, Jugo Juice, Kim Chi, Koryo, Koya, Kuto Comptoir A Tartares, La Crémère, La Diperie (and Cakes & Shakes by La Dip), Madisons, Manchu Wok, Toujours Mikes, mmmuffins, Mr. Souvlaki, Mr. Sub, Mucho Burrito, Muffin Plus, O’Burger, Pizza Delight, Poke by Sushi Shop, Scores, South St. Burger, Spice Bros, Steak & Frites St. Paul Sukiyaki, Sushi Go, Sushman, Sushi Shop, Thai Express, Thaizone, The Works, Tiki Ming, Timothy’s World Coffee, The COOP Wicked Chicken, Tosto, Turtle Jack’s, Tutti Frutti, Valentine, Van Houtte, Vanellis, Vie & Nam, Villa Madina, Spice Brothers, Steak Frites and YUZU trademarks. MTY also sub-franchises two (2) other different restaurant concepts: TCBY and TacoTime. MTY is a publicly-traded company headquartered in Montreal, Québec, Canada.

#### Other Franchises Offered by Franchisor or Franchisor’s Affiliates

FRANCHISOR IS ONLY OFFERING A *BARRIO QUEEN* UNIT FRANCHISE UNDER THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT. EACH OF THE FRANCHISES DETAILED BELOW ARE OFFERED BY FRANCHISOR OR A U.S. AFFILIATE UNDER SEPARATE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENTS FOR EACH BRAND.

We have the following U.S.-based affiliates through common ownership by MTY Food Group, that also offer franchises in the United States and internationally: (1) MTY USA, a Tennessee corporation having an address of 9311 E. Via De Ventura, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258; (2) MTY Canada, a Canada corporation having an address at 8210, route Transcanadienne, Suite 200, Saint-Laurent, Québec, H4S 1M5, Canada; (3) Kahala Franchising, LLC (“Kahala Franchising”), an Arizona limited liability company with its principal address at 9311 E. Via De Ventura, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258; (4) BF Acquisition Holdings, LLC (“BFAH”), a Delaware limited liability company with a principal address at 9311 E. Via De Ventura, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258; (5) La Salsa Franchise, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with a principal address at 9311 E. Via De Ventura, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258; (6) Imvescor Restaurant Group Inc. (“IRG”) a Canada corporation having an address at 8210, route Transcanadienne, Suite 200, Saint-Laurent, Québec, H4S 1M5, Canada; (7) Papa Murphy’s International, LLC (Papa Murphy’s), a Delaware limited liability company having an address at 8000 NE Parkway Drive, Suite 350, Vancouver, Washington 98662; (8) VI BrandCo, LLC (“Village Inn”), a Delaware limited liability company having a principal address at 12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 100, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343-4164, (9) BQ Concepts, LLC, an Arizona limited

liability company having a principal address at 12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 100, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343-4164; (10) Wetzel's Pretzels, LLC, a California limited liability company with a principal business office at 35 Hugus Alley, Suite 300, Pasadena, CA 91103. These affiliates franchise over 50 different concepts; and Famous Dave's of America, Inc., a Minnesota limited liability company having a principal address at 12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 100, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343-4164.

The following summarizes the Barrio Queen brand and other franchised restaurant brands offered in the United States by MTY USA or its affiliates as of November 30, 2024, including the type of restaurant business, number of franchised units in operation as of November 30, 2024, and the date Franchisor or its current or former affiliates offered franchises in those brands:

Brand Name	Type of Restaurant Business	Number of Units as of November 30, 2024	Dates unit franchises began being offered by us or our affiliate
Blimpie	Restaurants serving submarine sandwiches and salads	101 franchised units (97 in the United States and 3 internationally) (plus 4 company-owned units in the United States)	From 2006 until 2010 by Kahala Franchise Corp. and since August 2010 under Kahala Franchising
Chicken Strips and Dips	Ghost kitchen concept serving primarily chicken tenders.	3 franchised units	March 2022, Kahala Franchising.
Cold Stone Creamery	Restaurants serving super-premium freshly made ice cream, cakes, pies, smoothies, shakes, and other frozen dessert products	1,427 franchised units (992 in the United States and 435 internationally)(plus 2 company-owned units).  105 Cold Stone Creamery franchises also sell Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory® products and 1 Cold Stone Creamery franchise also sells Tim Hortons® products.	From May 2007 until March 2008 by Cold Stone Creamery, Inc., from March 2008 until March 2010 by Kahala Franchise Corp., and since August 2010 under Kahala Franchising

Brand Name	Type of Restaurant Business	Number of Units as of November 30, 2024	Dates unit franchises began being offered by us or our affiliate
		Additionally, 13 licensed units.	
Frullati Cafe & Bakery	Restaurants serving sandwiches, salads, smoothies and baked goods	11 franchised units	From 1999 until 2004 by Frullati Franchise Systems, Inc., from 2004 until March 2010 by Kahala Franchise Corp., and since August 2010 under Kahala Franchising
Great Steak	Restaurants serving Philadelphia cheesesteak sandwiches, chicken sandwiches and French fries	34 franchised units (24 in the United States and 10 internationally)	From 2004 until March 2010 by Kahala Franchise Corp. and since August 2010 under Kahala Franchising
Johnnie's New York Pizzeria	Restaurants serving New York style pizza, calzones, salads, and related Italian cuisine menu items	2 franchised units	From 2006 until March 2010 by Kahala Franchise Corp. and since August 2010 under Kahala Franchising
Kahala Coffee Traders	Restaurants serving coffee and espresso, tea, baked goods, parfaits,	5 franchised units. And 1 licensed unit.	November 2011 under Kahala Franchising

Brand Name	Type of Restaurant Business	Number of Units as of November 30, 2024	Dates unit franchises began being offered by us or our affiliate
	sandwiches and merchandise		
Maui Wowi	Store fronts or portable units serving fruit smoothies, Hawaiian coffee and espresso	88 franchised units (80 in the United States and 8 internationally)	Since November 2015 under Kahala Franchising
NrGize Lifestyle Cafe	Cafes serving smoothies, fruit drinks and nutritional supplements	57 franchised units	From 2006 until March 2010 by Kahala Franchise Corp. and since August 2010 under Kahala Franchising
Pinkberry	Restaurants serving frozen yogurt, yogurt drinks, smoothies and frozen desserts	59 franchised units. And 30 licensed units.	From July 2008 until April 2016 under Pinkberry Ventures, Inc. and since June 2016 under Kahala Franchising
Planet Smoothie	Restaurants serving smoothies, smoothie bowls, juices and nutritional supplements	162 franchised units (154 in the United States and 8 internationally)  Additionally, as of fiscal year end there were 2 Tasti D-Lite outlets.	Since June 2016 under Kahala Franchising
Ranch One	Restaurants specializing in grilled and crispy breaded chicken sandwiches	2 franchised units	From 2001 until 2004 by Ranch *1 Group, Inc., from 2004 until March 2010 by Kahala Franchise Corp., and since August 2010 under Kahala Franchising

Brand Name	Type of Restaurant Business	Number of Units as of November 30, 2024	Dates unit franchises began being offered by us or our affiliate
Samurai Sam's Teriyaki Grill	Restaurants serving Japanese rice bowls and noodle bowls	12 franchised units	From 2003 until 2004 by SP Franchising, Inc., from 2004 until March 2010 by Kahala Franchise Corp., and since August 2010 under Kahala Franchising
Surf City Squeeze	Juice bars serving smoothies, fruit drinks and nutritional supplements	62 franchised units (plus 1 company-owned unit)	From 1994 until 2004 by Malibu Smoothie Franchise Corp. and Surf City Squeeze Franchise Corp., from 2004 until March 2010 by Kahala Franchise Corp., and since August 2010 under Kahala Franchising
TacoTime	Restaurants serving freshly-prepared Mexican food including burritos, taco, quesadillas and nachos	222 franchised units (97 franchised in the United States and 125 internationally) (plus 2 company-owned units)  Additionally, there are 78 licensed units.	From 2003 until 2004 by Taco Time International, Inc., from 2004 until March 2010 by Kahala Franchise Corp., and since August 2010 under Kahala Franchising

Brand Name	Type of Restaurant Business	Number of Units as of November 30, 2024	Dates unit franchises began being offered by us or our affiliate
Extreme Pita	Restaurants serving wrap-style hot and cold pita and wrap sandwiches	1 franchised unit	From March 2001 to July 2014: The Extreme Pita Franchising USA, Inc.; since July 2014: MTY USA
Grabbagreen	Restaurants serving healthy food, juice, smoothies and related products	4 franchised units	Since February 2018 under MTY USA
Ginger Sushi Boutique + Poke Shop	Restaurant serving a variety of sushi menu items and drinks	0 franchised units	From September 2015 under MTY USA
Mucho Burrito	Restaurants offering burritos, quesadillas, tacos, nachos, and other assorted food and drinks	1 franchised unit	From January 2010 under Mucho Burrito Franchising USA, Inc.; from March 2019 under MTY USA
Thai Express	Restaurant serving "Thai-style" foods and drinks	7 franchised units (5 in the United States and 2 internationally) (plus 2 company-owned)	From February 2015 under MTY USA
La Diperie	Restaurant serving retail sale of an ice cream product and various dips and toppings	1 franchised unit	From April 2019 under MTY USA

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Baja Fresh	Restaurant offering a limited menu featuring fresh high quality Mexican-style food products	69 franchised units (67 in the United States and 2 internationally) (plus 6 company-owned units)	October 2016 until July 2017 under Triune, LLC and since then under BFAH
La Salsa	Restaurant offering a limited menu featuring fresh high quality Mexican-style food products	5 franchised units	October 2016 under La Salsa Franchise, LLC
The Counter	Full service restaurant featuring build-your-own burgers, signature burgers, side dishes, sandwiches, and salads	9 franchised units (8 in the United States and 1 internationally) (plus 3 company-owned units)	December 2017 under CB Franchise Systems, LLC. Then from March 2019 under MTY USA
Built Custom Burgers	Fast casual restaurant featuring build-your-own burgers, signature burgers, side dishes, sandwiches, and salads	7 franchised units (3 in the United States and 4 internationally)	December 2017 under Built Franchise Systems, LLC. Then from March 2019 under MTY USA
sweetFrog	Restaurant offering frozen yogurt using a self-serve delivery format	216 franchised units (206 in the United States which include 9 licensed franchisees plus 10 internationally)	September 2018 under MTY USA

Brand Name	Type of Restaurant Business	Number of Units as of November 30, 2024	Dates unit franchises began being offered by us or our affiliate
Manchu WOK	Quick service restaurant serving fast and fresh Chinese cuisine	15 franchised units	March 2015: MTY USA
Ben & Florentine	Restaurant serving a superior breakfast & lunch experience	0 franchised units	From December 2018 under MTY USA
Papa Murphy's	Retail food outlet serving primarily take and bake pizza	1,036 franchised units (1,001 in the United States and 35 internationally) plus 43 company-owned units	From May 2019 Papa Murphy's International LLC
Famous Dave's	Restaurants specializing in authentic, down-home, genuine smoked barbecue	85 franchised units (77 in the United States and 8 internationally) plus 32 company-owned units	From March 1994 under Famous Dave's of America, Inc.
Village Inn	Restaurant specializing in pancakes, omelets, skilletts, eggs, and other popular breakfast items	88 franchised units plus 26 company-owned units	From August 2020 under VI BrandCo, LLC
Barrio Queen	Restaurants specializing in authentic Southern Mexican	8 company-owned units	From March 2023 under BQ Concepts, LLC

Brand Name	Type of Restaurant Business	Number of Units as of November 30, 2024	Dates unit franchises began being offered by us or our affiliate
Champps Kitchen + Bar	sports theme restaurants that provide the public with high-quality food and beverage	2 franchised units plus 1 company-owned unit	From September 1999 to October 2008 under Champps Entertainment, Inc. and From August 2023 under BQ Concepts, LLC
Sauce Pizza / Wine	Restaurants serving wood-fired pizzas, a variety of pasta dishes, and salads	13 company-owned units	March 2024
Wetzel's Pretzels	Restaurant specializing in hand-rolled fresh-baked soft pretzels	406 franchised units (389 in the United States and 17 internationally) plus 36 company-owned units	From April 1996 under Wetzel's Pretzels, LLC

In addition to the franchised brands listed herein, our affiliates also own and operate other restaurant concepts that are not franchised or offered to franchisees as of the issuance date of this Disclosure Document. These brands include the following, and Franchisor's affiliate may continue to buy other restaurant concepts which are or are not franchised: Bakers Square, Granite City Food and Brewery, Real Urban BBQ, Craft Republic Bar & Grill, Champps Kitchen + Bar, and Tahoe Joe's Famous Steakhouse.

Additionally, as of the issuance date of this Disclosure Document, we are not offering area representative agreements under a separate Area Representative Franchise Disclosure Document but may do so in the future under a separate disclosure document.

Except as described above, neither we nor any of our affiliates, have offered any other franchises in any other line of business.

#### Affiliates That Provide Products or Services to Franchisees

An affiliate of Franchisor's may be created to provide franchisees with goods and/or services such as to: (i) administer the national advertising fund and/or any regional or local advertising association for you, or (ii) sell, distribute, and/or coordinate logistics of equipment, menu boards, interior and exterior signage, and/or smallwares with you.

Certain affiliates of Franchisor may ultimately provide to Franchisor the following services: administrative, legal, accounting, sales, POS, IT, real estate, purchasing, distribution and/or marketing support services.

### The Franchise

We are in the business of franchising Barrio Queen restaurants. If you qualify, you may (i) construct a new Barrio Queen restaurant; (ii) purchase one of our Barrio Queen franchises by acquiring an existing business from another franchisee (if any) or from us or an affiliate of ours; or (iii) convert all your existing retail operations from another brand to our Barrio Queen brand.

The business you will operate is a Barrio Queen restaurant specializing in authentic Southern Mexican food and beverage on a take-out, delivery or eat-in basis, at a specific location approved by us, and using the trademarks Barrio Queen, and other trademarks, trade names, service marks, logotypes, and other commercial symbols we adopt and authorize. A Barrio Queen restaurant is traditionally a restaurant that is easily available to the general public, and located primarily in places such as a free-standing building and end caps in retail centers. A Barrio Queen restaurant normally offers a full Barrio Queen menu. A Barrio Queen restaurant is also referred to herein as the “Franchised Business” or “Restaurant.”

Barrio Queen restaurants serve the general public, and people of all ages consume the food products offered by Barrio Queen restaurants. Barrio Queen restaurants may be operated throughout the year. Some of your competitors may include Barrio Queen restaurants operated by other franchisees or by us or our affiliates, and you will compete with local, regional and national Mexican restaurants and other full-service and quick-service casual restaurant chains and eating establishments. The extent to which you may succeed at any particular location cannot be predicted. Because of the highly competitive nature of the business involved, successful operation of the Franchised Business will depend in part upon the best efforts, capabilities, management, and efficient operation by the franchisee; as well as the general economic trend and other local marketing conditions.

### Industry Specific Regulation

The restaurant industry is heavily regulated. Many of the laws, rules, and regulations that apply to businesses generally have particular applicability to restaurants, especially restaurants that serve alcoholic beverages. All Franchised Businesses must comply with federal, state, and local laws applicable to the operation and licensing of restaurant businesses, including nutritional disclosure requirements, regulations affecting the content of foods served in restaurants and obtaining all applicable health permits and/or inspections and approvals by municipal, county, or state health departments that regulate food and liquor service operations. Your Franchised Business must also meet

applicable municipal, county, state, and federal building codes and handicap access codes, in addition to other requirements set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Unless Franchisor agrees otherwise, your Franchised Business must serve beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages. You must have a liquor license before you sell alcoholic beverages at your Restaurant. The difficulty and cost of obtaining a liquor license, and the steps for securing the license, vary greatly from area to area. There is also wide variation in state and local laws and regulations that govern the sale of alcoholic beverages. In addition, state dram shop laws give rise to potential liability for injuries that are directly or indirectly related to the sale and consumption of alcohol.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and state and local health departments administer and enforce regulations that govern food preparation and service and restaurant sanitary conditions. State and local agencies inspect restaurants to ensure that they comply with these laws and regulations.

The Federal Clean Air Act and various state laws require certain state and local areas to meet national air quality standards limiting emissions of ozone, carbon monoxide and particles, including caps on emissions from commercial food preparation. Some state and local governments also regulate indoor air quality, including limiting the use of tobacco products in public places, such as restaurants.

There may be other laws which apply to your Franchised Business. You should investigate and consider all laws and regulations when evaluating your purchase of a franchise.

## **ITEM 2: BUSINESS EXPERIENCE**

References to titles and positions for the persons listed in this Item 2 may be assigned to Franchisor, MTY, MTY Canada, MTY USA, or any one or more affiliated companies.

Chief Executive Officer: Eric Lefebvre

Mr. Lefebvre was promoted and became the Chief Executive Officer of MTY effective November 2018. Prior to that, Mr. Lefebvre was the Chief Financial Officer of MTY since June 2012, and was Vice President of Finance of MTY from November 2009 until June 2012.

Chief Financial Officer: Renee St-Onge

Ms. St-Onge was promoted to Chief Financial Officer of MTY effective November 2018. Prior to that, Ms. St-Onge was with MTY as Controller since 2012.

Chief Operating Officer of Kahala Brands: Jeff Smit

Mr. Smit has been the Chief Operating Officer of Kahala Brands since June 2009 and has been a Director of MTY USA since November 2018. Prior to that, Mr. Smit was the Blimpie

Brand President from November 2007 until December 2010 and the Sr. Vice President of Operations for Cold Stone Creamery from February 2005 to December 2007.

Co-Chief Operating Officer: Al Hank

Mr. Hank began his career with Famous Dave's as an hourly team member in 2005. During 2020 and up to his election as COO, he served as FDA's Senior Vice President of Operations. During 2018 to 2019, he served FDA in various management roles including Senior Director Strategy and Development, Senior Director of Operations and Franchise Business Consultant. From 2015 to 2017, Mr. Hank served FDA as an Area Director. Prior to that starting in 2012, he served as a General Manager of FDA's Westbury, New York location.

Co-Chief Operating Officer: Adam Lehr

Mr. Lehr has been Famous Dave's Co-Chief Operating Officer since October 2022 and prior to that was the Senior Vice President of Operations over both corporate and franchise restaurants since January 2020. Since joining Famous Dave's in 2018 he was also involved with the franchise operations as both the Director of Operations and as an FBC.

Chief Legal Officer: Jenny Moody

Ms. Moody has been with the Kahala Brands' Legal department since June 2010. In August 2012 she was named Corporate Counsel, in September 2013 International Counsel, in September 2016 Deputy General Counsel, and in November 2019 General Counsel. In August 2023, Ms. Moody assumed her current role.

**Franchise Sales**

Vice President of Business Development – USA: Ramin (Ray) Zandi

Mr. Zandi is the Vice President of Business Development – USA, a position he has held since February 2009.

Senior Director of Franchise Sales: Shemar Pucel

Ms. Pucel joined the company in November 2020 as Director of Franchise Sales and was promoted to Senior Director of Franchise Sales in February 2022, where in her role she was responsible for Papa Murphy's franchise development. From October 2018 to August 2020, Ms. Pucel was a Director of Development for sweetFrog Premium Frozen Yogurt & Samurai Sam's. From October 2015 to October 2018, Ms. Pucel was with SFF, LLC (formerly SweetFrog Enterprises, LLC) where she first served as Manager of Franchise

Marketing and Development and was promoted to Director of Franchise Marketing and Development in August 2016.

Senior Vice President of Development: John Wuycheck

Mr. Wuycheck has served as Kahala Brands' Senior Vice President of Development since September 2014.

Vice President of Franchise Development: Jay Goldstein

Mr. Goldstein has held his current role since May of 2009. Prior to this, he served as Senior Director of Operations, then Senior Director of Development for Kahala Franchising and has worked with the Cold Stone Creamery brand since October 2005.

Director of Franchise Development: Doug Merenda

Mr. Merenda joined Kahala Brands' sales team in October 2015 as a Director of Franchise Development and was a franchise broker for Kahala Brands from April 2015 through October 2015.

Franchise Development Manager: Traci Zandi

Ms. Zandi has assisted our Development team in awarding franchise units since October 2016. She also served as Office Manager and Executive Assistant for Extreme Pita from April 2011 until October 2016.

Vice President of Franchise Development: Peter Tsafoulias

Mr. Tsafoulias is the Vice President of Franchise Development, a position he has held since March of 2018. Prior to that, he served as the Director of Franchising of IRG from January 2008 until March 2018.

Head of Development – Wetzel's Pretzels: Jon Fischer

Mr. Fischer serves as Head of Development - Wetzel's Pretzels as of March 2023. Previously, Mr. Fischer served as the Wetzel's Pretzels Chief Development Officer from October 2019. In his role, Mr. Fischer is responsible for Wetzel's Pretzels franchise development, including real estate development for franchised outlets. Prior to that, Mr. Fischer held a variety of Vice-President positions, including in real estate and development, at Papa Murphy's International from August 2014 to October 2019.

Sr. Director of Franchise Sales: Adam Lueras

Mr. Lueras became the Director of Franchise Sales for Wetzel's Pretzels effective March 2020 and was promoted to Sr. Director of Franchise Sales in February 2023. Mr. Lueras

previously served as a Franchise Development Director with Jackson Hewitt Tax Service in Jersey City, New Jersey from March 2019 through November 2019. Prior to that, Mr. Lueras served as a Franchise Development Director with Wyndham Hotel Group in Parsippany, New Jersey from March 2016 through July 2018. Prior to that, Mr. Lueras served as a National Sales Manager with Avalara Software in Seattle, Washington from February 2014 through March 2016.

Director of Franchise Sales – Non-Traditional: Ross Duggal

Mr. Duggal became the Director of Franchise Sales – Non-Traditional for Wetzel's Pretzels effective July 2022. Mr. Duggal previously served as the Senior Director of Business Development for OLM Foods located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota from June 2020 through July 2022. Prior to that, Mr. Duggal served as the Director of Business Development for Chester's International in Birmingham, Alabama from March 2015 through May 2020.

Sr. Franchise Sales Manager: Diana Krankl

Ms. Krankl has held her current role since March of 2024, and prior to that was the Franchise Sales Manager for Wetzel's Pretzels effective September 2021. Ms. Krankl previously owned and operated D's Superblends, a food truck business in Los Angeles, California from July 2016 through March 2020, where Ms. Krankl's responsibilities included training, customer service, human resources, quality control, event booking, maintaining and strengthening partner relationships, marketing, bookkeeping, inventory management, design development as well as menu and recipe development.

### **ITEM 3: LITIGATION**

**LITIGATION INVOLVING FRANCHISOR, PREDECESSORS, AND AFFILIATES**

**Concluded Arbitration and Litigation Involving The Extreme Pita Franchising USA, Inc. predecessor in interest to MTY Franchising USA, Inc.**

Purav Enterprises, L.L.C., Balwant Bahia, and Paramjit Samra v. The Extreme Pita Franchising USA, Inc., EP Development, Inc., and Feisal Ramjee ; Superior Court of the State of Washington for King County, Case No. 15-2-15120-7.

On June 22, 2015, Purav Enterprises, L.L.C., Balwant Bahia, and Paramjit Samra (collectively "Plaintiffs"), filed a complaint against The Extreme Pita Franchising USA, Inc., EP Development, Inc. and Feisal Ramjee (collectively "Defendants"). Plaintiffs alleged (i) violations under the Franchise Investment Protection Act in the State of Washington ("FIPA"); (ii) misrepresentation by the Area Developer of the financial performance of the franchise, omissions of mandatory and material information and inherently misleading information that were material factors in the Plaintiff's purchase of the franchise; and (iii) the Area Developer was not a registered broker in the State of Washington. Plaintiffs sought: (i) rescission of the franchise agreement, the corresponding personal guarantee and related agreements; (ii) treble damages under FIPA; and (iii) costs and attorney's fees. The parties entered into a settlement agreement on March 11,

2016, in which Defendants paid Plaintiffs the sum of \$20,000. The matter was dismissed on March 16, 2016.

**Concluded Arbitration and Litigation Involving Kahala Franchising, L.L.C.**

*KOHO, Inc. v. Kahala Franchising, L.L.C.*; Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles; Case No.: BC572565.

On or about February 17, 2015, Koho, Inc. (“Koho”) filed a Complaint against Kahala Franchising, L.L.C. (“Kahala”) alleging: (i) breach of contract; (ii) unjust enrichment; and (iii) declaratory relief. Koho sought: (i) no less than \$540,000 in special and general damages; (ii) litigation costs; (iii) prejudgment interest; (iv) reasonable attorney’s fees; and (v) declaratory relief. On or about May 5, 2015, Kahala filed a Cross-Complaint against Koho; Heeyong Kyle Chung; and Hannah Kim; alleging: (i) breach of contract; (ii) unjust enrichment; (iii) disgorgement and restitution; (iv) fraud-deceit and concealment; (v) negligent misrepresentation; (vi) conversion; (vii) negligence; and (viii) declaratory relief. Kahala sought: (i) breach of contract damages in amount according to proof; (ii) disgorgement and restitution on Unjust Enrichment cause of action; (iii) judicial determination that Kahala is permitted and entitled to set off amounts owed to it by Koho with funds in its possession which would otherwise have been due Koho; (iv) costs; (v) attorneys’ fees; (vi) punitive damages; and (vii) prejudgment interest; (viii) any other relief the Court deems just and proper. On or about June 15, 2015, Koho filed a Notice of Hearing on Demurrer and Demurrer to Kahala’s Cross-Complaint; Memorandum of Points and Authorities; Declaration of Daniel D. Hoffman and Exhibits in Support Thereof. Koho filed its Notice of Motion and Motion to Strike Certain Portions of Kahala’s Cross Complaint; Memorandum of Points and Authorities on June 17, 2015. On October 16, 2015, the Court overruled Koho’s Demurrer to Kahala’s Cross Complaint in its entirety and denied their motion to strike Kahala’s punitive damages claims; the Court sustained the Demurrer as to Hannah Kim. Mediation was held on May 3, 2016, which failed to yield a settlement between the two parties. On May 5, 2016, Kahala dismissed the claims against Koho and Kyle Chung because they satisfied the debts owed to Kahala, and, therefore, the claims were moot. Hannah Kim was subsequently awarded attorney’s fees on June 15, 2016, in the amount of \$10,233. A bench trial commenced on June 15, 2016, and ended on June 16, 2016. Upon the conclusion of Koho’s case, Kahala presented its case-in-chief and moved for judgment pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure section 631.8. The Court granted Kahala’s Judgment as Koho failed to establish the requisite elements of “breach” and “damages” on the three causes of action asserted in the Complaint. On July 18, 2016, the Court awarded Kahala attorneys’ fees in the amount of \$205,000. On September 22, 2016, Koho filed a Notice of Filing of Notice of Appeal and requested that Kahala participate in a mediation to resolve the outstanding award to Kahala. Koho failed to post an appeal bond. On February 13, 2017, Kahala commenced its self-help pursuant to Section 8(i) and (j) of the ARA and began withholding 100% of the Area Representative fees to which Koho would have otherwise been entitled. On June 19, 2017, the parties entered into a settlement agreement whereby Kahala repurchased Koho’s Area Developer territory for the sum of \$75,000 and forgave the remaining damages owed in the amount of \$130,000.

*Texas Nrgize #1, Inc. v. Kahala Franchising, L.L.C. and Kahala Holdings, L.L.C.*; 67<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Tarrant County, Texas; Civil Action No.: 067-272652-14 subsequently removed to United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas; Case No.: 4:14-cv-544-Y.

On or about June 18, 2014, Texas Nrgize #1, Inc., an Nrgize franchisee ("Plaintiff"), filed a Petition and Request for Disclosure against Kahala Franchise Corp and Kahala Holdings, L.L.C. (collectively "Defendants") alleging (i) violations of the Texas Business Opportunities Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code §§ 51.001 and the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Consumer Protection Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code §17.46, and (ii) Breach of Contract and Warranties. Plaintiff sought: (i) economic damages in excess of \$200,000, plus treble damages and pre- and post-judgment interest at the maximum rates allowed by law; (ii) attorneys' fees and costs; and (iii) such other relief to which the Plaintiff may be justly entitled. On July 16, 2014, Defendants filed a Notice of Removal to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. On July 24, 2014, the judge executed the Order Granting the Unopposed Motion to Substitute Parties and Changing Case Style. Kahala Franchising, L.L.C. ("Defendant") was substituted in as a defendant instead of Kahala Franchise Corp. On July 28, 2014, Defendant filed a Motion to Transfer Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1404(A) and Brief in Support. This motion sought an order to transfer the litigation to the United States District Court for the District of Arizona pursuant to the parties' forum selection clause contained in the franchise agreement. On August 1, 2014, Defendant filed its Answer, Counterclaim and Third Party Claim. The Counterclaim was against Plaintiff and the Third Party Claim was filed against Duane W. Martin, Argentina Saldivar, and Margena Wood ("Third Party Defendants"). Defendant alleged: (i) Breach of Franchise Agreement against Plaintiff, and (ii) Breach of Guaranty against Third Party Defendants. Defendant sought: (i) judgment against Plaintiff and the Third Party Defendants in an amount to be proven at trial; (ii) attorneys' fees; (iii) costs pursuant to A.R.S. §§12-341 and 12-341.01 and the parties' contractual agreements; and (iv) any other relief the Court deemed fit. Plaintiff filed its Response to Defendant's Motion to Transfer Pursuant to 28 U.S. C. §1404 (A) and Brief in Support on August 18, 2014, then filed its Answer to Defendant's Counterclaim on August 22, 2014. On August 28, 2014, Defendant filed its Reply in Support of Motion to Transfer Pursuant to 28 U.S. C. § 1404(A) and Brief in Support. On September 24, 2014, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas Court requested that each party submit a supplemental brief to benefit the Court in resolving the Defendant's Motion to Transfer. Mediation was held on September 29, 2014, but the parties failed to come to an agreement. On October 17, 2014, Third Party Defendants filed their Answer and Counterclaim. Third Party Defendants alleged: (i) violations of the Texas Business Opportunities Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code §§ 51.001 and the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Consumer Protection Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code §17.46, and (ii) breach of contract and warranties. Third Party Defendants sought: (i) economic damages in excess of \$200,000, plus treble damages under the Code and pre- and-post judgment interest at the maximum rates allowed by law; (ii) attorney's fees; (iii) costs; and (iv) any other general or special relief that the Court deemed fit. On October 24, 2014, Defendant filed its Supplemental Briefing In Support of Its Motion to Transfer Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1404(A). On November 10, 2014, Defendant filed its Answer to the Third Party Counterclaims. On November 13, 2014, Defendant filed its Notice of Dismissal Without Prejudice as to Third Party Defendant Argentina Saldivar only. On November 14, 2014, Plaintiff filed its Response to Defendant's Supplemental Briefing In Support of Their Motion to Transfer Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1404(A). On November 26, 2014, Defendant filed its Reply to Plaintiff's Response to Defendant's Supplemental Briefing in Support of Its Motion to Transfer Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1404(A). On February 24, 2015, the Court granted Defendant's Motion to Transfer the case to the United States District Court of the District of Arizona; Phoenix Division; Case No.: CV15-0337 PHX DGC. In April 2015, Plaintiff moved to compel arbitration which was ultimately denied by the Court. The parties participated in a mediation in August 2015, which was unsuccessful. In December 2015, the parties executed a settlement agreement in which Defendant paid Plaintiff the sum of \$35,000. The parties filed a Stipulation to Dismiss With Prejudice on December 18, 2015.

**Concluded Arbitration, and Litigation Involving SFF, L.L.C., successor in interest to SweetFrog Enterprises, L.L.C.**

*Urquieta Sweet Frog, L.L.C. and Ana Urquieta v. SweetFrog Enterprises, L.L.C. d/b/a SFF, L.L.C., American Arbitration Association; Case No. 01 14 0001 8086.*

On December 23, 2014, Urquieta Sweet Frog, L.L.C. and Ana Urquieta, a former sweetFrog franchisee and its owner (collectively "Plaintiffs"), filed a Demand for Arbitration against SweetFrog Enterprises, L.L.C. ("Defendant"). Plaintiffs alleged: (i) Defendant engaged in fraud; (ii) unfair practices; and (iii) deceptive actions. On February 2, 2015, Defendant timely filed an Answer and Counterclaim and denied all allegations, and further asserted a counterclaim against Plaintiffs for unpaid royalties. This matter was settled in December of 2015. Under the settlement, Defendant agreed to pay Plaintiffs \$300,000 and the parties executed mutual releases.

*SFF, L.L.C. v. Carmel Village Yogurt Company L.L.C.; City of Richmond, Virginia Circuit Court; Case No. CL16-3927.*

On August 29, 2016, SFF, L.L.C. ("Plaintiff") filed a lawsuit against three sweetFrog franchisee entities, Carmel Village Yogurt Company L.L.C. ("Defendant Carmel YC"), Huntersville Yogurt Company, L.L.C. ("Defendant Huntersville YC"), and Mooresville Yogurt Co, L.L.C. ("Defendant Mooresville YC"), and their main member, Steve Anto ("Defendant Anto"); (all named Defendants collectively referred to as, "Anto Defendants"). Plaintiff alleged: (i) Defendant Carmel YC breached its franchise agreement through its unauthorized closure of its franchised shop; and (ii) as a result of the breach, Plaintiff had the contractual right to terminate Defendant Carmel YC's franchise agreement and cross terminate the franchise agreements of Defendant Huntersville YC and Defendant Mooresville YC. Plaintiff sought: (i) declaratory judgment that the three franchise agreements had terminated; (ii) specific performance of the Anto Defendants' post-termination obligations; (iii) damages for past due fees; (iv) lost future royalties in excess of \$116,000; and (v) recovery of its attorneys' fees. In response to Plaintiff's complaint, Anto Defendants denied Plaintiff's claims and asserted counterclaims against Plaintiff and alleged: (i) Defendant Carmel YC's franchise agreement was unenforceable and, alternatively, that Plaintiff was in breach of Defendant Carmel YC's franchise agreement due to Plaintiff's allowance of another franchisee to open a shop within three miles of Defendant Carmel YC's shop. Anto Defendants sought: (i) a declaratory judgment that they were not in default of their franchise agreements; (ii) damages of not less than \$425,000; and (iii) recovery of their attorneys' fees. Plaintiff denied Anto Defendants' claims and filed a demurrer and pleas in bar seeking to have those claims dismissed. Prior to the court hearing and ruling on Plaintiff's motion, the parties entered into an agreement pursuant to which: (i) the parties acknowledged the valid termination of Defendant Carmel YC's franchise agreement; (ii) Defendant Carmel YC transferred the assets of its business to Plaintiff and Plaintiff paid Defendant Carmel YC \$25,000; (iii) Plaintiff reinstated Defendant Huntersville YC's and Defendant Mooresville YC's terminated franchise agreements; and (iv) Plaintiff granted Defendant Anto the right to develop a new sweetFrog shop at a mutually acceptable location on or before November 8, 2018. The case was dismissed with prejudice on December 15, 2016.

**Concluded Arbitration and Litigation Involving Fresh Enterprises, L.L.C. successor in interest to BF Acquisition, L.L.C.**

*Fresh Enterprises, L.L.C. v. Ledang Investment Group, L.L.C., Vincent Tienn Le, Ho Tien Le and Hue This Dang Superior Court of the State of California, County of Santa Clara, Case No. 1-13-CV-257219.*

On July 2, 2013, Fresh Enterprises, L.L.C., as successor-in-interest to Baja Fresh Westlake Village, Inc. ("Plaintiff"), filed a complaint against Ledang Investment Group, L.L.C.; Vincent Tien Le, Ho Tien Le and Hue Thi Dang (collectively "Defendants Ledang" or "Cross Claimants Ledang") for: (i) implied indemnity; (ii) equitable indemnity; (iii) express indemnity; (iv) breach of contract; (v) declaratory relief seeking unspecified damages; (vi) indemnification; (vii) a judgment of unlawful detainer; and (ix) declaration that Defendants Ledang were obligated to reimburse Plaintiff for various expenses. On January 6, 2014, Cross Claimants Ledang filed a Cross-Complaint against Plaintiff, Baja Fresh Westlake Village, L.L.C., Triune Corporation and National Franchise Sales, Inc. (collectively "Counter Defendants") for: (i) breach of contract; (ii) breach of covenant of good faith and fair dealing; (iii) negligent misrepresentation; and (iv) intentional misrepresentation. On February 19, 2014, Counter Defendants filed a Motion to Compel Arbitration, which was granted. The disputes between the parties were then arbitrated before the American Arbitration Association (Case Number 72-20-1400-0126). On February 2, 2015, the Arbitrator issued an award in favor of Cross Claimants Ledang in the amount of \$660,620.84. The parties entered into a Settlement and Release Agreement on July 20, 2015, under which Counter Defendants paid the Cross Claimants Ledang the sum of \$585,000 and the matter was dismissed with prejudice.

#### **Concluded Arbitration and Litigation Involving Famous Dave's of America, Inc.**

*Desert Ribs, L.L.C., Famous Gracie, L.L.C., Famous Freddie, L.L.C., Famous George, L.L.C. and Famous Charlie, L.L.C. v. Famous Dave's of America, Inc., American Arbitration Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Case No. 01 16 0000 8549.*

On March 14, 2016, the franchisees for the Famous Dave's® Restaurants in Chandler, Peoria, Mesa and Gilbert, Arizona ("Claimants") filed a Demand for Arbitration against Famous Dave's alleging that Famous Dave's (1) violated the Minnesota Franchise Act ("MFA"), (2) breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing under the Famous Dave's® Franchise Agreements with Claimants (the "Franchise Agreements"), and (3) breached certain express provisions of the Franchise Agreements. Claimants sought damages of \$2,984,098, and a permanent injunction prohibiting Famous Dave's from engaging in discriminatory conduct in violation of the MFA. On July 20, 2016, the arbitrators ruled in partial favor of the pre-hearing motion filed by Famous Dave's by dismissing Claimants' MFA claims against Famous Dave's. Upon the dismissal of the MFA claims, Claimants voluntarily dismissed their remaining claims against Famous Dave's and entered into a confidential settlement agreement and mutual release (the "Settlement Agreement"), dated August 22, 2016, with Famous Dave's. The Settlement Agreement included the following material terms: (i) the territorial rights granted to Claimants in the Franchise Agreements were modified; (ii) the managing member of Claimants (the "Consultant") entered into a consulting agreement with Famous Dave's that provided for the design, development and build-out of a counter-service/line-service prototype barbecue restaurant concept (the "Prototype") and the payment of a consulting fee of \$410,000 to the Consultant in installments over a three-year period; and (iii) Claimants entered into a right of first offer agreement with Famous Dave's granting to a Claimant the first right to enter into an area development agreement with Famous Dave's for the development of seven Prototype restaurants in a reserved territory in Arizona.

*Famous Dave's of America, Inc. v. Allan Gantes; John Gantes; M Mart 1, L.L.C.; Kurt Schneider; Shoreline FD Investors, L.L.C.; SR El Centro FD, Inc. SR Long Beach FD, Inc.; SR Palmdale FD, Inc.; SR Restaurant Holdings Group, Inc.; SR Simi Valley FD, Inc.; SR Tracey FD, Inc.; Superior Court of the State of California, County of Los Angeles, Central Division, Case No. BC589329.*

On July 24, 2015, Famous Dave's of America, Inc. filed a lawsuit against Allan Gantes; John Gantes; M Mart 1, L.L.C.; Kurt Schneider; Shoreline FD Investors, L.L.C.; SR El Centro FD, Inc.; SR Long Beach FD, Inc.; SR Palmdale FD, Inc.; SR Restaurant Holdings Group, Inc.; SR Simi Valley FD, Inc.; SR Tracey FD, Inc., (collectively referred to herein as "Defendants") (SR El Centro FD, Inc.; SR Long Beach FD, Inc.; SR Palmdale FD, Inc.; SR Restaurant Holdings Group, Inc.; SR Simi Valley FD, Inc.; SR Tracey FD, Inc. will herein be referred to as the "SR Defendants"), the former franchisees for the Famous Dave's® Restaurants in El Centro, Long Beach, Palmdale, Simi Valley, and Tracy, California, and others (collectively referred to herein as "Restaurants") based in part on the continued operation of the Restaurants as Famous Dave's® Restaurants using Famous Dave's Marks and Restaurant System after the termination of their Franchise Agreements by Famous Dave's for failure to cure breaches of the Franchise Agreement, including the failure to pay the Royalty and Marketing Fund Fees due under the Franchise Agreements, within the prescribed cure period after receipt of written notice, in violation of the post-termination obligations of the Franchise Agreements. Famous Dave's alleged Lanham Act violations, including federal trademark infringement, federal trademark dilution, federal unfair competition and false advertising, and federal trade dress dilution; trademark infringement, trademark dilution, unfair competition and false advertising under California law; common law trademark infringement; breach of the Franchise Agreements; breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing; and intentional interference with contract. Famous Dave's sought injunctive relief to enjoin Defendants from continuing to use the Marks and Restaurant System and enforcing compliance with the post-termination obligations of the Franchise Agreements, and also sought damages in an amount that was to be determined at trial, reasonable attorneys' fees, interest and costs of suit. On March 11, 2016, the SR Defendants filed its First Amended Cross Complaint against Famous Dave's. The SR Defendants alleged that (i) Famous Dave's breached its obligations cited in the Franchise Agreements by failing to provide certain marketing support and access to customer contact data, vendors, internet reporting and support; (ii) Famous Dave's failed to provide operations and preferred practices training to the SR Defendants designated representative (iii) breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing; and (iv) breach of fiduciary duty. The SR Defendants sought: (i) compensatory damages in an amount not less than twenty million dollars; (ii) punitive damages; (iii) costs; (iv) attorney's fees. On September 7, 2016, Famous Dave's filed its Answer to the first amended cross complaint vehemently denying the allegations alleged by the SR Defendants, On September 29, 2018, the parties agreed to enter into a confidential settlement agreement and a mutual release of claims (the "El Centro Settlement Agreement"), which contained the following material terms: (i) SR Defendants received \$75,000 towards the payment of their attorney's fees contingent on the de-imaging of the Restaurants and the sale of its Major Assets (as defined in the Franchise Agreement) relating to the El Centro restaurant to Gantes; (ii) Allan Gantes paid to SR Restaurant Holdings Group, Inc. \$7,500 upon the closing of the sale of the Major Assets; (iii) the SR Defendants agreed to de-identify the Restaurants in Long Beach, California and Tracy, California; (iv) notices (sent via email and mailer) were provided to the "Pig Club" customers of the Long Beach, California and Tracy, California Restaurants to opt into notices from Q restaurants; and (v) Famous Dave's consented to the sale of the Major Assets owned by SR El Centro FD, Inc. to an entity wholly owned by Gantes or an affiliate subject to Famous Dave's review of the purchase agreement which review would not be withheld or unreasonably delayed, and satisfaction of all conditions to the Assignment stated in the Franchise Agreement. Upon completion of the sale the aforementioned \$75,000 would be paid to the SR Defendants; (vi) the SR Defendants no longer could hold

themselves out as Famous Dave's franchisees and (vii) all franchise agreements that were the subject of the lawsuit were terminated. The Request for Dismissal with prejudice was entered on November 26, 2018.

### **Concluded Arbitration and Litigation Involving VI BrandCo, L.L.C.**

In re: Restaurants Acquisition I, L.L.C. (Giuliano vs. W. Craig Barber et. al. United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware on December 2, 2015 (Case No. 15-12406 (KG))).

On December 1, 2017, the Chapter 7 trustee in the Restaurants Acquisition I, L.L.C. ("RAI") bankruptcy proceeding filed suit in the United States Bankruptcy Court against our Chief Executive Officer W. Craig Barber, our Chief Concept Officer – Family Restaurant Division Robert Langford and companies owned jointly by them alleging avoidance, fraudulent transfer, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duty in connection with their executive roles with RAI and as members of Dynamic Management Company, LLC related to the RAI's ownership and operation of Black-Eyed Pea and Dixie House restaurants. On March 6, 2019, Barber and Langford each settled with the Chapter 7 trustee by each agreeing to pay to the trustee and estate separate payments totaling \$150,000 each over a three-year period.

### **Concluded Arbitration and Litigation Involving Wetzel's Pretzels, L.L.C.**

Pretzelsdallas1, Inc. v. Wetzel's Pretzels, L.L.C.; Los Angeles, California; AAA Case No.01-19-0002-9326.

On or about July 19, 2017, we entered into a franchise agreement with Pretzelsdallas1, Inc. (then known as Triple Scoops, Inc.). On or about September 11, 2019, Pretzelsdallas1, Inc., ("Claimant/Counter Respondent") a franchisee, filed a demand for arbitration against Wetzel's Pretzels, L.L.C. ("Respondent/Counter Claimant") with the American Arbitration Association in which it alleged claims for (i) rescission and restitution for intentional misrepresentation, (ii) rescission and restitution for negligent misrepresentation and (iii) violation of the California Corporations Code §31201. Claimant/Counter Respondent sought \$368,837 in damages. On or about February 26, 2020, Respondent/Counter Claimant filed an answer and counterclaim against Claimant/Counter Respondent. Respondent/Counter Claimant alleged: (i) breach of contract- franchise agreement; (ii) breach of contract – sublease agreement; and (iii) breach of guaranty. Respondent/Counter Claimant sought: (i) judgment on its claims for payments on the franchise agreement in the amount of \$133,600; (ii) judgment on its claims for payments on the sublease agreement in the amount of \$14,8520; judgment in its favor on its claims for payments on the guaranty in the amount of \$148,450; (iv) interest on the sums; (v) attorney's fees; and (vi) any other relief the court deems fit. On September 24, 2021, the parties entered into a settlement agreement, in which a mutual release of all claims was agreed to, and Respondent/Counter Claimant paid Claimant/Counter Respondent the sum of \$125,000. The matter was subsequently dismissed with prejudice.

### **Concluded Arbitration and Litigation Involving Papa Murphy's International, L.L.C.**

DTD Pizza LLC, Brian Watson, Alton Spears, LMP Enterprises LLC, Pizza Enterprises LLC, Alan and Denise Barnett, DOB Enterprises, Inc., Douglas and Lesia Billing, Rob & Bud's Pizza, Robert J. Dickerson Trust UA, Rob Dickerson, 4LM Enterprises, Inc., Jana and Randell Liles, Ben and Kim Mayfield, SEAMS Holdings LLC, Scott and Erica Shelby, Robert Hoersting, PM Savannah LLC, James and Mona King, Hans King, Pizza For 4 Kings Corp, Alamo Quality Pizza I, LLC., Quality Pizza III, LLC., Gerardo Torres, George Knost, Arkel Food Services, LLC., Reece

Alexander Overcash, III, Angelo S. Chantilis, Jr., Double AA Partners, LLC., Jeffrey L Comish, John Stalker, and Papa's of Tennessee, LLC. v. Papa Murphy's International LLC, Papa Murphy's Company Stores, Inc., PMI Holdings Inc., Papa Murphy's Intermediate Inc., Papa Murphy's Holdings, Inc., Lee Equity Partners LLC, John D. Barr, Ken Calwell, Thomas H. Lee, Yoo Jin Kim, Benjamin Hochberg, John D. Schafer, Achi Yaffe, Janet Pirus, Victoria Blackwell, Gail Lawson, Dan Harmon, Scott Mullen, Jayson Tipp, Kevin King, Stephen Maeker, Steve Millard, Steve Figiola; Washington Superior Court, Clark County, Case No. 14-2-00904-0.

and

Mitch and Kristen Brink, Brink Holdings Inc., Angela Buchannan, Tim Forester, Z-Axis, Inc., Heather and Gary Nychyk, Bar N Pizza, LLC, John DeMattia, DeMattia LLC, a Texas Limited Liability Company, Harry and Terry Olson, Hot Pizza Inc., Steven Pyatt, Craig Braun, David Mraz, JIM LLC, Philip and Maria Ahn Wilson, Papa South, LLC, Steven and Holly Mead, Thomas Lance, PMG Tampa, LLC, Ilya and Chantal Rubin, Pie in the Sky LLC, Joanna and Glenn Patcha, Alchemy Foods LLC, Ian Hasinoff and Susan Lorimer, Eddrachillis LLC, Cole Kilen, Eye on the Pie LLC, Ann and Harvey Callegan, Just for Fun, LLC, Eugene and Joy Hill, Conn, Edward Turnbull, Turnbull Restaurant Group LP, Turnbull Restaurant Group GP, Conn, LLC, Loralie and Trey Bennett, Pizza Revolution of Fort Walton Beach LLC, Pizza Revolution of Panama City LLC, Pizza Revolution at Tyndall LLC, Steven Terry, Matthew and Cindy Terry, Alice and Douglas Worthington, Thomas Stephenson, Make Dough Enterprises Inc., Jared Richardson, Russell Crader, and Red Rust, LLC. v. Papa Murphy's International LLC, Papa Murphy's Company Stores, Inc., PMI Holdings Inc., Papa Murphy's Intermediate Inc., Murphy's Holdings, Inc., Lee Equity Partners LLC, John D. Barr, Ken Calwell, Thomas H. Lee, , Yoo Jin Kim, Benjamin Hochberg, John D. Schafer, Achi Yaffe, Janet Pirus, Victoria Blackwell, Gail Lawson, Dan Harmon, Scott Mullen, Jayson Tipp, Kevin King, Stephen Maeker, Steve Millard, Steve Figiola; Washington Superior Court, Clark County, Case No. 14-2-01743-3.

These two related actions were commenced in April 2014 and June 2014, respectively, by separate groups of current and former franchisees against us, certain members of our board of managers and executive team, and others in Washington Superior Court (Clark County), alleging misrepresentations involving financial performance representations in ITEM 19 of the franchise disclosure document the franchisees' local marketing obligations, among other things, and brought claims for violation of the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act ("WFIPA"), fraud, negligent misrepresentation and breach of contract. These two actions were consolidated in September 2014 under Case Number 14-2-00904-0.

Each of the plaintiff groups entered into settlements with Papa Murphy's in which they dismissed all of their claims against defendants with prejudice and the action was dismissed in June 2020. The settlements are as follows: (1) one plaintiff group dismissed its claims against Papa Murphy's for no consideration; (2) two plaintiff groups agreed to pay amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$8,000 to Papa Murphy's and remained in the system; (3) Papa Murphy's agreed to pay one plaintiff group's advertising costs for one year, agreed to allow the franchisee to develop an additional franchise, and agreed to return the franchisee's initial development fee of \$10,000; (4) another plaintiff group agreed to remain in the system in exchange for Papa Murphy's paying 3.8% of the franchisees' sales towards local advertising for a period of two years and extending the franchise agreement's term for an additional ten years; (5) Papa Murphy's settled with fifteen different plaintiff groups and paid amounts ranging from \$10,000 per group to \$4 million per group; (6) Papa Murphy's agreed to purchase one plaintiff group's nine Papa Murphy's stores at an

agreed upon value of the stores' assets plus \$500,000; and (7) Papa Murphy's agreed to purchase seven plaintiff groups' Papa Murphy's stores at an agreed upon value of the stores' assets.

*Rob & Bud's Pizza, L.L.C. v. Papa Murphy's International, Inc. and Papa Murphy's International, L.L.C.; United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, Case No. 5:15-cv-05090-TLB.*

In spring 2015, Papa Murphy's sent a notice of default to plaintiff for alleged defaults under the plaintiff's franchise agreements. In response, on April 17, 2015, the plaintiff brought an action seeking a declaratory judgment and injunction preventing Papa Murphy's from terminating the franchises. The plaintiff subsequently added claims in the case alleging that Papa Murphy's tortiously interfered with the plaintiff's employees and negligence in how Papa Murphy's handled the plaintiff's customer database, and sought compensatory damages, punitive damages and costs in an unspecified amount. The plaintiff was also a plaintiff in the LMP case described above. The case was dismissed with prejudice as part of a settlement with plaintiff in this case and the LMP case under which Papa Murphy's purchased plaintiff's nine Papa Murphy's stores at an agreed upon value of the stores' assets plus \$500,000.

### **PUBLIC AGENCY ACTIONS AGAINST MTY USA, AFFILIATES AND/OR THEIR PREDECESSORS**

#### **Concluded State Administrative Actions Involving SFF, L.L.C., successor in interest to SweetFrog Enterprises, L.L.C.**

*In the Matter of SweetFrog Enterprises, L.L.C. f.k.a. Imagination Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a SweetFrog, Administrative Proceeding Before the Securities Commissioner of Maryland, Case No. 2012-0055.*

As a result of an inquiry into the franchise related activities of SweetFrog Enterprises, L.L.C., ("SFE") the Maryland Securities Commissioner ("Commissioner") concluded that grounds existed to allege that SFE violated the registration and disclosure provisions of the Maryland Franchise Law in relation to the offer and sale of certain license agreements. SFE acknowledged that those license agreements constituted franchises as defined under the Maryland Franchise Law. SFE represented that it entered into license agreements with eight Maryland licensees during the time it was not registered to offer and sell franchises in Maryland. On August 29, 2012, the Commissioner and SFE agreed to enter into a consent order whereby SFE, without admitting or denying any violations of the law, agreed to: (i) immediately and permanently cease from the offer and sale of franchises in violation of the Maryland Franchise Law; (ii) file and diligently pursue an application for an initial franchise registration in Maryland relating to the license agreements it offered and sold to Maryland licensees; and (iii) to offer to rescind the license agreements of all Maryland licensees to whom it sold unregistered franchises. We are not aware of any licensees that accepted the rescission and have made a good faith effort to obtain that information.

#### **Concluded State Administrative Actions Involving Predecessor Blimpie Associates, Ltd.**

In May 1992, Blimpie Associates, Ltd. ("Blimpie") and Joseph Dornbush (formerly the President of Blimpie) (collectively "Respondents") responded to a claim by the New York Department of Law that it had sold franchises during a period of time when Blimpie's prospectus had not been updated by amendment. Without the admission of any wrongdoing, Respondents consented to the entry of an order in which Respondents agreed: (i) to entry of a judgment enjoining them from

further violations of the New York Franchise Sales Act; and (ii) to pay the sum of \$18,000 to the State of New York as an additional allowance. Respondents paid the \$18,000 in May 1992 and executed the consent judgment on August 25, 1992.

**Concluded State Administrative Actions Involving Maui Wowi Franchising, Inc., predecessor in interest to Kahala Franchising, L.L.C.**

**In the Matter of Maui Wowi Franchising, Inc., Before the Securities Commissioner of Maryland, Case No. 2005-0651.**

On November 11, 2005, Maui Wowi Franchising, Inc., the predecessor franchisor of the Maui Wowi brand ("MWF"), entered into a Consent Order with the Securities Commissioner of Maryland ("Commissioner") resulting from MWF inadvertently entering into four franchise agreements with Maryland residents after its registration in Maryland expired on June 9, 2004 ("Maryland Franchisees"). The Consent Order required MWF to cease and desist from the offer and sale of unregistered franchises in Maryland; to diligently pursue the completion of its then pending application; to register its Offering Circular in Maryland; to develop and implement new franchise law compliance procedures to ensure future compliance with the registration and disclosure provisions of Maryland Franchise Law; and to enroll an officer and a franchise compliance person in a franchise law compliance training program. Upon notification by the Commissioner, MWF sent to the Maryland Franchisees the registered Offering Circular, a copy of the Consent Order, and a letter notifying the Maryland Franchisees that they could rescind their franchise agreements. At this time, MWF is in full compliance with the Consent Order.

**In the Matter of Maui Wowi Franchising, Inc., Before the Securities Commissioner of Maryland, Case No. 2007-0194.**

On September 12, 2007, "MWF" entered into a Consent Order with the Maryland Commissioner resulting from MWF inadvertently entering into two franchise agreements with two Maryland residents ("Second Maryland Franchisees") without delivering to them the appropriate Offering Circular. MWF was registered in the State of Maryland at the time of the offer and sale with an Offering Circular containing certain specific information required only by Maryland law. At the same time, MWF used a second form of Offering Circular in other states that did not contain all of the information required by Maryland law. Prior to the execution of the franchise agreements with the Second Maryland Franchisees, MWF accidentally delivered to them the Offering Circular that did not contain the Maryland-specific information. We subsequently reported these mistakes to the Commissioner. The Consent Order required MWF to cease and desist from the offer and sale of franchises in Maryland in violation of the Maryland Franchise Law; to diligently pursue the completion of its then pending application to register its Offering Circular in Maryland; to implement additional compliance measures to ensure future compliance with the Maryland Franchise Law; to employ an approved franchise law compliance training program or trainer to monitor MWF's franchise activities in Maryland for two years; and to reimburse the Maryland Attorney General for its investigation and resolution costs in the total amount of \$2,500. Additionally, MWF was required to provide to the Second Maryland Franchisees the registered Offering Circular, a copy of the Consent Order, and a letter notifying the Second Maryland Franchisees that they have a right to rescind their franchise agreements. The Commissioner and MWF subsequently entered into an Amended Consent Order in which MWF elected to withdraw from the State of Maryland instead of employing a compliance monitor, with the agreement to employ a monitor if MWF was to re-register in the State of Maryland. MWF fully complied with

the Amended Consent Order, and subsequently employed a compliance monitor and was granted registration in the State of Maryland.

**Concluded State Administrative Actions, Arbitration, and Litigation Involving BF Acquisition Holdings, L.L.C. and/or its predecessors**

*State of Maryland Determination; Case Number 2012-0073.*

In February 2012, the State of Maryland alleged that during the period January 1, 2009 to November 26, 2009, Triune, LLC ("Triune"): (i) did not retain signed acknowledgements of receipt reflecting the dates that its Franchise Disclosure Document was delivered to certain Maryland residents and non-residents; (ii) sold franchises to certain Maryland residents and non-residents without providing them with a copy of a 2009 Franchise Disclosure Document; (iii) sold franchises to certain Maryland residents and non-residents without providing them with a copy of a 2009 Franchise Disclosure Document that contained its 2008 financial statements with a going concern note from its auditors resulting from the unfavorable financial condition of its parent company; and (iv) sold franchises to certain Maryland residents and non-residents without including, or abiding with, a deferral condition in their Franchise Agreements that was imposed upon it by the State of Maryland, all as required by the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law (the "Maryland Law") and in violation of the Maryland Law. Without admitting or denying the allegations, in September 2012, Triune voluntarily entered into a Consent Order with the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland and agreed to: (i) not violate the Maryland Law in the future; (ii) pay the Office of the Attorney General the sum of \$50,000 as a civil penalty; (iii) retain copies of all acknowledgments of receipt confirming dates that prospective Maryland franchisees received any Maryland Franchise Disclosure Documents; (iv) comply with the disclosure and antifraud provisions of the Maryland Franchise Law and the record keeping and escrow requirements of the Code of Maryland Regulations; and (v) send a copy of the Consent Order to certain Maryland franchisees.

State of Virginia Determination; Case Number SEC-2012-00027.

In February 2012, the Division of Securities and Retail Franchising of the State Corporation Commission (the "Commission") alleged that during 2009 Triune, LLC ("Triune"): (i) offered or sold franchises in Virginia in 2009 that were not registered under the Virginia Retail Franchising Act (the "Virginia Act"); (ii) offered or sold franchises in Virginia without disclosing that it was not registered to do so; (iii) failed to provide material information regarding the parent company's unfavorable financial condition and the potential impact that it could have on Triune as stated in a going concern note in its 2008 financial statements from its auditors; and (iv) failed to provide a prospective franchisee with a copy of its Franchise Disclosure Document as required by rule or order of the Commission at least 14 calendar days before the prospective franchisee signed a binding agreement or made any payment to it in connection with the sale or offer to sell a franchise in Virginia. Without admitting or denying the allegations, on November 26, 2012, Triune voluntarily entered into a Settlement Order with the Commission and agreed: (i) to not violate the Virginia Act in the future; (ii) to pay Virginia the sum of \$25,000 as a penalty and the sum of \$5,000 to defray the Commission's costs of investigation; (iii) to offer certain Virginia franchisees a refund of their initial franchise fees; and (iv) to send a copy of the Settlement Order to certain Virginia franchisees.

**Lawsuits Filed by Franchisor Kahala Franchising, L.L.C. Against Franchisees During Fiscal Year December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024**

#### Suit for Breach of Contract

*Kahala Franchising, L.L.C. v. All About Food, Inc. and Chu Yup Lee a/k/a Michale Lee*; In the Circuit Court of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Lake County, Illinois; Case No.: 2024LA00000001.

#### Suit for Forcible Entry and Detainer

*Cold Stone Creamery Leasing Company, Inc. v. JRF, Inc.*; Iowa District Court for Dallas County; Case No.: SCSC050015.

Other than these actions, no litigation is required to be disclosed in this Item.

### **ITEM 4: BANKRUPTCY**

#### Lehr Restaurant Group, Lehr Real Estate (dba Dvincis Restaurant), Adam Lehr

Our co-COO Adam Lehr in connection with his ownership of Lehr Restaurant Group and Lehr Real Estate filed a bankruptcy proceeding as debtor under Chapter 13 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota on January 30, 2018, under Case No. 18-40253-KHS. The bankruptcy was discharged on June 29, 2021.

### **ITEM 5: INITIAL FEES**

#### Initial Franchise Fee

If/when you sign the Franchise Agreement, you must pay to Franchisor the initial franchise fee ("Initial Franchise Fee") for your Restaurant in an amount equal to \$50,000. There are no refunds of the Initial Franchise Fee under any circumstances. We may periodically reduce the Initial Franchise Fee in connection with limited time promotions, new concepts and/or operational programs. We may vary the terms of our franchises in connection with testing new marketing, branding and/or operational programs. These tests are generally conducted with experienced, existing franchisees and may include incentives and other rights which are not available to all franchisees. If you sign the Franchise Agreement in connection with a transfer or renewal, you will not pay the Initial Franchise Fee.

#### Opening Team Expenses

You will reimburse Franchisor for the Travel Expenses and the prorated Salaries and Benefits for the Opening Team members who assist you with the opening of your Restaurant (see Item 11). These expenses are nonrefundable and will typically range between \$55,000 and \$100,000 but may be lower or higher depending upon the particular needs and the location of your Restaurant. You will pay to Franchisor 50% of the estimated Opening Team expenses for your Restaurant, which Franchisor will determine based on the size of the Opening Team, distance traveled, and other factors, before the date that the Opening Team arrives at your Restaurant. Upon completion of the Opening Team's assistance, Franchisor will send you an invoice for the actual amount of remaining Opening Team costs. You must pay this invoice within 30 days.

## Site Model Report Fee

You will pay to Franchisor the then-current Site Model Report Fee after Franchisor prepares a site model report and issue a “no brand standard objection” letter for the proposed site of your Restaurant. The current Site Model Report Fee is \$750. The Site Model Report Fee is nonrefundable.

We may offer you the option to purchase a license to sell additional signature products in your Restaurant and to use the signature products trademark(s) as signature products are developed.

The initial fees to be paid to us and/or our affiliate(s) before the Franchised Business opens are indicated on the chart below and in the notes to the chart.

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>METHOD OF PAYMENT</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>	<b>TO WHOM PMT IS MADE</b>	<b>REFUNDABILITY</b>
Initial Franchise Fee	\$50,000	Lump Sum	Signing of the Franchise Agreement	Franchisor	See Note (1)
Opening Team Expense	\$55,000 to \$100,000	Two Installments	50% prior to Opening Team's arrival, balance after Opening Team's Arrival	Franchisor or its affiliate	See Note (1)
Site Model Report Fee	\$750	Lump Sum	After Franchisor prepares a site model report and issue a “no brand standard objection” letter for the proposed site	Franchisor or its affiliate	See Note (1)

Notes:

(1) There are no refunds under any circumstances. Franchisor does not offer any financing. We may periodically reduce a fee in our sole discretion, for example, in connection with limited time promotions, new concepts and/or operational programs.

**ITEM 6: OTHER FEES**

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>	<b>Column 4</b>
<b>Type of Fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Royalty Fee and Surcharge (Notes 1 and 13)	5% of Gross Sales plus a maximum Surcharge of \$10 per week (Note 2)	Withdrawn electronically weekly (Note 3)	"Gross Sales" include all revenue from your Restaurant excluding sales tax and authorized refunds, credits and allowances.
Advertising Fees (Note 1)	1% of weekly Gross Sales	Same as Royalty Fee (Note 3)	Franchisor can increase this fee by up to 0.5% per year after giving you at least 60 days prior notice of the increase.
Local Advertising	Minimum of 1.5% of Gross Sales	Payable to suppliers as incurred	You must spend at least 1.5% of your quarterly and annual Gross Sales on approved local advertising. If/when two or more independently owned or controlled Restaurants, including the Franchisee's Restaurant, are opened in the Franchisee's Designated Market Area ("DMA"), you may be required by Franchisor to contribute Local Advertising Fees equal to 1.5% of your weekly Gross Sales to a local advertising group (the "Local Advertising Association"). Local Advertising Fees will meet your local advertising requirement.
Additional Training Fee (Note 1)	You must pay the then-current Per Diem Training Fee (currently \$750 per day) for each trainer provided by Franchisor. You must also reimburse Franchisor for the Travel Expenses it incurs, estimated to range from \$100 to \$1,000 per trainer.	Prior to training being offered	Payable if we require or you request additional training after attending the Training Program.

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<b>Type of Fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Third-Party Performance Measurement Evaluations (Note 1)	Up to one-half of the cost of set programs, estimated to range from \$300 to \$600 per month, per unit	Within 30 days after receipt of an invoice	Franchisor can hire an independent shopping service and/or utilize feedback programs to evaluate your operations, quality, compliance and food safety. You and Franchisor may share the cost for these services, the frequency, nature, and extent of which Franchisor may determine.
Annual Meeting Registration Fee (Notes 1 and 5)	Up to \$1,000 plus incidental costs to attend	60-90 days prior to the Meeting	We will debit your account for this fee, which is non-refundable. This fee is charged to all franchisees whether or not they attend the Meeting.
Depository Account	Minimum amount to be determined by us	Signing of Franchise Agreement	(Note 3)
Charitable Contributions	To be determined by us	As determined by us	(Note 6)
Technology Fees (Notes 1 and 7)	None as of the Issuance Date, but subject to reasonable annual and/or service enhancement increases throughout the Term	Same as Royalty Fee (Note 3)	Begins immediately after you open your Restaurant. May be paid to us or an affiliate, or an outside vendor and remitted to us by Vendor, to at minimum cover our costs
Credit Card Processing Fee (Note 1)	None as of the Issuance Date, but subject to reasonable annual and/or service enhancement increases throughout the Term	As invoiced	
Charges for Testing and Evaluation (Note 1)	Will vary under circumstances	As incurred	See Item 8
Renewal Franchise Fee (Note 1)	50% of the then-current Initial Franchise Fee not including any discounts or reductions	Signing of new Franchise Agreement at renewal	Applicable if you are renewing your Franchise Agreement. Renewal term is ten years.

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<b>Type of Fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Transfer Franchise Fee (Notes 1 and 10)	\$5,000	Prior to consummation of transfer	Payable if you are purchasing your Franchised Business as a result of a full transfer. A full transfer is including, but not limited to, a transfer of 50% or more ownership or control.
Relocation Fee (Note 1)	\$500	At signing of relocation amendment to Franchise Agreement	Payable if we approve the relocation of your store.
Non-participation Fee	\$100 per day if you fail or refuse to participate in any required national, local, regional, seasonal, promotional or other program, initiative and campaign or in any new or modified product or service test or offering.	Upon failing or refusing to participate	Payable to us.
Document Administration Fee	\$500 (Note 11)	As incurred	Applicable if an amendment must be prepared, including for an affiliate transfer.
Default Interest (Notes 1 and 12)	\$50 plus interest at 1-1/2% per month or maximum legal rate, if less ("Default Rate").	Payable upon assessment	Payable on all overdue amounts.
Document Late Charge (Notes 1 and 8)	\$100 per week or partial week	Payable upon assessment	Payable if any required financial statement, report or other document is delinquent.
Draft Draw Charge (Note 1 and 9)	\$100 per day	As incurred	Payable to us.
Late Charge (Note 1)	5% of the unpaid amount or \$100, whichever is greater, on royalties, advertising payments, and other amounts unpaid within 10 days.	As incurred	Payable to us.
Collection Costs (Note 1)	All collection costs including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees.	Payable upon assessment	Payable only if we are required to retain an attorney or collection agency to collect delinquent payments from you. We will also collect as damages any attorneys' fees and costs incurred by us in defending claims that arise due to your actions as a franchisee.

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>	<b>Column 4</b>
<b>Type of Fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Non-Sufficient Funds Fee (Note 1)	\$50 for each electronic funds transfer returned for non-sufficient funds; \$25 for each check or draft returned for non-sufficient funds.	Payable upon assessment	Payable only if your electronic funds transfer from your Depository Account or any check you remit to us is returned for non-sufficient funds.
Audit (Note 1)	Cost of Audit plus interest at Default Rate on underpayments or the maximum rate permissible by law (Note 9).	Payable upon assessment	Payable only if audit is caused by your failure to furnish reports or if audit reveals an understatement of fees or assessment of 2% or more.
Early Termination Damages (Note 1)	The average monthly Royalty and Advertising Fees paid for any consecutive 12 month period within the preceding 48 month period multiplied by the number of months remaining in the term of the Franchise Agreement, and the product is divided by 2.	30 days prior to the early closing of the restaurant	You must provide us with 90 days prior written notice of the termination of your Franchise Agreement.
Attorneys' Fees and Costs	Will vary under the circumstances.	As incurred	Payable to us.
Indemnification of us and/or our affiliates for damages suffered or incurred for your actions or omissions, including amounts paid on your behalf or to cure your breaches under the Franchise Agreement	Will vary under the circumstances.	As incurred	Payable to us.
Damages for Breach of Non-Compete Obligations under the Franchise Agreement	Will vary under the circumstances.	As incurred	Payable to us

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>	<b>Column 4</b>
<b>Type of Fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Management Fee	6% of the Franchised Business' Gross Sales (in addition to the Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee) plus our direct out-of-pocket costs and expenses.	Payable with Royalty and Advertising Fee	If we assume the management of your Franchised Business for any period of time.

Notes:

(1) These fees are collected by Franchisor or its affiliate, are payable to Franchisor, and are non-refundable. These fees are uniformly imposed by Franchisor; however, Franchisor, in its sole discretion, may reduce or waive a one-time fee (*i.e.*, transfer franchise fee, renewal franchise fee, etc.) or may waive or reduce an ongoing fee (*i.e.*, Royalty Fee or Advertising Fees) for a defined period of time.

(2) In our sole discretion, we may charge, in addition to the Royalty Fee, a Surcharge of up to \$10 per week if your Restaurant is located in a state that imposes additional reporting requirements on a franchisor.

(3) At the time you sign the Franchise Agreement, you will set up a depository account with your local banking institution. You are required to maintain a minimum balance as established by Franchisor in this account at all times. This will mean that you must replenish the depository account to such amount after Franchisor makes any withdrawals. (A Pre-Authorized Electronic Funds Transfer Form by and payable to Franchisor is attached as Exhibit I).

(4) Franchisor directs that Advertising Fees be paid to us, a national advertising fund ("National Fund") designated by us, and/or, in our sole discretion, to a designated approved regional advertising fund ("Regional Fund," and together with the National Fund, the "Advertising Fund" or "Fund"). Upon sixty (60) days' notice by us to you, we may unilaterally increase the Advertising Fee from its current level by one half percent (.5%) of your weekly Gross Sales in any twelve-month period. We encourage the formation of franchisee local advertising associations (each an "LAA"). Currently, there is no established local advertising association. If a LAA is formed for your region, you must financially contribute to the LAA in addition to the National Fund, as required by us. Failure to do so will be deemed a breach of the Franchise Agreement and you may also, in Franchisor's sole discretion, lose your right to vote on decisions the LAA makes. The membership of the LAA is defined by us according to your market area. If no LAA exists where your Restaurant is located, your store will be considered a "single store" LAA and you must contribute to the Regional Fund for your store. In limited cases in our sole discretion (for example, certain international restaurants or non-traditional restaurants such as airport or university locations that require different advertising support), some stores may not be obligated to contribute to the Fund. For each of our company-owned

or affiliate-owned restaurants, it's our policy that such restaurants make contributions to the Fund at a rate equal to the lowest rate a franchisee is then-required to contribute. Company-owned or affiliate-owned restaurants have the same voting power as franchisee owned restaurants. On our request, you must assist in establishing an LAA or in deciding how to allocate contributions we may make to the LAA. We reserve the right to establish general standards concerning the operation of an LAA, to specify the advertising agencies an LAA must retain, and to designate advertising programs an LAA must conduct. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, no LAA may make decisions or spend advertising contributions without our prior written approval. (See Franchise Agreement – Section 5.4).

(5) If we hold an annual meeting (“Meeting”), the Meeting will be held at various locations throughout the United States and/or online as we may designate in our sole discretion, and may offer valuable continuing education programs. Because the planning and funding of the Meeting must be done well in advance and requires a substantial financial commitment, we have the right to debit your Depository Account for the Annual Meeting Registration Fee up to \$1,000 at any time 60 to 90 days prior to the first day of the Meeting. This fee is not refundable and will be debited from all franchisees’ accounts (even if you do not attend the Meeting). If you do not attend the Meeting, we will send to you one full set of the substantive materials that were presented at the Meeting.

(6) You must participate in all programs of a charitable nature designated by us from time-to-time, including the obligation to contribute a designated percentage of opening day sales (or sales for other periods) to a charity designated by you or us, as we may elect.

(7) We may develop or contract with third parties to develop centralized or technology-based methods of taking, processing, routing, and delivering orders in addition to the methods and technology we currently use or authorize (collectively "Additional Order Systems"). These may become mandatory at any time during the term of the Franchise Agreement and may require you to spend money to add or replace equipment, wiring, hardware and software; to pay licensing fees, support and maintenance fees, fees paid to third parties; to incur other costs, and to sign agreements with us and with third parties. To the extent these products and services are owned by us or an affiliate or provided to you by us or an affiliate, we may charge up front and/or ongoing fees that may be included as part of the Technology Fee. However, to the extent all the direct and indirect costs to develop, test and implement an Additional Ordering System are paid from other sources, then such up-front and ongoing fees charged by us would be intended only to cover our ongoing expenses, including direct costs and reasonable allocations.

(8) If you fail to deliver or provide to us any statement, report or other document or information required to be delivered (for example, sales reports, certificates of insurance and financial statements), by the applicable deadline, you will be assessed a late charge per week, or part thereof (until that statement, document or other information has been delivered or provided), which amount may be increased by us from time to time.

(9) If you fail to provide us with any necessary information or documentation with respect to our practice of drawing drafts against your bank accounts, you will be assessed a fee in the amount of \$100 per day.

(10) If you want to transfer the restaurant or the Franchise, or if you want to sell more than 50% of the equity of your business, you must first give us a right of first refusal, at the same price offered by any bona fide buyer. Before transfer, we must approve any new franchisee, transferee, stockholder, or assignee.

(11) The Document Administration Fee in the amount of \$500 will be charged to you if an amendment to your franchise documents must be prepared.

(12) Interest begins from the date of the underpayment.

(13) Royalties may be increased to up to fifteen percent (15%) of Gross Sales with respect to any period during which Franchisee is in breach or default of its/his/her obligations under this Agreement without providing Franchisee advance notice or right to cure. The Royalties paid or owing to Franchisor with respect to the period during which Franchisee is in breach or default are referred to as "Breaching Royalties." Breaching Royalties will be charged for a minimum fourteen (14) day period, regardless of the length of the actual breach or default.

(14) This fee may be initiated and from time to time increased to cover the potential of future increased costs affecting the gift card program, such as increased production and shipping costs and costs of processing. If fees are to increase, franchisees will receive 30-day advanced notice.

**ITEM 7: ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT  
YOUR ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT**

<b>Type of Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount Low End (1)</b>	<b>Amount High End (1)</b>	<b>Method of Payment (2)</b>	<b>When Due</b>	<b>To Whom Payment is to be Made</b>
Initial Franchise Fee	\$50,000	\$50,000	Lump Sum	See Item 5 of this Disclosure Document	Franchisor
Leasehold Improvements (3)	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	As Incurred	Before Opening	Suppliers
Land, Building and Construction (4)	\$2,400,000	\$4,000,000	As Arranged	Before Opening	Suppliers

<b>Type of Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount Low End (1)</b>	<b>Amount High End (1)</b>	<b>Method of Payment (2)</b>	<b>When Due</b>	<b>To Whom Payment is to be Made</b>
Travel and Living Expenses for You and Your Management Staff During Training (5)	\$25,000	\$40,000	As Incurred	During Training	Employees , Airlines, Hotels and Restaurants
Reimbursement of Expenses for Opening Team	\$55,000	\$100,000	50% in advance of Opening Team's arrival; balance due after Opening Team's departure	See Items 5 and 11 of this Disclosure Document	Franchisor
Furniture, Fixtures, Décor, and Equipment (6)	\$500,000	\$800,000	As incurred	As Incurred	Supplier or Leasing Company
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$50,000	\$170,000	As Arranged	Before Opening	Suppliers
Exterior Signs	\$45,000	\$100,000	Lump Sum	Before Opening	Suppliers
Liquor License Costs (7)	\$25,000	\$75,000	Lump Sum	Before Opening	Governmental Agencies and for Professional Services
Site Model Report Fee	\$750	\$750	Lump Sum	As Incurred	Franchisor
Restaurant Lease Payments - 3 Months (8)	\$10,500	\$25,000	As Incurred	As Incurred	Landlord
Employee Salaries - 3 Months (9)	\$60,000	\$110,000	As Incurred	As Incurred	Employees
Miscellaneous (10)	\$5,000	\$10,000	As Incurred	Before Opening or otherwise as arranged	Landlord, Utilities, Government Agencies, Insurance Companies , Attorneys, Accountants, and Other Professionals
Grand Opening Celebration (11)	\$15,000	\$25,000	As Arranged	Before Opening	Suppliers

Type of Expenditure	Amount Low End (1)	Amount High End (1)	Method of Payment (2)	When Due	To Whom Payment is to be Made
Additional Funds - 3 Months [these figures have not been offset by operating revenues] (12)	\$5,000	\$10,000	As Incurred	As Incurred	Franchisor, Employees, Suppliers and Utilities
Total if premises leased by you (13)	\$1,346,250	\$3,515,750			
Total if premises purchased by you (13)	\$3,746,250	\$7,515,750			

**Notes:**

- (1) This estimated initial investment is for one new Restaurant that you develop after signing a Franchise Agreement. If you purchase a Refranchised Restaurant, the estimated initial investment will be different. For instance, unless we otherwise consent, you will assume a refranchised Restaurant's existing lease. As a result, the costs you incur in connection with identifying and developing a site will be different. Additionally, you may not need to hold a Grand Opening Celebration.  
  
The initial franchise fee represents an actual amount. The remaining amounts included in this Item 7 are based upon Franchisor's affiliates' years of experience in the restaurant business, as discussed in Item 1 of this Disclosure Document. You should carefully review these figures with your business advisor before making any decision to purchase a franchised Restaurant.
- (2) Payments are not refundable unless otherwise noted. Franchisor does not offer direct or indirect financing.
- (3) Lease only: These figures represent the cost to lease and remodel an existing building to a Restaurant. Barrio Queen Restaurants are generally located in free-standing buildings and end caps in retail centers and require from 4,000 square feet up to 6,500 square feet of floor space with seating for 150 to 300 guests. The rental rate will generally be between \$20 and \$50 per square foot.
- (4) Purchase only: If you choose to purchase the land and building for your Restaurant, your initial costs likely will be significantly higher than if you choose to lease the premises for your Restaurant. The land required for your Restaurant will require from 0.75 acres to 2 acres, and the building will require from 4,000 square feet to 6,500 square feet of floor space with seating for 150 to 300 guests. Your initial investment if you chose to purchase the land and building may range from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 for the cost of the property and \$300,000 to \$1,500,000 for the cost of construction or remodeling (not including equipment costs). In addition, you may be required to landscape or make other improvements to your site which may range from \$100,000 to \$400,000. Some of your costs for the property, construction and other site improvements may be financed through a bank or other financial institution. The cost to purchase land on which to construct

a Restaurant may vary widely depending upon the location of the land, the demand for the site, the zoning, the assessed value of the parcel, the attributes of the parcel and related area, such as parking availability, accessibility and traffic flow, and the general economic conditions. These estimates are based upon the experience of Franchisor in Arizona, and its affiliate's experience in full-service restaurant concepts in the Midwestern and Eastern United States, although such full-service restaurants concepts are not exactly the same as a Barrio Queen Restaurant. Depending upon your area, your costs may be higher.

- (5) You must pay for the Travel Expenses and other expenses while you and your Management Staff attend the initial training program (see Item 11). Salaries and Benefits are not included.
- (6) This includes the cost of the computer hardware, peripherals, and software that will serve as your point-of-sale system, and the maintenance agreement for that system (see Item 11), and also includes the costs for décor items and installation services. Your furniture, fixtures, décor and equipment may be financed through a bank or other financial institution, leased or purchased outright.
- (7) Liquor license costs generally are less than \$35,000. However in isolated instances, and depending on your geographic location, you may have to pay significantly more for a liquor license. You should check with the issuing authority to determine the cost and availability of your liquor license.
- (8) Lease only: The monthly rental if you lease the premises for your Franchised Business may include common area maintenance fees and real estate taxes. The amount indicated may also include a one month advanced rental payment, security deposit and prepaid expenses. Isolated instances could be higher.
- (9) This estimate does not include the salaries for you or your Management Staff during training.
- (10) Miscellaneous fees include such items as security, utility and license deposits, impact fees, insurance premiums for three months, and professional services such as attorneys and accountants. You should check with the local agency that issues building permits to determine what impact, connection, or other site development fees might be required for the specific site for your Restaurant. Environmental impact fees vary significantly for each location and often may range from .5% to 3% of the value of the land. You must maintain general liability insurance with coverage of at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$5,000,000 aggregate coverage, liquor liability insurance with coverage of at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence, employment practices liability insurance with Franchisor defense coverage of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence, hired and non-owned automobile liability insurance with coverage of at least \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident, business personal property insurance with 100% of full replacement cost coverage – no coinsurance - Special Form or equivalent (minimum of \$100,000), spoilage coverage with limits of \$5,000, business interruption insurance with coverage of at least \$300,000 per occurrence, building improvement and betterments insurance with coverage of at least 100% of full replacement cost – no coinsurance (minimum of \$100,000) umbrella liability insurance with coverage

of at least \$3,000,000 per occurrence, and all insurance required by law, such as workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance, and flood, earthquake and volcanic eruption coverage that is subject to territory limitations and required if in a designated Flood Zone.

You must obtain all insurance we require and obtain it from an insurer having an A.M. Best's financial strength rating of "A-VIII" or better. Your insurance must: (i) insure the particular Franchisee listed on your Franchise Agreement; (ii) name us and our parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, and employees as additional insured; (iii) contain a waiver by the insurance carrier of all subrogation rights against us and our affiliates for casualty losses; (iv) provide that we will receive by an endorsement 30 days' prior written notice of cancellation; and (v) provide that failure by franchisee to comply with any term, condition or provision of the contract, or other conduct by franchisee, will not void or otherwise affect the coverage afforded us. Our minimum insurance coverage requirements are subject to change, including to increase.

You need to evaluate if your particular business will require greater coverage or other types of insurance. For example, we strongly recommend that you consult with an insurance broker to discuss whether your particular lease/situation requires and/or should obtain additional common types of insurance (including without limitation cyber liability/data breach insurance coverage). Such insurance may significantly increase your premiums but may also save you money in the long run. We make no representation that the minimum coverage that we specify will be sufficient for your business.

You must always keep the required insurance coverage in force, and you must comply with any changes we make periodically to our insurance requirements. Upon 30 days' notice to you, we may require you to increase and/or otherwise change the minimum coverage of the insurance referred to above including to reflect identification of special risks, changes in law or standards of liability, higher damage awards or other relevant changes in circumstances. In the event you fail to obtain or maintain the required insurance coverage, we reserve the right, but are not obligated to, obtain the required insurance on your behalf and charge the insurance premium to you.

- (11) You must spend a minimum of \$15,000 on, provided Franchisor can require you spend up to \$25,000 on, the Grand Opening Celebration for your Restaurant.
- (12) During at least the first three months of operations, you will need additional funds to cover your expenditures for supplies, food and beverage inventories, local advertising, utilities, and other miscellaneous operating costs. This estimate has not been offset by any allowance for your operating revenues during this three-month period. Your working capital requirements may increase or decrease depending upon your geographic area, number of employees, labor rates, minimum wage laws, and employment laws and regulations, operating revenues and other economic factors.
- (13) These figures are estimates only, and it is very possible that you may have additional or greater expenses during this period. We cannot guarantee that you

will not have additional expenses starting the business. Your costs will vary depending on the size of your Restaurant, your geographic area, economic and market conditions, competition, interest rates, wage rates, sales levels attained, and other economic factors. Cash flow from your operations may not be adequate to cover operating and other costs during the initial phase of business.

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

We will provide you with specifications for authorized food and beverage preparation, beverage dispensing, storage and display equipment, computer hardware, software licenses, other equipment, fixtures, furniture, exterior and interior signs and decorating that we require you to use or install in the Restaurant. We may specify brands, types or models for any of these items. Franchisor determines its standards and specifications at its sole discretion and may modify its written standards and specifications and you must comply with any modifications. You may purchase items meeting our specifications from any source unless we designate an approved source or sources for any of these items. You must use only such items that meet our specifications in the operation of the Restaurant and to purchase them from approved vendors if we so require. We or our affiliates or an approved vendor may be the only source for some of these items and we may otherwise limit the number of approved vendors.

All requests for approving new or alternative suppliers must be submitted in writing by you and/or the supplier to Franchisor's purchasing department. Each request will be reviewed in accordance with our then-current procedures and the supplier must meet our then-current requirements, which may include that our representatives be allowed to inspect the facilities of the proposed supplier, and that samples from the proposed supplier be delivered, at no charge to us, either to us or to our designee for testing. Our criteria for approving suppliers is available to franchisees upon written request to the purchasing department. We reserve the right to charge you a New Vendor Approval Fee for the inspection and tests of the proposed supplier. If approved, in our sole reasonable discretion, we will notify you and/or the supplier in writing within sixty (60) days of our receipt of an approval request. You must not offer for sale or sell any of the proposed alternative supplier's products until you receive our written approval of the proposed alternative supplier. We may, at our option, re-inspect the facilities and products of any approved supplier and revoke its approval upon the supplier's failure to meet any of our then-current minimum standards and specifications. If you receive a written notice of revocation from us, you must stop selling disapproved products and stop purchasing from the disapproved supplier.

The Franchise Agreement requires that all food and beverage products, ingredients, equipment, computer hardware and software, furniture, fixtures, millwork, décor, signs, supplies and other products, services and materials which you will use in the operation of your Restaurant meet our standards and be purchased only from our approved distributors and suppliers (if any). You may use any operational service providers, such as exterminators, refrigeration services companies, refuse removal

companies, and similar service providers that you desire. If at any time during the Term we organize a rollout for a new approved product or a new supplier of an approved product, you will be required to purchase such approved product(s) and/or service(s) from our approved distributors of the approved supplier within 60 days of notification from us and it may require you to enter into a contract directly with such vendor.

We will provide you with one set of our confidential “ops package” which may consist of the operations manual, “ops toolkit” and related printed and electronic documents (collectively, the “Confidential Manual”.) We provide all specifications and standards to you in the Confidential Manual, which we may modify from time to time by providing you with “rollout guides” for limited time offers, amendments, modifications or supplemental inserts through notices or bulletins, or by amending the Confidential Manual. A list of approved distributors for our approved vendors is maintained by our purchasing department and will be provided to you during the pre-opening and/or construction phase for your Franchised Business. Updates will be provided to you as changes are made (i.e., additions and deletions) to the list of approved distributors for our approved vendors.

Unless otherwise agreed to by us in writing, if the property which the Restaurant is located is not owned by you, you must maintain a lease for the site of the Restaurant which must contain such terms as we specify from time to time for all leases of a similar type. Each original lease, renewal leases and lease addenda and modification of any type must be submitted to us prior to execution for our examination and approval that it contains the terms we require in all leases. You must provide us with a copy of the executed lease, any renewal lease, and any addenda and modification or other instrument or agreement governing occupancy of the premises within thirty (30) days after execution by you and the landlord. Attached as Exhibit H is a Lease Addendum to lease agreement which contains the terms we currently require. This document must be signed at the time the lease is executed.

Franchisor is the only approved supplier for services related to the preparation of the Site Model Report for your Restaurant. You must, at your own cost and expense, use our designated and approved architect, as detailed in the Confidential Manual and no other architect may be used by you for the design of your restaurant. You must also, at your own cost and expense, retain a licensed architect of record to prepare the permitted construction set of drawings.

You must use in the development and operation of your Restaurant the management system and computer hardware and software and related technology designated by us, including without limitation, features such as high-speed broadband connectivity, high-speed broadband monitoring, online ordering, delivery, methods and means of encryption and access to our network resources, an approved debit, credit and/or gift/loyalty card processing system, mobile application, and other technology and peripheral devices that we specify from time to time (the “Brand Technology”). We may modify all aspects and the components of the Brand Technology from time to time. As part of the Brand Technology, we may require you to obtain computer hardware and/or

software we specify from a single vendor designated by us and we or our affiliates may be the sole supplier of all or any part of the Brand Technology. You may use only such items and services as we specify in connection with the Brand Technology. We may require that you enter into a license exclusively with us or our affiliates to use proprietary software developed by or for us. You may also be required to enter into agreements with others for use of third-party software incorporated or used in connection with the Brand Technology. Our modification of such specifications or components for the Brand Technology may require you to incur costs to purchase, lease and/or license new or modified computer hardware and/or software and to obtain service and support for the Brand Technology during the term of the Franchise Agreement. The cost to you of obtaining the Brand Technology (including software licenses) (or additions, substitutions, replacements or modifications thereto) may not be fully amortizable over the remaining term of the Franchise Agreement. You must incur such costs in connection with obtaining the computer hardware and software comprising the Brand Technology (or additions, substitutions, replacements or modifications to the Brand Technology). We have the right to charge reasonable fees for software or systems modifications and enhancements specifically made for us that are licensed to you and other maintenance and support services that we or our affiliates furnish to you related to the Brand Technology. You may also incur charges from third parties who render services or provide products that we require you to purchase or use. We shall have independent access to data created by or stored on your Brand Technology, including sales figures. There are no contractual limitations on our right to access this information and data.

You must purchase an integrated front-of-house and back-of-house POS system that includes terminals, guest check printers, a mechanism to communicate orders to the kitchen, and a mechanism for electronically accepting credit cards and gift cards which complies with then-current Payment Card Industry Payment Application Data Security Standards that is required by Franchisor. There are currently no third-party vendors for help desk services. We reserve the right to offer help desk and support services and to charge fees for these services. Help desk and support services providers may also require you to sign an agreement for their services.

We reserve the right to charge you fees and expenses associated with your use of online ordering, accepting and processing applications for Restaurant-level positions through an online platform, and the requisite internet usage and connections, including the fees charged by the service provider(s), which may be subject to increase each year.

We reserve the right to require you to participate in a gift card program and obtain and use gift cards, processors, and related services from vendors approved by us and pay the fees associated with such gift card programs, which may be subject to increase each year.

There are certain seasonings, spices, food, food items, disposable and tabletop items, recipe ingredients, and drink items (and, if applicable, dispensing equipment for the drink items) that are proprietary to Franchisor or that are selected by Franchisor for consistency in quality and other considerations. These items, such as certain brand name

products, are manufactured or produced only by manufacturers or producers approved by Franchisor in writing. To ensure that you adhere to the uniformity requirements and quality standards associated with all Barrio Queen restaurants, you must purchase all such items from a member of Franchisor's Distribution Marketing Advantage system, Sysco Corporation, or from any other vendor/distributor Franchisor may designate in the future. Franchisor reserves the right to limit the number of approved suppliers. Franchisor will provide a written list of these proprietary or selected products and services. Franchisor will also notify you of any additions to or deletions from the list.

As of the date of this Disclosure Document, Coca-Cola beverages have been designated as the company standard for soda beverages for sale at Barrio Queen.

In the future Franchisor or an affiliate may be an approved supplier of products and services for your Restaurant, including a single source for proprietary or other products and services. You will pay the then-current price in effect for all purchases you make from Franchisor or an affiliate, and Franchisor or its affiliate may derive revenue from such purchases by charging you more than its costs. Franchisor reserves the right to receive discounts, vendor allowances, and other consideration from suppliers of products and services as a result of franchisee purchases.

We have negotiated special pricing arrangements or discounts with some of our suppliers. The arrangements may include special contract pricing, volume discounts, and specific discounts from regular wholesale prices to our franchise system. Some or all of these discounts could be passed on to our franchisees, in our sole discretion. We do not provide any other material special benefits to franchisees based on their purchase of approved supplies or their use of particular approved suppliers. We may use the consideration received from our suppliers to benefit the *Barrio Queen* brand in our sole and absolute discretion. To the extent possible, Franchisor attempts to pass on to franchisees and company-owned Restaurants equally the benefit of these contributions from suppliers, either directly or to offset certain costs related to owning and operating a Restaurant. However, Franchisor cannot guarantee or otherwise assure you that all these goods and services will be passed on to the franchisees or will directly benefit franchisees in the same manner given the number of Barrio Queen restaurants currently owned and operated by Franchisor.

As of the issuance date of this Disclosure Document, there are no (and have been no) franchisees in the Barrio Queen franchise system so neither we nor our affiliates received payments or credits from suppliers for the purchase of products by or for the benefit of franchisees last fiscal year, although we and our affiliates reserve the right to do so moving forward. Additionally, neither Franchisor nor its affiliates have received revenue from: (i) its sales of products or services to Franchisees, or (ii) or vendor allowances based on purchased required by Franchisor to be made by Franchisees.

Various suppliers and vendors of Franchisor, its parent, and/or affiliates may contribute marketing and other revenues or consideration to Franchisor based upon Barrio Queen system-wide purchases from those suppliers and vendors.

We may acquire certain used equipment and signage and offer it for sale to prospective or existing franchisees at a price that we believe to be equal to or less than the fair market value of that equipment and signage. If we make that offer to you, you have the option of purchasing that equipment and signage from us or purchasing new equipment and signage from approved third parties. In addition, we or our affiliate, may offer to sell to prospective or existing franchisees an existing operational Restaurant (including the equipment, signage, fixtures, inventory and other items necessary to operate the restaurant) at a price that we believe to be equal to or less than the fair market value of the restaurant. If we make that offer to you, you have the option of purchasing the existing operational Restaurant or starting your own Restaurant.

We have not arranged any purchasing or distribution cooperatives among our franchisees, but reserve the right to do so in our sole discretion.

You must complete a food safety manager training program at your cost. We will accept your local county or state required program or any other nationally recognized food safety program. You must provide us with a copy of your certificate prior to attending our Training Program.

We may, from time to time, provide referral incentives to franchisees, employees and others for qualified referrals of prospective franchisees. We may, from time to time, pay membership fees to public, quasi-public and private service providers who refer potential franchisees from identified groups (e.g. veterans or military personnel planning to leave the service).

We may vary the terms of our franchises in connection with testing new marketing, branding, research and development of new menu offerings, and/or operational programs. These tests are generally conducted with experienced, existing franchisees and may include incentives and other rights which are not available to all franchisees. We reserve the right to sell some of the products associated with the *Barrio Queen* brand to different retail outlets such as grocery chains or membership-based retailers.

You may not maintain a World Wide Web site, social media site, an App (application) or otherwise maintain a presence or advertise on the Internet or any other public computer network in connection with the Franchised Business without our prior written approval.

Although not bound to do so, Franchisor may conduct, from time to time, additional research and development with regard to its specifications and standards. The criteria for evaluating any changes in these specifications will be whether such changes in the specifications will improve quality, be more efficient and have greater customer appeal, thus enhancing the *Barrio Queen* brand name and image. When we and/or our affiliates periodically test new products, we may require you to purchase these products exclusively from us or an affiliate of ours, or otherwise limit the distribution and use of these products. We or our affiliates may from time to time offer or make available other services or products to franchisees, such as online ordering and gift cards. We or our

affiliates may derive revenue from the sale of these services and products to franchisees or from the participation by franchisees in these programs.

You must obtain all insurance we require and obtain it from an insurer having an A.M. Best's financial strength rating of "A-VIII" or better. Your insurance must: (i) insure the particular Franchisee listed on your Franchise Agreement; (ii) name us and our parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, and employees as additional insured; (iii) contain a waiver by the insurance carrier of all subrogation rights against us and our affiliates for casualty losses; (iv) provide that we will receive by an endorsement 30 days' prior written notice of cancellation; and (v) provide that failure by franchisee to comply with any term, condition or provision of the contract, or other conduct by franchisee, will NOT void or otherwise affect the coverage afforded us. Before you may open your Restaurant, at the time you sign your lease, annually at least 10 days prior to renewal of your insurance coverage, and at any other time upon our request, you must provide a copy of your certificate of insurance to us which meets our requirements.

Our minimum insurance coverage requirements (subject to change, including to increase) will be prescribed from us from time to time. You need to evaluate if your particular Franchised Business will require greater coverage or other types of insurance. For example, we strongly recommend that you consult with an insurance broker to discuss whether your particular lease/situation requires and/or should obtain additional common types of insurance (including without limitation, employment practices liability, business interruption, umbrella insurance and cyber liability/data breach insurance coverage). Such insurance may significantly increase your premiums but may also save you money in the long run. We make no representation that the minimum coverage that we specify will be sufficient for your business. You will pay your insurance premiums directly to your insurance broker or to the insurance company issuing the policy.

TYPE OF COVERAGE	LIMITS/SPECIFICATIONS
General Liability	\$2,000,000 Bodily Injury/Property Damage Per Occurrence / \$5,000,000 Aggregate
Liquor Liability	\$2,000,000 Per Occurrence
Building Improvements and Betterments	100% of Full Replacement Cost – No Coinsurance (minimum of \$100,000)
Business Personal Property	100% of Full Replacement Cost – No Coinsurance – Special Form or equivalent (minimum of \$100,000)
Spoilage	\$5,000
Flood, Earthquake and Volcanic Eruption	Subject to Territory Limitations – required if in a designated Flood Zone
Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance	As required by law (or if none required by the state, then in comparable insurance as we require)
Hired and Non-Owned Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per accident
Umbrella	\$3,000,000 Per Occurrence

You must always keep the required insurance coverage in force, and you must comply with any changes we make periodically to our insurance requirements. Upon 30 days' notice to you, we may require you to increase and/or otherwise change the minimum coverage of the insurance referred to above including to reflect identification of special risks, changes in law or standards of liability, higher damage awards or other relevant changes in circumstances. In the event you fail to obtain or maintain the required insurance coverage, we reserve the right, but are not obligated to, obtain the required insurance on your behalf and charge you the fees we incur. Your obligation to maintain the required insurance is not limited by insurance we maintain. Your failure to carry required insurance at our specified limits could result in default.

We may, at our option, require you to enter into a lease for the restaurant premises directly with the landlord ("Direct Lease"). You and your attorneys must negotiate the terms of the Direct Lease. We have no liability to you regarding the terms or negotiations of the Direct Lease. The Direct Lease for the premises is subject to our final approval. You and the landlord under the Direct Lease must sign our approved Lease Addendum (See Exhibit H: Required Lease Terms). If we require you to enter into a Direct Lease, you must provide us with a copy of the Direct Lease and the Lease Addendum(s) for our approval at least 10 days before you sign the Direct Lease, and you must provide us with a copy of the executed Direct Lease and Lease Addendum(s) within 10 days after signing. If you do not provide us with all of the required documents, we will not approve your Direct Lease.

Depending on whether you purchase certain goods and/or services from us or our affiliates, you can expect the products and services you will purchase in accordance with our specifications will represent over 90% of the total purchases you will make to begin operations if you develop a new Restaurant, approximately 80% of the total purchases you will make to begin operations if you acquire a refranchised Restaurant, and generally are approximately 50% of your annual ongoing expenses for your Restaurant.

For the year ending November 30, 2024, MTY USA and its subsidiaries, as of such date, derived revenues from the sales of products, services, and vendor allowances in the amount of \$51,714,322, which was approximately 8.5% of MTY USA's total consolidated recognized revenue in the amount of \$597,538,000.

Various suppliers and vendors of MTY USA and its subsidiaries contribute marketing and other revenues to MTY USA and/or its subsidiaries based upon system-wide purchases from those suppliers and vendors. During our last fiscal year, MTY USA and its subsidiaries on a consolidated basis earned a total of \$30,372,764 of the \$51,714,322 from such vendors. Additional other revenues (for example, revenue from miscellaneous fees and expenses from franchisees) in the amount of \$5,680,438 were also received by MTY USA and its subsidiaries during the last fiscal year.

Currently, we are not an approved supplier of any products or services. None of our officers own an interest in any of the approved suppliers not affiliated with us.

## ITEM 9: FRANCHISEE'S OBLIGATIONS

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

Obligation	Article or Section in Franchise Agreement	Disclosure Document Item
a. Site selection and acquisition/lease	2.1 and 2.2	7 and 11
b. Pre-opening purchases and leases	2.2, 3.3, 4.6 and 9.3	5, 7, 8, 10 and 11
c. Site development and other pre-opening requirements	2.3, and 2.4	7, 8 and 11
d. Initial and ongoing training	4.1, 4.2 and 4.3	11
e. Opening	3.1 (Note 1)	7 and 11
f. Fees	5	5, 6, 7 and 11
g. Compliance with standards and policies/ Confidential Manual	1.4, 3.2, 4.5 and 9	8, 11, 14 and 16
h. Trademarks and proprietary information	6 and 7	13 and 14
i. Restrictions on products/ services offered	2.6, 3.2 and 9.2	8 and 16
j. Warranty and customer service requirements	No obligation imposed	Not applicable
k. Territorial development and sales quotas	No obligation imposed in Franchise Agreement;	11
l. Ongoing product/service purchases	3.2, 9.2 and 9.3	8
m. Maintenance, appearance and remodeling requirements	1.4, 2.3, 12.3 and 13	7 and 11
n. Insurance	9.5	7

<b>Obligation</b>	<b>Article or Section in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Disclosure Document Item</b>
o. Advertising	5.3, 5.4 and 10	6, 7 and 11
p. Indemnification	8.2, 8.3, 14.7 and 16.17	13 and 14
q. Owner's participation/management/staffing	4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 9.1 and 9.6	11 and 15
r. Records and reports	5.2, 5.6 and 11.1	6 and 11
s. Inspections and audits	4.3, 4.4, 5.18, 5.20, 9.7 and 11.2	6 and 11
t. Transfer	12	6, 16 and 17
u. Renewal	13	6, 16 and 17
v. Post-termination obligations	14.5	17
w. Non-competition covenants	14.6	15 and 17
x. Dispute resolution	16.3	17
y. Other		
Personal Acceptance; Personal and Spousal Guarantees; Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition	9.8; Personal Acceptance of Sections 7.1, 7.2, 14.6 and 14.8; Guaranty of Franchise Agreement; and Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement	10, 15

Note 1: Not applicable for renewal Franchise Agreements.

## **ITEM 10: FINANCING**

We do not offer any direct or indirect financing or financing arrangement, nor will we guaranty your obligations under any note or other obligation.

If you are an individual and married, we reserve the right to require your spouse to execute and deliver to us a Guaranty of Franchise Agreement (See Exhibit E: Guaranty

of Franchise Agreement) and a Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement (See Exhibit F: Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement) at the same time that you sign the Franchise Agreement unless your spouse is also signing the agreement as an individual. If you are a corporation, limited liability company, or other business entity, each of your shareholders, members, or other owners (and their respective spouses, if married) must execute and deliver to us a Guaranty of Franchise Agreement, and their respective spouses must execute and deliver to us a Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement, at the same time that you sign this Agreement. In the event any person who has not previously signed a Guaranty of Franchise Agreement or a Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement becomes your spouse or the holder of any class of your stock or ownership interests or a spouse of such holder, at any time after the execution of such agreement, you must cause such person(s) to immediately execute and deliver a Guaranty of Franchise Agreement and a Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement to us as appropriate.

We may require a first lien position in all equipment as a security interest to be given by the franchisee. We do not intend to sell, assign or discount to a third party any financing arrangement. We do not arrange financing from other sources; therefore, we do not receive direct or indirect payments from placing financing.

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

**Except as disclosed below, Franchisor is not required to provide you with any assistance.**

##### **Pre-Opening Assistance**

Before you open your Restaurant, we will provide the following assistance to you:

##### **Site Selection**

1. Although Franchisor has no obligation, duty, or liability to you as a result of the site selected by you and/or the purchase or lease of the Franchised Business, Franchisor will provide a Site Model Report for the proposed site and if a lease exists, may review the lease for the premises for compliance with the terms and conditions of the Franchise Agreement. You will provide the information as may be reasonably specified by Franchisor for the proposed site selected by you. Franchisor reserves the right, that within 30 days, Franchisor will visit the proposed site and prepare a Site Model Report for you which provides certain site information relevant to assessing whether the proposed site is suitable for development of a Restaurant. Factors considered when reviewing a proposed site include visibility, potential traffic flows, population trends, household income and financial considerations, lease terms and other demographic information. The Site Model Report is not a warranty, representation or guaranty by Franchisor that a Restaurant opened at that site will be a financial success or that the site complies with any or all applicable laws, codes, ordinances or regulations (including without limitation, the Americans with Disabilities Act). If applicable, you may not purchase

or lease any proposed site until Franchisor has issued a “no brand standard objection” letter, signifying the site meets brand standards. Once a “no brand standard objection” letter is issued, you will pay Franchisor the then-current fee (currently \$750) for the Site Model Report (see Item 5). Franchisor can terminate your Franchise Agreement if you do not purchase or lease a site for your Restaurant within 90 days after you sign the Franchise Agreement. Franchisor can also terminate your Franchise Agreement if you fail to open your Restaurant within one (1) year after the effective date of the Franchise Agreement (“Required Opening Date”). The decision to establish and operate your Restaurant at the location will be made solely by you, without any reliance upon any information provided (if any), recommendation made (if any) or approval given (if any) by us, or any of our respective shareholders, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents or affiliates. You must purchase or lease your business location from independent third parties. If you intend to lease your business location, the lease must include certain required provisions.

### **Construction and Furnishings**

1. You must hire and use, at your sole cost and expense, our designated and approved third party architect. You are solely responsible for conforming the premises to all codes and ordinances, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (the “ADA”), and obtaining all required permits. You are solely responsible for constructing or remodeling and decorating the location to our system standards and subject to our approval. We do not provide assistance with conforming the premises to codes and ordinances, including the ADA, obtaining permits, or constructing, remodeling or otherwise decorating your Restaurant.

2. We will identify the furnishings, fixtures, and equipment (including cash registers, point of sale systems, and computer hardware and software and other equipment and devices), signs, products, materials, and supplies necessary or authorized for the restaurant to begin operation. Franchisor reserves the right to have independent access to the information and data collected and generated by these items.

3. We will provide you with all standards of operation that you must use or satisfy before you open the Restaurant (See Franchise Agreement—Section 4.5).

4. We will provide you with the names and contact information of any distributors and/or suppliers you are required or authorized to use to supply you with products or services complying with our standards and specifications. The names and contact information of the approved distributors and suppliers and the written specifications for the approved equipment, signs, fixtures, opening inventory and supplies will be provided to you during the pre-opening and/or construction phase for your Franchised Business. Updates will be provided to you as changes are made (i.e., additions and deletions) to the list of approved distributors for our approved suppliers. We do not deliver or install any of these approved items.

5. Franchisor will provide access to a “grand opening celebration” package which will include advertising and promotional materials for your Restaurant (see

Franchise Agreement – Section 5). You must spend a minimum of \$15,000 (or a higher amount as determined by Franchisor) on the grand opening celebration for your Restaurant (see Item 7).

### Confidential Operations Manual

We will provide you, as part of the Confidential Manual, an electronic or print version of the Operations Manual, with operating procedures to assist you in complying with our standard methods of controls, production methods, and with policies procedures and resources to support brand consistency and compliance. The Operations Manual is confidential and remains our property. We may modify the Operations Manual as and when we desire, but no modification will materially alter your status and rights under the Franchise Agreement (See Franchise Agreement—Section 4.5). The Operations Manual available currently discusses most or all of the following subjects:

<b>OPERATIONS</b>	<b>PURCHASING</b>
Hours of Operation Training/Trainer Certification Manager's Communication Log Opening/Closing checklists Guest Service Standards Phone Answering Reservations Call-Ahead Seating Carry-out Catering Beverages Server Banking Tip out	Approved Vendors List Vendor Approval process Setting Par Levels Ordering Process Receiving Storage/Rotation Transfers in/out Waste tracking Inventory process Approved cleaning supplies Approved Vendors List Vendor Approval process Setting Par Levels Food and Beverage Recipe Vault
<b>MARKETING</b>	<b>FACILITY MANAGEMENT</b>
LSM Community Involvement Fund raisers Promotions	Cleaning Lists Preventative Maintenance Schedule Equipment Cleaning
<b>HUMAN RESOURCE ISSUES</b>	<b>FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>
Orientation Store transfers MSDS/Chemicals Food Safety Security	P&L Accounting Accounts Payable Gift Cards Credit Cards Counterfeit Bills Paid outs Voids/Refunds

### Time to Open

The typical length of time between the earlier of the signing of the Franchise Agreement or the first payment of consideration for the franchise and the opening of the Franchised Business is six (6) to twenty four (24) months. The factors that may affect this

time are: lease or purchase negotiations; whether your Restaurant will be operated out of a converted premises or newly constructed building; zoning procedures; financing applications; local ordinances and approvals; obtaining licenses and permits; construction delays; weather conditions; shortages; delayed installation of equipment, fixtures and signs; development or construction not in accordance with our requirements; labor disputes; Acts of God; hiring and training your employees, and completing the training program and other reasons.

## Training

- Your Management Staff includes your Operating Partner, General Manager and, if applicable, Multi-Unit Manager, and a minimum of two and a maximum of four members of management personnel. Franchisor will train your Operating Partner up to of 20 shifts, your General Manager up to 35 shifts, and two to four other members of your Management Staff up to 35 shifts (see Section 4.1 of the Franchise Agreement). Each shift is an eight (8) to ten (10) hour day. All training programs will be held at a certified training location designated by Franchisor. The current training program includes classroom and on-the-job instruction on the topics selected by Franchisor and is summarized in the following chart:

### TRAINING PROGRAM <sup>(1)</sup>

Subject <sup>(2)</sup>	Hours of Classroom Training	Hours of On-The-Job Training	Location
Orientation and Initial Kitchen Training, including overview of Restaurant operations, and recipes and technical skills	5	0	Certified training location designated by Franchisor
Kitchen Training, including technical skills, kitchen positions, and food preparation	30	160	Certified training location designated by Franchisor
Front of the Restaurant, including food presentation, service, and front positions and functions	15	35	Certified training location designated by Franchisor
Management Training, including management functions, purchasing and inventory, openings and closing, and documentation and systems	15	85	Certified training location designated by Franchisor
Review of training, Restaurant System, goal-setting and problem-solving	10	0	Certified training location designated by Franchisor
Totals:	75	280	

### Notes:

<sup>(1)</sup> This table is for the training provided to your General Manager, Multi-Unit Manager (if applicable), Kitchen Manager and Assistant Manager(s).

(2) You will utilize the Standard Operating Procedures/Training Manual(s) (the “Operating Manuals”, which form part of the “Confidential Manual”) and other proprietary training tools and documents required by Franchisor.

All training will be conducted under the supervision of Adam Lehr, or another suitable instructor provided by Franchisor. Mr. Lehr has been Co-Chief Operating Officer since October 2022 and prior to that was the Senior Vice President of Operations over both corporate and franchise restaurants owned and operated by our affiliate since January 2020. He was also involved with the franchise operations of restaurants operated by us and our affiliates as both the Director of Operations and as an FBC. Prior to that, Mr. Lehr was the Director of Franchise Operations for the University of Minnesota where we oversaw 18 different franchise operations, including Chick-Fil-A, Papa John’s, Subway, Starbucks and more. All instruction will be conducted by instructors who have experience with Barrio Queen and/or with restaurant operations.

The initial training program is provided to you and your Management Staff at no additional cost to you. You must pay the Salaries and Benefits, Travel Expenses and all other expenses for all persons who attend training on your behalf. The training program generally takes seven weeks (35 shifts) for you and your Management Staff to complete. You and your Management Staff must begin the training program before the scheduled opening of your Restaurant and must successfully complete the training program before you open your Restaurant. If the opening of your Restaurant is delayed, you and your Management Staff may have to attend re-training as determined by Franchisor.

(3) After you and your Management Staff have successfully completed the training program, Franchisor will arrange for an Opening Team, at your expense, to assist you with opening your Restaurant (see Section 4.3 of the Franchise Agreement). For up to 14 consecutive days, certain Opening Team members will assist you with implementing the restaurant system at your Restaurant and training your staff and kitchen employees. For your second and each subsequent Restaurant opening, if any, you will be asked to provide a prescribed number of certified trainers for the Opening Team based upon your existing number of staff. Franchisor will determine and provide, at your expense, the additional personnel needed to complete the Opening Team who will be on site at your Restaurant for a minimum of 14 days. All Opening Teams will be assembled based on guidelines established by Franchisor. There is no fee for this opening assistance. However, you will pay Franchisor for the Travel Expenses and the prorated Salaries and Benefits for the Opening Team within 30 days after receipt of an invoice from Franchisor. Note: 50% of this expense is billed up front before the opening date.

(4) Franchisor will provide franchisees access to Manuals (see Section 4.5 of the Franchise Agreement). The Manuals are confidential and will remain the property of Franchisor during and after the term of the Franchise Agreement. You and your restaurant managers must be able to read and write English adequately, in our good faith opinion, to satisfactorily complete our Training Program and to communicate with employees, customers and suppliers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisor has the right to require Franchisee and/or its managers(s) to attend additional in-store training in the event Franchisee is not operating the Franchised Business pursuant to Franchisor’s

systems standards. Please note, at our sole discretion, the Training Program for a non-traditional Restaurant may differ slightly from the Training Program outlined above.

3. If you would like additional training after completing the Training Program, we will provide additional training to you for a per diem training fee (currently \$750 per day) for each trainer provided by Franchisor. You must also reimburse Franchisor for the travel expenses it incurs, estimated to range from \$100 to \$1,000 per trainer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisor has the right to require Franchisee and/or its managers(s) to attend additional training in the event Franchisee is not operating the Franchised Business pursuant to Franchisor's systems standards.

5. In addition to the Training Program, you must ensure that all your employees are trained in *Barrio Queen* restaurant procedures. You are solely responsible for hiring and training your employees. You must also ensure that the manager(s) and all employees whose duties include customer service are able to speak and read English and any other language that may be required to adequately meet the public needs in your restaurant. We believe training is important to the success of the *Barrio Queen* System, and from time to time, we may offer informal training sessions to franchisees. We believe it is in your best interest to attend any such training sessions.

6. We may, in the future, hold refresher or additional training programs, conferences and seminars. Your attendance at these programs is mandatory. To help us defray the cost of sponsoring these programs, there may be a nominal registration fee, and you will also be required to pay the cost of transportation, food, lodging and other personal expenses of your attendance and those of your personnel at any such program. These programs will be held at locations within the United States that we will specify in our sole discretion (See Section 4.3 of the Franchise Agreement).

7. You must obtain authorization from Franchisor to open your Restaurant before you can commence business (see Section 3.1 of the Franchise Agreement).

### **Post-Opening Assistance**

During the operation of the Franchised Business:

1. Franchisor will provide additional training if, during the term of the Franchise Agreement, you hire a new member of your Management Staff who has not attended and successfully completed the Franchisor's training program. The training program will be conducted at a certified training Restaurant designated by Franchisor. You must pay the Salaries and Benefits, Travel Expenses and all other expenses for each new Management Staff member who attends the training program on your behalf (see Section 4 of the Franchise Agreement). Your Operating Partner and your General Manager must successfully complete the training program before managing your Restaurant.

2. If you are opening a new Restaurant, we or our designated affiliate will provide you with guidance on your grand opening event ("Grand Opening Celebration") (See Section 5.24 of the Franchise Agreement).

3. We will maintain a continuing advisory relationship with you, including consulting with you in marketing, merchandising and general business operations which may help you in improving and developing your Restaurant (See Franchise Agreement – Sections 4.3, 9.1).

4. We will provide you with information on our operating and other standards for your Restaurant. We may modify these as, and when, we desire (See Franchise Agreement – Sections 4.5, 9.1).

5. We will continue our efforts to maintain high and uniform standards of quality, cleanliness, appearance and service at all restaurants in the Barrio Queen system, including making periodic inspections and quality service checks of your Restaurant (See Franchise Agreement – Section 4.3, 9.1, and 9.7).

6. We may make you aware of software available for purchase from an approved third-party vendor to assist you in administrative, bookkeeping, accounting, and inventory control procedures (See Franchise Agreement – Section 4.6).

7. We must review substitute locations for your Restaurant, and you must obtain our prior approval if you desire to relocate your Restaurant. (See Franchise Agreement – Section 2.5).

8. We may offer you the option for a one-time renewal of your Franchise Agreement prior to its expiration for a maximum term of ten (10) years, if you meet our requirements. Upon renewal, you must execute our form of Franchise Agreement being used at the time of your renewal and pay us the applicable Renewal Franchise Fee (See Franchise Agreement – Article 13).

### **Optional Assistance**

1. Upon your request, we will reasonably assist you or provide recommendations regarding establishing pricing for the products you sell in your Restaurant; however, the ultimate decision on the prices you charge is yours. We will not establish the prices for you.

2. Upon your request, we will reasonably assist you in resolving operating problems you may encounter.

3. We or our affiliates may spend or advance our own funds for promotional materials and the conduct of advertising programs for the benefit of the Barrio Queen system.

### **Advertising**

1. We (or, at our election, a third party that may be an affiliate of ours) will establish and administer the Fund that will include your Advertising Fees and those of other franchise owners in the Barrio Queen system (if any), in accordance with the

Franchise Agreement. The Advertising Fee, which is currently one percent (1%) of your weekly Gross Sales (See Franchise Agreement – Section 5.3), shall be due and payable with the Royalty Fee (See Franchise Agreement – Section 5.2). Except in limited circumstances as described below, all Barrio Queen franchisees must contribute to the Fund at the same rate. In addition to contributions to the Fund described above, you must spend not less than 1.5% of your monthly Gross Sales on approved local advertising (See Franchise Agreement—Sections 5.3 and 10.2). If you fail to meet these minimum requirements, you will have to deposit with Franchisor the difference between what you should have spent and what you actually spent, which Franchisor may spend on advertising within your marketing area. If your Restaurant is located in a LAA, you must also contribute an additional one and one half percent (1.5%) of your weekly Gross Sales to your LAA; provided, however, the recurring fees paid by you to the LAA will meet your recurring local advertising requirements.

In limited cases in our sole discretion (for example, certain international restaurants or non-traditional restaurants such as airport or university locations that require different advertising support), some franchisees may not be obligated to contribute to the Fund. For each of our company-owned or affiliate-owned restaurants, it's our policy that such restaurants make contributions to the Fund at a rate equal to the lowest rate a franchisee is then-required to contribute. If an affiliate of ours administers the Fund or places advertising in connection with the System, such affiliate may be paid a fee that will not exceed the fee that would be payable to unrelated third parties for comparable services. Unless required by applicable law, we will have no obligation to create a trust account, escrow account or other special account for the Fund, and the monies comprising the Fund may be placed in our general account(s) if we desire. We may also reserve portions of the Fund for use in a subsequent year. The Fund is not audited, and the financial statements for the Fund and accounting of the Fund are not available to franchisees.

2. The Fund will be used for marketing, advertising, production and media expenses to promote the *Barrio Queen* name, system, products and services. The Fund may be used to pay any and all costs of maintaining, administering, directing and preparing advertising, including the cost of preparing and conducting television, radio, magazine, digital, and newspaper advertising campaigns and other public relations activities, employing advertising agencies to assist in such campaigns or other activities, and providing promotional brochures and other marketing materials to franchise owners. We are entitled to receive the following from the Fund: reimbursement of our expenses, overhead, and employee salaries for services, materials, supplies, facilities, equipment or capital provided to the Fund, and rent for office space provided to the Fund. Advertising funds not spent in the fiscal year in which they accrue are rolled over to the next fiscal year. We have no fiduciary responsibility to you on our management of the Fund, and no obligation to you to spend the Fund in your market area and/or in your Cooperative area, if applicable.

3. We will determine when, how and where the payments deposited into the Marketing Fund will be spent. Permitted expenditures from the Fund include, without limitation, payments for local, regional or national print advertising, radio and television

commercials, telemarketing, direct mail advertising, Internet, social media and other electronic promotions, product and market research, production development, production of point-of-purchase materials, public relations, promotional programs, advertising market research, graphics and design costs, creation and maintenance of a Home Page or website, Internet costs, miscellaneous advertising costs, other costs and expenses as Franchisor deems appropriate and in the best interests of all Barrio Queen system and advertising services provided by an in-house marketing/social media/advertising department and local, regional or national advertising agencies. All administrative and other costs associated with or incurred in the administration of the Fund, including marketing and administrative personnel salaries, fringe benefits and Travel Expenses, long-distance telephone charges, office rental, FF&E, leasehold improvements, collection costs (including attorneys' fees paid in collecting past-due Advertising Fees) and office supplies may in our discretion be paid from the Fund. All costs for the administration of the Fund, collection costs and office supplies will be paid from the Fund (including attorneys' fees paid in collecting past due Advertising Fees). Except for possible incidental website costs, the monies in the Fund will not be spent for the solicitation of prospective franchisees. Franchisor does not have to spend the monies in the Marketing Fund for local, regional or national media coverage using any particular media or in any particular market. Franchisor does not have to spend the Advertising Fees in your market area in proportion to the Advertising Fees paid by you. Franchisor does not have to spend the funds in the Fund in the calendar year in which the payments were made. Payments to the Fund not spent in the calendar year in which they were paid and the interest accrued will remain in the Fund. The Fund is not audited. A summary generally showing the income to and the expenditures from the Marketing Fund during each calendar year will be prepared by Franchisor each year for the preceding year, and copies of the summary will, upon written request, be provided to you on a confidential basis no more than once a year.

4. You may in our discretion be required to insert a regular (white pages) listing and a classified (yellow pages) telephone directory advertisement in the main telephone directories serving the geographical area in which the restaurant is located, or you must participate in a multiple insertion in the event there is more than one franchise owner in such area. In either case, the telephone directory advertisement must be approved by us in advance (See Franchise Agreement—Section 10.2).

5. All advertising by you in any medium must be conducted in a professional manner, must conform to the standards and requirements in our Confidential Manual, and must display our Proprietary Marks only in those forms approved by us. We may make available to you, from time to time, approved advertising, promotional plans and materials for purchase (See Franchise Agreement—Sections 3.2 and 10.2).

6. You may not maintain a website, software application, a mobile application, social media account (including, but not limited to, an account, group or page on Facebook®, Flickr®, Foursquare®, Google+®, Instagram®, LinkedIn®, Pinterest®, Snapchat®, Tumblr®, Twitter®, YouTube®, Vine®, VKontakte or Weibo®). In addition, if and when Franchisor provides the Franchisee with access to the local restaurant template page (the "Subpage") on Franchisor's main Barrio Queen public website or another

website maintained by Franchisor, the Franchisee will be required to maintain its own content and information on the Subpage consistent with the standards and specifications that Franchisor may set forth in the Manuals or otherwise. Finally, you may not use the words “Barrio Queen” or any other Marks as any part of an email address or any domain name, absent Franchisor’s prior approval (See Franchise Agreement – Section 3.4).

7. We will encourage our franchisees to form and operate a Local Advertising Association (the “LAA”). Each LAA will coordinate advertising and marketing efforts and programs and will attempt to maximize the efficient use of local advertising media. No LAAs have been formed to date. If a LAA is formed for your region, you must financially contribute to the LAA as required by us. Failure to do so will be deemed a breach of the Franchise Agreement and you may also, in Franchisor’s sole discretion, lose your right to vote as to LAA matters. The membership of the LAA is defined by us according to your market area. We are responsible for administering the LAA. We may prepare for each LAA a statement on the use of advertising collections and expenditures. The LAA will not conduct any advertising, promotion, marketing or public relations program or campaign for the Restaurants in the DMA until Franchisor has given the LAA written approval for all proposed concepts, materials or media. The LAA will provide a written summary of the members’ contributions to the LAA and an accurate accounting of the LAA’s expenditures for approved local advertising and promotion to Franchisor and its members as set forth in the Manuals or otherwise. We reserve the right at any time, in our sole discretion, to form, change, dissolve, or merge LAAs. (See Franchise Agreement – Section 5.4).

8. We may contribute sums from the Fund to a LAA. On our request, you must assist in establishing a LAA and in deciding how to allocate contributions from the Fund to your LAA. We reserve the right to establish general standards concerning the operation of a LAA, advertising agencies the LAA retains, and advertising programs the LAA conducts. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, no LAA decisions will be made or advertising collections spent without our prior written approval. (See Franchise Agreement – Section 5.4).

9. We are not, under any circumstances, obligated to contribute any advertising collections to any regional or national advertising account, fund, program, association, or other organization. We are not required to spend any advertising collections on advertising in the area where your restaurant is located. We carry forward any advertising collections not spent in a fiscal year and may spend them in a subsequent fiscal year. The Fund is not a trust or escrow account, and Franchisor does not have any fiduciary obligations regarding the Fund.

10. Because there are no franchisees and have been no franchisees of the Barrio Queen brand, as of the Issuance Date of this Disclosure Document there are no funds in the Fund and therefore there were no expenditures from the Fund during the last fiscal year.

11. Although the Fund is intended to be of perpetual duration, we may terminate the Fund at our sole option at any time. However, the Fund will not be terminated until all monies in the Fund have been expended for marketing, advertising and promotional

purposes or returned to contributing franchised Restaurants without interest on the basis of their respective contributions.

12. Currently, there is no established advertising council comprised of franchisees that advise us on advertising policies, although we may informally consult franchisees in connection with marketing, promotional or advertising initiatives.

## **Computer System**

1. We require you to exclusively use a specific and approved electronic point-of-sale system to record all your sales during the operation of your Restaurant, the components of which are identified in the Confidential Manual ("POS System"). Prior to the opening of your Restaurant, you will be required to acquire and to exclusively use an approved cash register/computer system POS System during the operation of the Franchised Business. We require that the manufacturer or its authorized representative on an ongoing basis service the POS System, at your cost. You will be required to maintain the POS System in good working order at all times, and to upgrade or update the POS System during the term of your Franchise Agreement as we may require from time to time. There are no contractual limitations on the frequency or cost for the franchisee to upgrade or update the POS System during the term of the Franchise Agreement. It will be your responsibility to enter into contracts for the maintenance, upgrades and updates to the POS System with an approved supplier of such services identified by us on the list of approved vendors and distributors or other notification to you from us advising of suppliers for your market area. Your POS System cost per restaurant will depend, among other things, on your restaurant's size and configuration, the system options you choose and/or we determine (such as drive-thru needs (if any), and printer needs), and the types of telephone and internet access services available. You may be required to obtain a high-speed/always-on internet connection service for your POS System. This requirement shall be defined by the then-current Confidential Manual, which may change from time to time. If high-speed/always-on internet connection service is not available in your area, dial-up Internet access may be used until high-speed/always-on internet connection service becomes available in your area. As noted in Item 8, you have an obligation to make additions, substitutions, replacements and modifications to the Brand Technology which includes that you may be required, from time to time, to upgrade the POS System's hardware and/or software, at your sole cost and expense, to maintain the POS System in conformity with our then current requirements. You must complete training for the POS System as we require. If you are buying refranchised restaurant with an older cash register system, it is a requirement for the transfer that you purchase and install the then current POS System in the restaurant. (See Franchise Agreement – Section 4.6).

a. We require you to use a POS System that meets our specifications in order to: (i) assist you in the operation of your Restaurant; (ii) allow us to monitor your gross sales; (iii) enable us to develop chain-wide statistics that may improve purchasing; (iv) assist us in the development of new authorized products or the removal of existing unsuccessful authorized products; (v) enable us to refine existing authorized products;

(vi) generally improve system-wide understanding of our marketing efforts; and (vii) obtain new types of information. The POS System must be configured so that we have independent and remote access to the information and data stored in it. This access allows us to exchange/collect data and other information on such basis as we shall from time to time communicate to you. There are no contractual limitations on our right to access the information in your POS System. All approved cash registers are capable of recording accumulated sales and cannot be turned back or reset, and must be able to retain data in the event of power loss. You must purchase the approved electronic POS System from an approved vendor, as we have required our approved supplier to make special modifications to their equipment and systems to comply with our requirements (See Franchise Agreement – Section 4.6). You must also purchase approved software for your restaurant, and it is recommended that you also purchase hardware support for all modules for the first year you operate your Restaurant. This cost is subject to change by the supplier.

b. The approved POS System has in its specifications integrated “card swipe” systems that process debit card, credit card, or other non-cash payment systems including our stored value gift cards, loyalty cards, frequency cards, gift certificates, vouchers, and any other similar electronic card and/or payment programs (collectively, the “Gift/Loyalty Card”) sponsored by us or our affiliates (if any). You must obtain credit card and gift card processing services from our approved vendors. Charges associated with credit card and gift card transactions are traditionally compiled per transaction and therefore will likely vary from restaurant to restaurant, and may increase at any time with a 30 day notice. The Payment Card Industry (“PCI”) requires all companies that process, store, or transmit credit card information to protect the cardholders’ information by complying with the PCI Data Security Standard (“PCI DSS”). Therefore, as a franchisee who accepts credit cards, you are required to be PCI compliant by following and adhering to PCI DSS, completing an annual questionnaire and quarterly network PCI scans and installing a network firewall appliance for logging, tracking, reporting, and security assessment. We may require a particular firewall (hardware and/or software). The PCI compliance is mandated by the Payment Card Industry. The cost is subject to change by supplier. You are also required to validate with Franchisor that your store is PCI compliant to show validation you must send Franchisor your Passing Certificate showing your store is PCI compliant and also verify that you have a PCI compliant firewall appliance installed at your location if you process credit cards via high-speed internet connectivity.

c. You must purchase a computer and connect to the Internet so that you can report your gross sales online, so that you can receive online orders, so that we can communicate by email, so that you can use Internet services, and so that you can receive other electronic information we send. You also must, at your cost, maintain membership in a designated third-party network, and maintain an active email account. We may revise our computer specifications. If we do so, we may require you to upgrade or update your computer. There is no contractual limitation on the frequency and cost of this obligation. There may be comparable equivalents on the market for the computer we require, but we have not yet tested or approved any comparable computer; however, we may do so in the future. You are responsible for backing up and otherwise protecting your

data on your computer. You are also responsible for recording and restoring all software license keys. We may require you to upgrade the hardware and software as reasonably necessary to provide reports and information required by us. You may be required to participate in online ordering and delivery programs, that require you to pay a fee us, our affiliate, and/or a third-party vendor.

2. We require that you permit us to poll your sales information on a daily basis, and that you execute a Pre-Authorized Electronic Funds Transfer Form by and payable to Franchisor (which is attached to this Disclosure Document as Exhibit I), permitting us to weekly debit your account for payment of weekly royalty and advertising fees and debit your account as necessary for product purchases from us or our affiliates. (See Franchise Agreement – Sections 5.2 and 5.3). We may require you to enter weekly inventory information, and if so, would require that you permit us have remote access to that information (See Franchise Agreement – Section 4.6). We may require you to permit us access to your POS System, restaurant management software, and financial records (or similar tools thereto) to poll your information daily, or more frequently, by electronic or other remote means and there are no contractual limitations on our right to access such information (See Franchise Agreement – Section 5.2).

3. The POS System and personal computers contain sales and labor data that can be generated and stored in the systems and that allows for the generation of financial and payroll reports.

## **ITEM 12: TERRITORY**

The franchise is granted only for the location specified in the Franchise Agreement as approved by us (the “Franchised Location”). The Franchised Location of your Restaurant is subject to our approval. We will not unreasonably withhold our approval.

You will not receive an exclusive territory. You may face competition from other franchisees, from restaurants that we or our affiliates own, or from other channels of distribution or competitive brands that we or our affiliates control. You will not receive an option, right of first refusal or other rights under the Franchise Agreement to acquire additional franchises. We (and/or our affiliates) may establish other franchised or company-owned *Barrio Queen* restaurants that may compete with your location, including across the street from your location or in the same venue as your location. We (and/or our affiliates) may co-brand *Barrio Queen* with one or more of our other quick service restaurants or allow approved *Barrio Queen* restaurants to sell additional approved menu items under a trademark license agreement we may have with other third-party restaurant concepts. We presently intend to develop *Barrio Queen* restaurants throughout the United States and internationally. Except as expressly limited in the Franchise Agreement, we (for ourselves, our affiliates and our designees) retain all rights with respect to *Barrio Queen* restaurants, the Marks, all confidential and proprietary information, all copyrighted materials and the sale of *Barrio Queen* products anywhere in the world, including, without limitation, the right to implement multi-area marketing programs that may allow us or others to solicit or sell to customers anywhere. We also reserve the right to issue mandatory policies to coordinate such multi-area marketing

programs. One or more future *Barrio Queen* restaurants may have an adverse effect on the revenues and profitability of existing *Barrio Queen* restaurants, including your Restaurant.

In addition, we (and/or our affiliates) may market and/or test, directly or indirectly, *Barrio Queen* products or services through channels of distribution other than *Barrio Queen* restaurants operated by us, our affiliates and franchisees, including through the Internet, catalog sales, telemarketing, grocery stores, movie theaters, limited access highway food facilities, mobile units, off-site sales accounts, electronic mail, converting other chains and other distribution opportunities, or vending machines and similar automated dispensing systems ("Other Channels") which generally are not available for us to franchise to you, and typically involve trademark licensing and/or the sale of our branded products. We may also distribute, sell and/or license other persons or entities to distribute and/or sell products through all Other Channels. Where tests prove to be successful, we may expand our sale of products in similar businesses on a regional, national or international level. We reserve the right to establish Other Channels to make sales that may compete with your location using our principal trademarks. These Other Channels could compete with you in the sale of your products. Franchisor is under no obligation to compensate its franchisees on sales Franchisor makes using Other Channels. Franchisor is under no obligation to compensate franchisees for soliciting or accepting orders in the franchisee's territory as the franchisee is granted no exclusive territory. Franchisees may not use Other Channels, including the Internet, catalog sales or telemarketing to make sales except that the Franchisee may provide catering services anywhere as long as such services comply with the current version of our Confidential Manual. All sales made from catering services must be included in the Franchisee's Gross Sales. We reserve the right, directly or through third parties, to manufacture or sell, or both, anywhere, other products which are the same as or similar to those sold in *Barrio Queen* restaurants, but which bear trademarks that are not confusingly similar to any of the trademarks you are authorized to use under the Franchise Agreement.

We reserve the right, either directly or through affiliated entities, to operate or license others to operate businesses other than *Barrio Queen* restaurants anywhere, including, but not limited to, locations of our other restaurant concepts, and you agree that we or our affiliates may do so anywhere.

The Mucho Burrito, TacoTime, La Salsa and America's Taco Shop restaurant concepts franchised or operated by affiliates of Franchisor offer goods and services that are the same or similar to those that you will offer under the *Barrio Queen* brand. Those goods and services are offered under the Mucho Burrito, TacoTime, La Salsa and America's Taco Shop trademarks, respectively. Mucho Burrito, TacoTime, La Salsa and America's Taco Shop franchisees are not granted an exclusive territory and any conflicts that may arise between a Mucho Burrito, Taco Time, La Salsa or an America's Taco Shop franchisee and a *Barrio Queen* franchisee regarding territory or franchisor support that cannot be resolved through negotiation between the parties will be resolved through mediation and arbitration. Franchisor and its affiliates will provide support to all of their respective concepts regardless of the vicinity of a concept to another concept that sells

similar products. The principal business address of these similar concepts may be the same as Franchisor's primary address. Franchisor and its affiliates do not necessarily maintain separate offices or separate training facilities for the similar competing business.

We may merge with, acquire and/or be acquired by any other business, including, without limitation, a business that competes with your Restaurant, or acquire and convert any retail stores, including, without limitation, retail stores operated by competitors, or otherwise operated independently or as part of, or in association with, any other system or chain, whether franchised or corporately owned.

As described in Item 1, MTY Canada franchises over fifty-five (55) different restaurant concepts and sub-franchises two (2) other different restaurant concepts primarily in Canada. Certain of the restaurant concepts franchised by MTY Canada offer goods or services that are the same or similar to those that you will offer under the *Barrio Queen* brand. MTY offers the same or similar goods or services in Canada under the TacoTime trademark.

You must obtain our prior approval to relocate your Restaurant. The approval or rejection by us of any proposed relocation shall be in our sole discretion. To relocate your Restaurant, you must be in compliance with your Franchise Agreement, the relocation must be for a legitimate business reason, and we must approve the new location. In connection with any relocation, your Restaurant may not be closed for business for more than thirty (30) days.

Your Franchise Agreement is for a specific location only, so you may not open additional *Barrio Queen* restaurants under the same Franchise Agreement. You must obtain our prior approval to purchase and open additional *Barrio Queen* restaurants. The approval or rejection by us shall be in our sole discretion. To purchase an additional *Barrio Queen* restaurant(s), you must be in compliance with your existing Franchise Agreement(s), you must qualify to operate additional restaurants, you must enter into our then-current form of Franchise Agreement and pay the Initial Franchise Fee, and we must approve the location.

Franchisor and its affiliates have the absolute right to develop other restaurant business concepts under other brand names even if the locations for the concept are located close to your Restaurant.



### **ITEM 13: TRADEMARKS**


Under the Franchise Agreement, we will grant you the non-exclusive right to operate the *Barrio Queen* restaurant specified in your Franchise Agreement or any amendments to your Franchise Agreement under the *Barrio Queen* trademarks. You will also be granted the right to use our other current or future trademarks that we may from time to time designate as being available for use by franchisees in the *Barrio Queen* system. By "trademarks" or "Marks" we mean trade names, trademarks, service marks, logos, Trade Dress (as defined below), and product identifiers used to identify your restaurant. "Trade Dress" is defined as the total appearance and image of the *Barrio*

*Queen* restaurant; the Mexican food and beverage products and related products and packaging; all related features such as size, texture, shape, color or color combinations, and graphics of Barrio Queen restaurants and the Mexican food and beverage products and related products and packaging, and all advertising and marketing techniques used to promote the franchise, as well as specifically including all signage, menu boards, product displays, and any color schemes and designs utilized in connection with *Barrio Queen* restaurants' interior walls, counters, table tops, chairs, and floors. You must not directly or indirectly contest our right to our trademarks.

You will not have the exclusive right to use the trademarks, nor will you acquire, by use or otherwise, any right, title or interest in or to the trademarks, other than as expressly contained in, and limited by, the Franchise Agreement. We and our affiliates have the right, among others: (a) to use the Marks to sell products and services; (b) to grant others licenses for the Marks; (c) to develop and establish other systems using the same or similar Marks, or any other proprietary marks, and to grant licenses or franchises in those systems without providing any rights to you; and (d) to regulate the use of the Marks in any form of electronic media including web sites or web pages or as a domain name or electronic media identifier. Your right to use the trademarks is limited and temporary. Your usage of the Marks and any goodwill you establish is to our and our affiliates exclusive benefit. Upon expiration or termination of the Franchise Agreement, you may not, directly or indirectly, use the trademarks in any manner or for any purpose, and you may be required by us to renovate the premises of your Restaurant to eliminate the trademarks and de-identify such premises to remove all Trade Dress (including, without limitation, the "cold stone"), returning it to a "vanilla shell," at your expense.

The following trademarks have been registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the Principal Register:

TRADEMARK	REGISTRATION NUMBER	REGISTRATION DATE
BARRIO QUEEN	4747891	June 2, 2015
	4314150	April 2, 2013
	5620997	December 4, 2018

TRADEMARK	REGISTRATION NUMBER	REGISTRATION DATE
	7383616	May 14, 2024

All affidavits of use required to be filed to maintain these registrations have been filed.

There are no applications pending with the United States Patent and Trademark Office at this time.

No one other than us or our affiliates has an ownership interest in the above-referenced trademarks. Franchisor is the sole owner of the above-referenced trademarks and has all right, title, and interest in and to the trademarks and goodwill.

No agreements limit our right to use or license the use of our trademarks. You must follow our rules when you use our trademarks. Use of the service marks or trademarks must be accompanied by the registration (®), service mark (SM), trademark (TM) in close proximity to the trademark. You cannot use our trademarks as part of your corporate, partnership, limited liability company or other entity name, or register it as a trade name. You may not use our trademarks in connection with the sale of an unauthorized product or service or in a manner not authorized in writing by us. You may not directly or indirectly contest or aid in contesting the validity of the trademarks or the ownership of the trademarks by us, nor may you directly or indirectly apply to register or otherwise seek to use or control our trademarks or any confusingly similar variation or form in the United States or any other country, nor may you assist any others to do so. You must modify or discontinue the use of a trademark if we modify or discontinue it, at your sole cost.

You must immediately notify us of any apparent infringement of, or challenge to your use of, any of our trademarks, or any claim by any person of any rights in any of our trademarks. You must not communicate with any person other than us and our legal counsel in connection with any such infringement, challenge or claim. We will have the sole discretion to take such action as we may deem appropriate to protect our trademarks and the right to exclusively control any litigation, United States Patent and Trademark Office proceeding, or other proceeding arising out of any such infringement, challenge or claim or otherwise relating to our trademarks. The Franchise Agreement does not require us to take affirmative action when notified of these uses or claims, but indicates we have the sole discretion to take such action as we may deem appropriate. You must execute such documents, render such assistance, and do such acts and things as may, in the opinion of our counsel, be necessary or advisable to protect and maintain our interests in

connection with any such litigation or proceeding, or to otherwise protect and maintain our interests in our trademarks.

The Franchise Agreement requires that we indemnify and hold you harmless for, from and against any and all claims, liabilities, causes of action, demands, obligations, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of any claim of infringement or unfair competition in connection with your use of our trademarks set forth in the chart above, provided that such use is in accordance with the provisions of the Franchise Agreement.

We may, in our sole discretion, modify or discontinue use of any of the above-referenced trademarks and/or use one or more additional or substitute service marks or trademarks. If we decide to do so, you must do so also, at your own expense. The Franchise Agreement does not provide you any additional rights if we require you to modify or discontinue using a trademark. However, if we require you to modify or discontinue use of our trademarks and/or use other trademarks in its place at any time other than upon renewal of the Franchise Agreement, and that requirement is a direct result of proceedings or litigation that determined that our and our franchisees' use of the trademarks infringed upon a third party's rights, our sole obligation to you will be to bear the direct, tangible costs of complying with such requirement.

We do not actually know of any superior prior rights or infringing uses or effective material determinations of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, trademark administrator of this state or of any court, nor do we actually know of any pending infringement, opposition or cancellation proceeding that could materially affect your use of our trademark. We do not actually know of any pending material federal or state court litigation regarding our use or ownership rights in the above registered trademarks or pending applications.

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

We own proprietary information and rights in numerous items, such as menu formats, advertising designs, processes, techniques, certain recipes for *Barrio Queen* specialty food and beverages, the method of production and storage of products and information contained in the Confidential Manual and related documents. In connection with the operation of the franchise, we may disclose to you certain information in which we claim proprietary rights. For example, our Manual incorporates certain information that we believe is protected under the law of trade secrets, including sales and marketing techniques and restaurant operations. In addition, although we have not registered the copyright with the United States Copyright Office, the Confidential Manual is protected against unauthorized copying under United States Copyright laws for 100 years from the date of creation or 75 years from the date of publication, whichever is shorter. You must use the proprietary information only in the manner required by us and in no other manner. This information is strictly confidential and you may not disclose it to any person, or use any of that information for any purpose, except disclosure to a person who has signed and delivered to us the "Confidentiality Agreement" contained in the Confidential Manual, and

you may only use this information as necessary in connection with the operation of your restaurant. In addition, you must fully and strictly comply with all security measures required by us for maintaining the confidentiality of all information designated by us as trade secrets.

No agreements limit our right to use or license the use of our statutory copyright of the Confidential Manual.

If you reproduce any items or materials suitable for copyright protection, you must make sure that each item bears a copyright notice in the form specified by us. You must use the proprietary information only in the manner required by us and in no other manner. This information is strictly confidential and you may not disclose to any person or use any of that information for any purpose, except disclosure to a person who has signed and delivered to us a confidentiality agreement, and use as necessary in connection with the operation of your Franchised Business. In addition, you must fully and strictly comply with all security measures required by us for maintaining the confidentiality of all information designated by us as trade secrets.

You will not have the exclusive right to use the innovations or any of our (if any) patents or patent applications, copyrights or proprietary information, nor will you acquire, by use or otherwise, any right, title or interest in or to the innovations, the copyrights or the proprietary information, other than as expressly contained in, and limited by, the Franchise Agreement. Your right to use the innovations, the claimed subject matter of any patents or patent applications, the copyrights and the proprietary information is limited and temporary. Upon expiration or termination of the Franchise Agreement, you may not, directly or indirectly, use the innovations, the claimed subject matter of any patents or patent applications, the copyrights or the proprietary information in any manner or for any purpose.

You must immediately notify us of any conduct that could constitute infringement of or challenge to the innovations, the patents or patent applications, the copyrights and our proprietary information. We will decide, in our sole discretion, whether to institute any action in connection with infringement of or challenge to the innovations, the patents or patent applications, the copyrights and our proprietary information, and will control all proceedings and litigation. The Franchise Agreement does not require us to take affirmative action when notified of infringement, but indicates we have the sole discretion to take such action as we may deem appropriate. We are not required to protect your right to use the innovations, the patents or patent applications, the copyrights and proprietary information. As indicated in the Franchise Agreement, we will indemnify you for all damages for which you are held liable in any lawsuit arising out of your proper use of the innovations, the patents or patent applications, the copyrights and our proprietary information in compliance with the Franchise Agreement.

We may, in our sole discretion, modify or discontinue use of the innovations, the patents or patent applications, the copyrights and our proprietary information and/or use other information and/or rights in its place. If we decide to do so, you must do so also, at your expense. The Franchise Agreement does not provide you any additional rights if we require you to modify or discontinue use of the innovations, the patents or patent

applications, the copyrights and our proprietary information. However, if we require you to modify or discontinue use of the innovations, the patents or patent applications, the copyrights and our proprietary information and/or use other information and/or rights in its place at any time other than upon renewal of the Franchise Agreement, and that requirement is a direct result of proceedings or litigation that determined that our and our franchisees' use of the innovations, the patents or patent applications, the copyrights and the proprietary information infringed upon a third party's rights, our sole obligation will be that we bear the actual direct and tangible cost of complying with such requirement. The rights granted in this paragraph are your sole and exclusive remedy for any infringement by any part of the System.

We have no pending patent applications that are material to the franchise. We do not actually know of any current material determinations of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, United States Copyright Office, or of any court, nor do we actually know of any effective determinations or any material proceedings pending in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or of any court regarding the patent application. We do not actually know of any patent or copyright infringement that could materially affect the franchisee.

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

Your Operating Partner is required to have at least a 20% ownership interest in the entity that is the Franchisee and participate full time in the operation of your Restaurant. You and each Management Staff member you employ must successfully complete the training program. Your employees do not have to own an equity interest in your Restaurant. Your Restaurant must be open during the business hours as specified in the Manuals.

The operating company responsible for operating and managing your Restaurant must be dedicated solely to developing and operating Barrio Queen Restaurants, and may not hold any interest in, operate, or manage any other business without the prior written approval of Franchisor.

If you are an individual and married, your spouse must: sign the Guaranty of Franchise Agreement in which your spouse agrees to perform, and guarantees, all of the franchisee's obligations to us and our affiliates contained in the Franchise Agreement (see Exhibit D) and a Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement (see Exhibit F).

We are not seeking to license you to operate a Restaurant if your Principals are merely seeking a passive investment.

Additionally, you must employ on a full-time basis at least one on-premises supervisor (the "Manager") for the Restaurant. The Manager of the Restaurant must at all times be a person who meets our criteria as a qualified restaurant operator. The

Manager is not required to have any equity interest in the Franchised Business. The Manager must devote his or her entire time during normal business hours to the management, operation and development of the Franchised Business and must maintain the confidentiality of the trade secrets and proprietary information, comply with the use of the proprietary marks, conform with the covenants not to compete, and conform with the operating standards in the Franchise Agreement and Confidential Manual. The Manager is required to sign the Confidentiality Agreement.

In the interest of safe and efficient job performance, business operation and public health and safety, you must have a Manager on each shift who is able to read and understand our written materials and communicate with your employees and customers in the English language. This requirement will not restrict the Manager or your employees from speaking in any other language with you, other employees or customers, and shall not apply to any employee while on personal time or breaks.

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

We require that your business is solely that of a *Barrio Queen* restaurant, and you may not conduct any other business or activity at the site of the Restaurant without our prior written approval. You must offer the full menu prescribed by us, subject to change from time to time in our sole discretion. We have the right to require you to sell additional authorized products and services from time to time that we believe will be successful. You will be obligated to offer and sell those new products and to participate in all local, regional, seasonal and promotional programs, initiatives and campaigns adopted by us in which we require you to participate. We reserve the right to designate which of our franchisees may, or will be required to, participate in new product or service tests, new or modified product or service offerings and other programs and initiatives that we may periodically develop. If we designate you for participation in any such program, initiative or campaign, you must participate when and as required by us. There are no limits on our right to require you to offer and sell those new products or to participate in those programs, initiatives and campaigns. There is no limitation on the right of Franchisor to change the products and services offered by Barrio Queen restaurants. You may not add any item to your menu unless it is first researched and tested through our research and development center and approved by us in writing. In addition, you may not offer or sell any products or services specified by us in any configuration, form or manner (including items for resale) other than those specifically approved by us. You may not market your Restaurant or use the Service Marks on the Internet without our prior approval. You are prohibited from offering or selling any products or services not authorized or approved by us. You may only use products, materials, ingredients, supplies, paper goods, uniforms, fixtures, furnishings, signs, equipment, POS System, debit and credit card and Gift/Loyalty Card processing service, and methods of product preparation and delivery that meet our requirements as specified in the Confidential Manual.

If we believe in good faith that any product offered by you may be unhealthy, unsafe or unsanitary, and we request that you discard that product, you must do so

immediately. In addition, we may require you to close your Restaurant until we are satisfied that any unhealthy, unsafe or unsanitary condition has been completely corrected.

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

### THE FRANCHISE RELATIONSHIP

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

Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
a. Length of the Term of the Franchise	Section 1.3	Ten (10) years from the Required Opening Date.
b-1. Renewal or extension of the Term	Section 13	If you are not in default and satisfy certain conditions, you may renew for a single renewal term of ten (10) years, with no further right to renew at the end of the renewal term.
c-1. Requirements for you to renew or extend	Section 13	“Renewal” means to sign a renewal Franchise Agreement (which will be in the form of the Franchise Agreement then customarily used by us in renewing franchises) and all other agreements then customarily used by us in the granting of franchises. The renewal Franchise Agreement may have materially different terms and conditions than the original Franchise Agreement, including higher royalty and advertising fees. If offered, you must: give at least 120 days’ notice prior to the expiration date of the term; not be in default; be in compliance with the terms of the Franchise Agreement and Confidential Manual; not have received more than 3 notices of default or breach of the Franchise Agreement during its term, nor more than 2 such notices during the 5 years immediately before the proposed renewal date; have a premises; sign a new Franchise Agreement which may have materially different terms and conditions than the original Franchise Agreement; pay a renewal franchise fee; remodel or refurbish if necessary; and be current on all financial obligations to us. You must also sign the General Release in form attached to the

Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
		Disclosure Document as <u>Exhibit J</u> .
b-2. Successor Term	Section 13	If at the end of your renewal term, you are not in default and satisfy certain conditions, you may apply for a successor term.
c-2 Requirements for you to obtain a successor term	Section 13	<p>Applying for and entering into a “successor” term means to sign a new Franchise Agreement (which will be in the form of the Franchise Agreement then customarily used by us in entering into new franchises) and all other agreements then customarily used by us in the granting of franchises. The successor term Franchise Agreement may have materially different terms and conditions than the original Franchise Agreement, including higher royalty and advertising fees. In the event you desire to apply to us to extend your rights to operate the Franchised Business for a successor term, you must: give at least 120 days’ notice prior to the expiration date of the renewal term; not be in default; be in compliance with the terms of the Franchise Agreement and Confidential Manual; not have received more than 3 notices of default or breach of the Franchise Agreement during its term, nor more than 2 such notices during the 5 years immediately before the proposed successor term effective date; have a premises; sign a Franchise Agreement which may have materially different terms and conditions than the original Franchise Agreement; pay an initial franchise fee; remodel or refurbish if necessary; and be current on all financial obligations to us. You must also sign the General Release in form attached to the Disclosure Document as <u>Exhibit J</u>. We reserve the right to reject your application for a successor term, at our sole discretion, for any reason, without limitation, failure to meet our then-current standards or requirements for new franchisees. If we decide to reject your application for a successor term to operate the Franchise Business, we will give you a notice to that effect within sixty (60) days after you deliver to us your notice of intent to apply for a successor term.</p>

Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
d. Termination by you	Not Applicable	-----
e. Termination by us without cause	Not Applicable	-----
f. Termination by us with cause	Sections 3.1 and 14.1	We can terminate only if you are in default under the Franchise Agreement or any other Franchise Agreements or other agreements between You and us.
g. "Cause" defined— defaults that can be cured	Sections 14.1 and 14.2	You have an immediate cure period of less than 24 hours to cure defaults of your violation of our social media policy regarding posting content containing inappropriate public displays of affection, confidential information, violations of health or safety standards, foul or obscene language, or images that have not been consented to. You have 24 hours to cure defaults of your violation of (i) any law, regulation, or order; (ii) our standards relating to health, sanitation, or safety; (iii) our policy regarding posting defamatory or offensive comments on social media sites; or (iv) you cease to operate your store for a period of 48 hours without our consent. You have 48 hours to cure defaults of your violation of our social media policy where you have a social media site in connection with your franchised business without approval or hold out your social media site to be an official site of <i>Barrio Queen</i> , or if you fail to participate in any limited time product offering, value offering, contest, promotion or charity event. You have 7 days to cure defaults of failure to (i) pay us or any Advertising Fund (inclusive of an LAA) monies owing; or (ii) maintain insurance. You have 14 days to cure other defaults, except those which have no cure period. If a statute in the state or municipality in which the restaurant is located requires application of that state or municipal law, and that statute requires a cure period for the applicable default which is longer than the cure period listed in the Franchise Agreement, the statutory cure period will apply.

Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
h. "Cause" defined — defaults that cannot be cured	Sections 12.1, 14.1 and 14.2	<p>Non-curable defaults: failure to open your Restaurant within the time period listed in your Franchise Agreement; non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations, failure to adhere to the highest standards of honesty, integrity, fair dealing and ethical conduct, involvement in any business practice which may be injurious to the Barrio Queen system or goodwill associated with the Proprietary Marks; defaulting on your lease or sublease and failure to cure such default, lease or sublease is terminated due to your default, or location is lost for failure to comply with lease or sublease; you, or any owner, co-owner or principal of the franchise, is convicted of a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude, or any other crime or offense that is reasonably likely to adversely affect the Barrio Queen system, the goodwill associated therewith, or our interest therein; closing or relocating your restaurant, without our express advance written consent; transferring or attempting to transfer your Franchise Agreement or restaurant to a third party without our express advance written consent; bankruptcy, insolvency and similar events; conviction of felony; making any false representations or warranties; repeated defaults even if previously cured; abandonment; trademark misuse; unauthorized use of any of the components of the Barrio Queen system; materially impair the goodwill or reputation of the Barrio Queen system; breach of confidentiality or non-competition covenants; fraud with respect to obligations under the Franchise Agreement; you or any of your owners, officers, directors, managers, members, or partners violate any anti-bribery, corruption, or similar law or appear on a "blocked" persons list, or receive funding from any embargoed country; falsify financial data; failure to promptly provide upon request financial data and records specified in the Franchise Agreement; and intentionally underreporting weekly Gross Sales.</p>

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
i. Your obligations on termination/non-renewal	Sections 14.5, 14.6, 14.7 and 14.9	Obligations include cessation of your operation of the franchised business in all matters, complete de-identification, payment of amounts due us (also see "r" below) including early termination damages if any, transfer of telephone numbers, maintenance of records, and compliance with any confidentiality requirements and covenants not to compete.
j. Assignment of contract by us	Section 12.5	No restriction on our right to assign.
k. "Transfer" by you—definition	Section 12.1	Any voluntary, involuntary (including by operation of law), direct or indirect assignment, sale, gift or other transfer by you.
l. Our approval of transfer by franchise owner	Section 12.1	We have the right to approve all transfers, but we will not unreasonably withhold approval.
m. Conditions for our approval of transfer	Section 12.3	New franchise owner qualifies, no existing defaults, transfer franchise fee paid, all obligations under the Franchise Agreement are fully paid and satisfied, any local store marketing funds used that were not yet contributed by current franchisee to be reimbursed to us, new franchisee completes training, remodels or refurbishes if necessary, and keeps existing store telephone number, release signed by you, new agreements signed.
n. Our right of first refusal to acquire your business	Section 12.2	We can match any offer.
o. Our option to purchase your business	Section 12.2	We can match any offer.
p. Your death or disability	Section 12.4	If representative of franchisee wants the restaurant to continue operating, it must be transferred within 90 days to an approved buyer. Upon non-compliance, all of franchisee's rights under the Franchise Agreement will be automatically terminated.

Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
q. Non-competition covenants during the term of the franchise	Section 14.6	No involvement in any competing business.
r. Non-competition covenants after the Franchise Agreement is terminated or expires	Section 14.6	No competing business for 2 years at the location of the Restaurant or within 10 miles of another <i>Barrio Queen</i> restaurant.
s. Modification of the Agreement	Sections 4.5 and 16.13	Confidential Manual subject to change at any time; otherwise no modifications unless in writing and signed by both parties.
t. Integration/merger clause	Section 16.14	Only the terms of the Franchise Agreement are binding (subject to state law). Any representations or promises outside the Disclosure Document and Franchise Agreement may not be enforceable.
u. Dispute resolution by arbitration or mediation	Section 16.3	Any dispute that cannot be resolved by, or is not subject to, mediation shall be settled by arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in Maricopa County, Arizona. This does not apply to a dispute where we bring an action for an express obligation to pay monies, declaratory relief, preliminary or permanent equitable relief, any action at law for damage to Franchisor's goodwill, the proprietary information, the trademarks or other property or for fraudulent conduct by franchisee, or if a delay in the mediation process may adversely affect the public. Either party may appeal the arbitrator's final award, if it is over \$100,000, to the appropriate U.S. District Court.
v. Choice of forum	Section 16.4	Litigation must be in Maricopa County, Arizona.
w. Choice of law	Section 16.4	Except to the extent governed by the United States trademark laws or the franchise laws of any state, Arizona law applies.

**ITEM 18: PUBLIC FIGURES**

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

## ITEM 19: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPRESENTATIONS

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

The average gross sales amounts contained in the table below pertain to the historic performance of all Barrio Queen restaurants located in the United States that were existing outlets that did not open for the first time during the past fiscal year. The period measured was December 1, 2023, through November 30, 2024. All restaurants detailed below were company-owned restaurants as of such November 30, 2024 date, and none were operated by a franchisee. Prospective franchisees should be advised that no certified public accountant has audited these figures or expressed his/her opinion concerning their content or form.

All Restaurants in the chart below are considered standard Restaurants, and they operate under the Barrio Queen system and the Marks. We are not aware of any material differences between the Franchisor-owned restaurants in the chart below and the franchises being offered in this Disclosure Document.

	Average Gross Sales	Median Gross Sales	Number of Stores Measured	Number of stores that met or exceeded the Average Gross Sales	Percentage of stores that met or exceeded the Average Gross Sales	Number of stores that met or exceeded the Median Gross Sales	Percentage of stores that met or exceeded the Median Gross Sales
All company-owned outlets	\$3,766,350	\$3,953,087	8	4	50%	4	50%

**Notes:**

- As of November 30, 2024, there were 8 Barrio Queen restaurants open in the United States. Of these, none were franchised and all were owned and operated by Franchisor, its affiliate or predecessor.

2. The information is based upon gross sales, which means the total revenue derived from the sales of goods and services less sales tax, discounts, allowances and returns, of franchised stores.

3. Many of these Restaurants have been open and operating for several years and have an existing customer base. New franchisees developing a Restaurant in new markets where there is less brand awareness and less unit development may need to take more time and make more effort to build marketing effectiveness, brand awareness, a base of customers, and operational efficiencies. Geographic and socio-economic variations from locality to locality may affect the results of the Restaurant, as well as performance of the national and world economy. A Restaurant's sales also vary based on, among other things, the owner's operational ability, capital and financing, commitment to training staff, customer service orientation, location and site criteria, seating, parking, the physical condition of the Restaurant, and ease of ingress and egress.

4. We strongly encourage you to consult with your legal and financial advisors in reviewing all information, and in particular, estimating the expenses you will incur in establishing and operating your Restaurant prior to executing any agreement. We recommend that you make your own independent investigation to determine whether or not your Restaurant may be profitable.

**5. Some Barrio Queen outlets have sold this amount. Your individual results may differ. There is no assurance that you'll sell as much.**

6. We will provide to you the spreadsheets as written substantiation for the representations made in this Item 19 upon reasonable request.

Other than the preceding financial performance representation, we do not make any financial performance representations. We also do not authorize our employees or representatives to make any such representations either orally or in writing. If you are purchasing an existing outlet, however, we may provide you with the actual records of that outlet. If you receive any other financial performance information or projections of your future income, you should report it to the franchisor's management by contacting BQ Concepts, LLC, Attn: Legal Department, 12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 100, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343-4164, (952) 294-1300, the Federal Trade Commission, and the appropriate state regulatory agencies.

**ITEM 20: OUTLETS AND FRANCHISEE INFORMATION**

Table No. 1

**Systemwide Outlet Summary  
For Years 2022 to 2024  
(United States)**

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
OUTLET TYPE	YEAR	OUTLETS AT THE START OF THE YEAR (Note 1)	OUTLETS AT THE END OF THE YEAR (Note 1)	NET CHANGE
Franchised				
	2022	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0
Company - Owned				
	2022	7	7	0
	2023	7	7	0
	2024	7	8	1
Total Outlets				
	2022	7	7	0
	2023	7	7	0
	2024	7	8	1

(1) Owned and operated by Franchisor’s unaffiliated predecessor until March 2022 (see Item 1).

Table No. 2

**Transfers of Outlets from Franchisees to New Owners (other than the Franchisor)  
For years 2022 to 2024**

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
STATE	YEAR	NUMBER OF TRANSFERS



AZ							
	2022	7	0	0	0	0	7
	2023	7	0	0	0	0	7
	2024	7	1	0	0	0	8
Totals							
	2022	7	0	0	0	0	7
	2023	7	0	0	0	0	7
	2024	7	1	0	0	0	8

(1) Owned and operated by Franchisor's unaffiliated predecessor until March 2022 (see Item 1).

Table No. 5

**Projected Openings as of November 30, 2024**

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
State	Franchise Agreements Signed but Outlet Not Opened	Projected New Franchised Outlets in the Next Fiscal Year	Projected New Company-Owned Outlets in the Next Fiscal Year
AZ	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

As there are no franchisees as of the Issuance Date of this Disclosure Document, there is no list of names or contact information of franchisees, there were no franchisees who had an outlet terminated, canceled, not renewed, or otherwise voluntarily or involuntarily ceased to do business, there were no franchisees who had an outlet transfer, and there were no franchisees who did not communicate with us for the 10-week period before the date of this Disclosure Document.

If you buy this franchise, your contact information may be disclosed to other buyers during your time in and after you leave the franchise system.

During the last three (3) fiscal years, we have not signed any agreements with franchisees that contain confidentiality clauses that would restrict a franchisee's ability to speak openly about their experiences as a franchisee in our franchise system.

We are not currently aware of any trademark-specific franchisee organizations associated with the franchise system which we have created, sponsored or endorsed, or any independent franchisee organizations that have asked to be included in this disclosure document.

## ITEM 21: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attached to this Disclosure Document as Exhibit B are the audited consolidated financial statements of Franchisor's parent company, MTY Franchising USA, Inc. ("Guarantor") for the fiscal years ended November 30, 2024, 2023, and for the fiscal years ended on November 30, 2023, and 2022.

Guarantor absolutely and unconditionally guarantees to assume the duties and obligations of Franchisor under its franchise registration in each state where the franchise is registered, and under the Franchise Agreement, as it may be amended, and as that Franchise Agreement may be entered into with franchisees and amended, modified or extended from time to time. This guarantee continues until all such obligations of the Franchisor under its franchise registrations and the Franchise Agreement are satisfied or until the liability of Franchisor to its franchisees under the Franchise Agreement has been completely discharged, whichever first occurs. Guarantor is not discharged from liability if a claim by a franchisee against the Franchisor remains outstanding. Notice of acceptance is waived. Guarantor does not waive receipt of notice of default on the part of the Franchisor. This guarantee is binding on the Guarantor and its successors and assigns. (See Exhibit C: Performance Guaranty).

## ITEM 22: CONTRACTS

Attached to this Disclosure Document are the following franchise-related contracts:

Exhibit D	Franchise Agreement
Exhibit E	Guaranty of Franchise Agreement
Exhibit F	Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement
Exhibit G	Collateral Assignment and Irrevocable Special Power of Attorney
Exhibit H	Required Lease Terms (Lease Addendum to Lease Agreement)
Exhibit I	Pre-Authorized Electronic Funds Transfer Form
Exhibit J	General Release for Renewal of Franchise Agreement
Exhibit K	List of Current/Former Franchisees
Exhibit L	List of Company-Owned Restaurants
Exhibit M	State Effective Dates
Exhibit N	Receipts

## ITEM 23: RECEIPTS

Exhibit N to this Disclosure Document is a detachable receipt. You are to keep one copy and return the other copy to us.

**EXHIBIT A**  
**TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**State Addenda and Agency Documents**

**ADDENDUM TO THE BQ CONCEPTS, LLC  
DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

- A. THE CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW REQUIRES THAT A COPY OF ALL PROPOSED AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE FRANCHISE BE DELIVERED TOGETHER WITH THE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.**
- B. Neither the franchisor, franchise broker nor any person in Item 2 of the Disclosure Document are subject to any currently effective order of any National Securities Association or National Securities Exchange, as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C.A. 78A et seq., suspending or expelling such person from membership in such association or exchange.**
- C. The Franchise Agreement provides for termination upon bankruptcy. This provision may not be enforceable under Federal Bankruptcy Law. (11 U.S.C.A. Sec. 101 et seq.).**
- D. The Franchise Agreement contains a covenant not to compete which extends beyond the termination of the agreements. This provision may not be enforceable under California law.**
- E. The Franchise Agreement requires application of the laws of the State of Arizona. This provision may not be enforceable under California Law.**
- F. Section 31125 of the California Corporations Code requires us to give you a disclosure document, in a form containing the information that the commissioner may by rule or order require, before a solicitation of a proposed material modification of an existing franchise.**
- G. YOU MUST SIGN A GENERAL RELEASE IF YOU RENEW OR TRANSFER YOUR FRANCHISE. CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS CODE §31512 VOIDS A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW (CALIFORNIA CORPORATIONS CODE §§31000 THROUGH 31516).**
- H. BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE §20010 VOIDS A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE FRANCHISE RELATIONS ACT (BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE §§20000 THROUGH 20043).**
- I. California Business and Professions Code Sections 20000 through 20043 provide rights to the franchisee concerning termination or non-renewal of a franchise. If the Franchise Agreement contains a provision that is inconsistent with the law, the law will control.**

- J. If the Franchisee resides in the State of California or the franchised business is located within the State of California, the venue for any dispute may be within the State of California. Business and Professions Code Section 20040.5 voids restricting a venue to a forum outside California with respect to any claim arising under or relating to a Franchise Agreement involving a franchise business operating in California.**
- K. OUR WEBSITE HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED OR APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT. ANY COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE CONTENTS OF THIS WEBSITE MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT at [www.dbo.ca.gov](http://www.dbo.ca.gov).**
- L. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.**

**ADDENDUM TO THE BQ CONCEPTS, LLC**  
**DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF HAWAII**

These franchises will be/have been filed under the Franchise Investment Law of the State of Hawaii. Filing does not constitute approval, recommendation or endorsement by the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs or a finding by the Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs that the information provided herein is true, complete and not misleading.

The Franchise Investment Law makes it unlawful to offer or sell any franchise in this state without first providing to the prospective franchisee, or subfranchisor, at least seven days prior to the execution by the prospective franchisee of any binding franchise or other agreement, or at least seven days prior to the payment of any consideration by the franchisee, or subfranchisor, whichever occurs first, a copy of the Disclosure Document, together with a copy of all proposed agreements relating to the sale of the franchise.

This Disclosure Document contains a summary only of certain material provisions of the Franchise Agreement. The contract or agreement should be referred to for a statement of all rights, conditions, restrictions and obligations of both the franchisor and the franchisee.

A Federal Trade Commission rule makes it unlawful to offer or sell any franchise without first providing this Disclosure Document to the prospective franchisee at the earlier of (1) fourteen calendar days before the signing of any franchise or related agreement; or (2) fourteen calendar days before any payment. The prospective franchisee must also receive a Franchise Agreement containing all material terms at least seven calendar days prior to the signing of the Franchise Agreement.

If this Disclosure Document is not delivered on time, or if it contains a false, incomplete, inaccurate or misleading statement, a violation of federal and state law may have occurred and should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington D.C. 20580 and to Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs which administers and enforces the Hawaii Franchise Disclosure Act.

Registered agent in the state authorized to receive service of process:

Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
Business Registration Division  
Commissioner of Securities  
Securities Compliance Branch  
335 Merchant Street, Room 203  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

1. The following paragraph is added to Item 17:

Section 482E-6(3) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes provides that upon termination or refusal to renew the Franchise Agreement, BQ Concepts, LLC is obligated to compensate you for the fair market value, at the time of the termination or expiration of the Franchise Agreement, of your inventory, supplies, equipment and furnishings purchased from BQ Concepts, LLC or a supplier designated by BQ Concepts, LLC; provided that personalized materials which have no value to us need not be compensated for. If BQ Concepts, LLC refuses to renew a Franchise Agreement for the purpose of converting your business to one owned and operated by BQ Concepts, LLC, in addition to the remedies provided above, shall compensate you for the loss of goodwill. BQ Concepts, LLC may deduct from such compensation reasonable costs incurred in removing, transporting and disposing of your inventory, supplies, equipment and furnishings pursuant to this requirement, and may offset from such compensation any monies due BQ Concepts, LLC

2. The following list reflects the status of the franchise registration of the Franchisor in the states which require registration:

A. The states in which this proposed registration is effective: None.

B. The states in which this proposed registration is or will be shortly on file: California, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin.

C. The states, if any, which have refused, by order or otherwise, to register these franchises: None.

D. The states, if any, which have revoked or suspended the right to offer these franchises: None.

E. The states, if any, in which the proposed registration of these franchises has been withdrawn by the Franchisor: None.

3. Section 482E-3(a) of the Hawaii Franchise Investment Law requires the franchisor to give you a copy of the Franchise Disclosure Document at least 7 calendar days prior to signing the franchise agreement. The Receipt is amended to reflect the 7 calendar-day waiting period.

4. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**ADDENDUM TO THE BQ CONCEPTS, LLC**  
**DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

1. Items 17.f and 17.i are supplemented with the following language:

The conditions under which your Franchise Agreement may be terminated and your rights upon non-renewal may be affected by Illinois Law, 815 ILCS 705/19 and 705/20.

2. Items 17.f, 17.g, 17.t, 17.v, and 17.w are supplemented with the following language:

This summary applies to both the Franchise Agreement and the Area Representative Agreement (if any).

3. The Summary in Item 17.v is deleted and replaced by the following Summary:

Litigation in Illinois.

4. The Summary in Item 17.w is deleted and replaced by the following Summary:

Illinois law applies.

5. Section 41 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act states that “any condition, stipulation, or provision purporting to bind any person acquiring any franchise to waive compliance with any provision of this Act is void.”

6. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**ADDENDUM TO THE BQ CONCEPTS, LLC**  
**DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF INDIANA**

1. Item 17.c may be modified by Indiana Code § 23-2-2.7.
2. The Summary in Item 17.r. is deleted and replaced with the following Summary:  
  
For one year after the termination of your Franchise Agreement, you may not establish a similar type of business within your exclusive territory.
3. Item 17.t is supplemented with the following language:  
  
However, you do not waive any rights under the Indiana Statutes with regard to prior representations made by BQ Concepts, LLC in the Disclosure Document.
4. Items 17.v and 17.w are supplemented with the following language:  
  
Except that under Indiana law, you may have the right to bring an action in Indiana, and have Indiana law apply.
5. The Indiana Deceptive Franchise Practices Act, IC 23-2-2.7-1 (10) prohibits the limitation of litigation brought for breach of a Franchise Agreement including any limitation on the forum chosen. Any provision in the Franchise Agreement, specifying a forum contrary to Indiana law, shall not apply to any claims brought under the Indiana Deceptive Franchise Practices Act and/or the Indiana Franchise Act, Ind. Code ANN.§§ 1-51 (1994).
6. The Indiana Deceptive Franchise Practices Act, IC 23-2-2.7-1 (10) prohibits the limitation of litigation brought for breach of a Franchise Agreement. Any provision in the Franchise Agreement requiring the application of another state's law shall not apply to any claims brought under the Indiana Deceptive Franchise Practices Act and/or the Indiana Franchise Act, Ind. Code ANN.§§ 1-51 (1994).
7. Indiana Code § 23-2-2.5-9 (2) requires a franchisor to give you a copy of the Franchise Disclosure Document at the earlier of: (i) 10 days prior to signing the franchise agreement; or (ii) 10 days prior to franchisor's receipt of any consideration. The Receipt is amended to reflect the 10 day waiting period.
8. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the

franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**ADDENDUM TO THE BQ CONCEPTS, LLC**  
**DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

1. Item 5 of the Franchise Disclosure Document and all agreements in this offering are amended to disclose the following:

Based upon the franchisor's financial condition, the Maryland Securities Commissioner has required a financial assurance. Therefore, all initial fees and payments owed by franchisees shall be deferred until the franchisor completes its pre-opening obligations under the franchise agreement.

2. The following amends Item 11 and replaces the last sentence of paragraph 8.a. under the section titled "During the operation of the Franchised Business:"

A Franchisee may, at any time after 120 days following the end of the calendar year, obtain an accounting of expenditures for the Advertising Fund and any LAA Funds for the entire preceding calendar year by submitting a written request to BQ Concepts, LLC's Chief Financial Officer at the principal business address listed in Item 1 of the Franchise Disclosure Document.

3. The Summary in Item 17.v is deleted, and the following Summary is inserted in its place:

A Franchisee may file a civil lawsuit in Maryland for claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law. Any claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law must be brought within three years after the grant of the franchise.

4. Item 17 is amended to disclose the following:

Any general release required as a condition of renewal, sale, and/or assignment/transfer shall not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

5. The following paragraph is added to the end of Item 17:

The Franchise Agreement provides for termination upon Franchisee's bankruptcy. This provision may not be enforceable under Federal Bankruptcy Law (11 U.S.C. Section 101 et seq.).

6. Item 17 is amended to disclose the following:

This franchise agreement provides that disputes are resolved through arbitration. A Maryland franchise regulation states that it is an unfair or deceptive practice to require a franchisee to waive its right to file a lawsuit in Maryland claiming a violation of the Maryland Franchise Law. In light of the Federal Arbitration Act, there is some dispute as to whether this forum selection requirement is legally enforceable.

7. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**ADDENDUM TO ADDENDUM TO THE BQ CONCEPTS, LLC  
DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

Section 445.1508(1) of the Michigan Franchise Investment Law requires franchisor to give you a copy of the Franchise Disclosure Document earlier of: (i) 10 business days prior to signing the Agreement; or (ii) 10 business days prior to franchisor's receipt of any consideration.

**THE STATE OF MICHIGAN PROHIBITS CERTAIN UNFAIR PROVISIONS THAT ARE SOMETIMES IN FRANCHISE DOCUMENTS. IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ARE IN THESE FRANCHISE DOCUMENTS, THE PROVISIONS ARE VOID AND CANNOT BE ENFORCED AGAINST YOU:**

- (A) A prohibition on the right of a franchisee to join an association of franchisees.
- (B) A requirement that a franchisee assent to a release, assignment, novation, waiver, or estoppel which deprives a franchisee of rights and protections provided in this act. This shall not preclude a franchisee, after entering into a Franchise Agreement, from settling any and all claims.
- (C) A provision that permits a franchisor to terminate a Franchise Agreement prior to the expiration of its term except for good cause. Good cause shall include the failure of the franchisee to comply with any lawful provision of the Franchise Agreement and to cure such failure after being given written notice thereof and a reasonable opportunity, which in no event need be more than 30 days, to cure such failure.
- (D) A provision that permits a franchisor to refuse to renew a Franchise Agreement without fairly compensating the franchisee by repurchase or other means for the fair market value at the time of expiration, of the franchisee's inventory, supplies, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings. Personalized materials which have no value to the franchisor and inventory, supplies, equipment, fixtures, and furnishings not reasonably required in the conduct of the franchised business are not subject to compensation. This subsection applies only if: (i) the term of the Franchise Agreement is less than five (5) years; and (ii) the franchisee is prohibited by the Franchise Agreement or other agreement from continuing to conduct substantially the same business under another trademark, service mark, trade name, logotype, advertising, or other commercial symbol in the same area subsequent to the expiration of the Franchise Agreement or the franchisee does not receive at least six (6) months advance notice of franchisor's intent not to renew the Franchise Agreement.
- (E) A provision that permits the franchisor to refuse to renew a Franchise Agreement on terms generally available to other franchisees of the same class or type under similar circumstances. This section does not require a renewal provision.

(F) A provision requiring that arbitration or litigation be conducted outside this state. This shall not preclude the franchisee from entering into an agreement, at the time of arbitration, to conduct arbitration at a location outside this state.

(G) A provision which permits a franchisor to refuse to permit a transfer of ownership of a franchise, except for good cause. This subdivision does not prevent a franchisor from exercising a right of first refusal to purchase the franchise. Good cause shall include, but is not limited to:

- (i) The failure of the proposed transferee to meet the franchisor's then current reasonable qualifications or standards.
- (ii) The fact that the proposed transferee is a competitor of the franchisor or subfranchisor.
- (iii) The unwillingness of the proposed transferee to agree in writing to comply with all lawful obligations.
- (iv) The failure of the franchisee or proposed transferee to pay any sums owing to the franchisor or to cure any default in the Franchise Agreement existing at the time of the proposed transfer.

(H) A provision that requires the franchisee to resell to the franchisor items that are not uniquely identified with the franchisor. This subdivision does not prohibit a provision that grants to a franchisor a right of first refusal to purchase the assets of a franchise on the same terms and conditions as a bona fide third party willing and able to purchase those assets, nor does this subdivision prohibit a provision that grants the franchisor the right to acquire the assets of a franchise for the market or appraised value of such assets if the franchisee has breached the lawful provisions of the Franchise Agreement and has failed to cure the breach in the manner provided in subdivision (c).

(I) A provision which permits the franchisor to directly or indirectly convey, assign, or otherwise transfer its obligations to fulfill contractual obligations to the franchisee unless provision has been made for providing the required contractual services.

(J) No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**THE FACT THAT THERE IS A NOTICE OF THIS OFFERING ON FILE WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL, RECOMMENDATION, OR ENDORSEMENT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

Any questions regarding this notice shall be directed to:

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

ATTENTION: FRANCHISE SECTION  
P.O. BOX 30213  
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909  
(517) 373-7117

**ADDENDUM TO THE BQ CONCEPTS, LLC**  
**DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**

1. The following legends are added to the Risk Factors on the Cover Page:

**THESE FRANCHISES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE MINNESOTA FRANCHISE ACT. REGISTRATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL, RECOMMENDATION, OR ENDORSEMENT BY THE COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES OF MINNESOTA OR A FINDING BY THE COMMISSIONER THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED HEREIN IS TRUE, COMPLETE, AND NOT MISLEADING.**

**THE MINNESOTA FRANCHISE ACT MAKES IT UNLAWFUL TO OFFER OR SELL ANY FRANCHISE IN THIS STATE WHICH IS SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION WITHOUT FIRST PROVIDING TO THE PROSPECTIVE FRANCHISEE AT LEAST 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PAYMENT OF ANY CONSIDERATION, BY THE FRANCHISEE, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, A COPY OF THIS PUBLIC OFFERING STATEMENT, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF ALL PROPOSED AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE FRANCHISE. THIS PUBLIC OFFERING STATEMENT CONTAINS A SUMMARY ONLY OF CERTAIN MATERIAL PROVISIONS OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. THE CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO FOR AN UNDERSTANDING OF ALL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF BOTH THE FRANCHISOR AND THE FRANCHISEE.**

**IF THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT IS NOT DELIVERED ON TIME, OR IF IT CONTAINS A FALSE, INCOMPLETE, INACCURATE OR MISLEADING STATEMENT, A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL AND STATE LAW MAY HAVE OCCURRED AND SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580 AND TO THE COMMISSIONER OF SECURITIES, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, SECURITIES DIVISION, 85 7<sup>TH</sup> PLACE EAST, SUITE 500, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101, WHICH ADMINISTERS AND ENFORCES THE MINNESOTA FRANCHISE ACT.**

2. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules 604.113, in Item 6, the table entry in the second column pertaining to "Amount" for "Non-Sufficient Funds Fee" is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

\$30 for each electronic funds transfer returned for non-sufficient funds; \$25 for each check or draft returned for non-sufficient funds

3. The following paragraph is added to Item 13:

The franchisor will protect the franchisee's rights to use the trademarks, service marks, trade names, logotypes or other commercial symbols or indemnify the franchisee from any loss, costs or expenses arising out of any claim, suit or demand regarding the use of the name.

Minnesota considers it unfair to not protect the franchisee's right to use the trademarks. Refer to Minnesota Statutes, Section 80C.12, Subd. 1(g).

4. The following statement is added at the end of Item 17.c and 17.m:

Minnesota Rules 2860.4400(D) prohibits a franchisor from requiring a franchisee to assent to a general release.

5. The following statement is added at the end of 17.v and 17.w.:

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

The franchisee cannot consent to the franchisor obtaining injunctive relief. The franchisor may seek injunctive relief. See Minn. Rules 2860.4400J.

Also, a court will determine if a bond is required.

6. The following statement is added at the end of Item 17:

With respect to franchises governed by Minnesota law, the franchisor will comply with Minnesota Statutes, Section 80C.14, Subd. 3-5, which require (except in certain specified cases) (1) that a franchisee be given 90 days notice of termination (with 60 days to cure) and 180 days notice for non-renewal of the franchise agreement and (2) that consent to the transfer of the franchise will not be unreasonably withheld.

7. The Summary in Item 17.v is deleted, and the following Summary is inserted in its place:

The Limitations of Claims section must comply with Minnesota Statutes, Section 80C.17, Subd. 5.

8. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**ADDENDUM TO THE BQ CONCEPTS, LLC**  
**DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

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

**INFORMATION COMPARING FRANCHISORS IS AVAILABLE. CALL THE STATE ADMINISTRATORS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A OR YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR SOURCES OF INFORMATION. REGISTRATION OF THIS FRANCHISE BY NEW YORK STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT NEW YORK STATE RECOMMENDS IT OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT. IF YOU LEARN THAT ANYTHING IN THE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT IS UNTRUE, CONTACT THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF LAW, BUREAU OF INVESTOR PROTECTION AND SECURITIES, 120 BROADWAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10271.**

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

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

A. No such party has an administrative, criminal or civil action pending against that person alleging: a felony, a violation of a franchise, antitrust, or securities law, fraud, embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, misappropriation of property, unfair or deceptive practices, or comparable civil or misdemeanor allegations.

B. No such party has pending actions, other than routine litigation incidental to the business, which are significant in the context of the number of franchisees and the size, nature or financial condition of the franchise system or its business operations.

C. No such party has been convicted of a felony or pleaded nolo contendere to a felony charge or, within the 10 year period immediately preceding the application for registration, has been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to a misdemeanor charge or has been the subject of a civil action alleging: violation of a franchise, antifraud, or securities law; fraud; embezzlement; fraudulent conversion or misappropriation of property; or unfair or deceptive practices or comparable allegations.

D. No such party is subject to a currently effective injunctive or restrictive order or decree relating to the franchise, or under a Federal, State, or Canadian franchise, securities, antitrust, trade regulation or trade practice law, resulting from a concluded or pending action or proceeding brought by a public agency; or is subject to any currently effective order of any national securities association or national securities exchange, as defined in the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, suspending or expelling such person from membership in such association or exchange; or is subject to a currently effective injunctive or restrictive order

relating to any other business activity as a result of an action brought by a public agency or department, including, without limitation, actions affecting a license as a real estate broker or sales agent.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. The franchisor may, if it chooses, negotiate with you about items covered in the prospectus. However, the franchisor cannot use the negotiating process to prevail upon a prospective franchisee to accept terms which are less favorable than those set forth in this prospectus.

8. The Franchise Agreement and the other documents to be signed by the franchisee provide that we do not grant you any exclusive or protected territory for your restaurant.

9. The Franchise Agreement and the other documents to be signed by you further allow the franchisor to locate franchised or corporate-owned locations of food concepts similar to and in the immediate vicinity of your restaurant. There may also be locations of similar food concepts that are owned by affiliates of the franchisor already open and operating in the immediate vicinity of your restaurant.

10. Section 683.8 of the General Business Law of the State of New York requires franchisor to give you a copy of the Franchise Disclosure Document at the earlier of: (i) the first personal meeting; (ii) 10 business days before the execution of the Franchise

Agreement; or (iii) 10 business days before the payment of any consideration that relates to the franchise relationship.

FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Any disputes, differences or controversies that arise pursuant to the Franchise Agreement or breach thereof which cannot be settled by mediation shall be settled by arbitration. All such proceedings shall be held in Maricopa County, Arizona. This information should be taken into consideration in determining whether or not to purchase this franchise.

The franchisor represents that this prospectus does not knowingly omit any material fact or contain any untrue statement of a material fact.

No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**ADDENDUM TO THE BQ CONCEPTS, LLC**  
**DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

**ALTHOUGH THESE FRANCHISES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, REGISTRATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL, RECOMMENDATION, OR ENDORSEMENT BY THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT IS TRUE, COMPLETE, ACCURATE, OR NOT MISLEADING.**

**NORTH DAKOTA LAW MODIFICATIONS**

1. The North Dakota Securities Commissioner requires that certain provisions contained in franchise documents be amended to be consistent with North Dakota Law, including the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law, North Dakota Century Code Annotated Chapter 51-19, Sections 51-19-01 through 51-19-17 (1993). To the extent that the Franchise Agreement contains provisions that are inconsistent with the following, such provisions are hereby amended:

- a. If the Franchisee is required in the Franchise Agreement to execute a release of claims or to acknowledge facts that would negate or remove from judicial review any statement, misrepresentation or action that would violate the Law, or a rule or order under the Law, such release shall exclude claims arising under the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law, and such acknowledgements shall be void with respect to claims under the Law.
- b. Covenants not to compete during the term and upon termination or expiration of the Franchise Agreement are enforceable only under certain conditions according to North Dakota Law. If the Franchise Agreement contains a covenant not to compete which is inconsistent with North Dakota Law, the covenant may be unenforceable.
- c. If the Franchise Agreement requires litigation to be conducted in a forum other than the State of North Dakota, the requirement is void with respect to claims under the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law.
- d. If the Franchise Agreement requires that it be governed by a state's law, other than the State of North Dakota, to the extent that such law conflicts with the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law, the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law will control.
- e. If the Franchise Agreement requires mediation or arbitration to be conducted in a forum other than the State of North Dakota, the requirement may be unenforceable under the North Dakota Franchise

Investment Law. Arbitration involving a franchise purchased in the State of North Dakota must be held either in a location mutually agreed upon prior to the arbitration or if the parties cannot agree on a location, the location will be determined by the arbitrator.

- f. If the Franchise Agreement requires payment of a termination penalty, the requirement may be unenforceable under the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law.
- g. Section 51-19-08 of the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law requires franchisor to give you a copy of the Franchise Disclosure Document at the earlier of: (i) seven days prior to signing the franchise agreement; or (ii) seven days prior to franchisor's receipt of any consideration.

**2. THE SECURITIES COMMISSIONER HAS HELD THE FOLLOWING TO BE UNFAIR, UNJUST OR INEQUITABLE TO NORTH DAKOTA FRANCHISEES (SECTION 51-19-09, N.D.C.C.):**

- A. Restrictive Covenants: Franchise Disclosure Documents which disclose the existence of covenants restricting competition contrary to Section 9-08-06, N.D.C.C., without further disclosing that such covenants will be subject to the statute.
- B. Situs of Arbitration Proceedings: Franchise agreements providing that the parties must agree to the arbitration of disputes at a location that is remote from the site of the franchisee's business.
- C. Restrictions on Forum: Requiring North Dakota franchisees to consent to the jurisdiction of courts outside of North Dakota.
- D. Liquidated Damages and Termination Penalties: Requiring North Dakota franchisees to consent to liquidated damages or termination penalties.
- E. Applicable Laws: Franchise agreements which specify that they are to be governed by the laws of a state other than North Dakota.
- F. Waiver of Trial by Jury: Requiring North Dakota Franchises to consent to the waiver of a trial by jury.
- G. Waiver of Exemplary & Punitive Damages: Requiring North Dakota Franchisees to consent to a waiver of exemplary and punitive damage.
- H. General Release: Franchise Agreements that require the franchisee to sign a general release upon renewal of the franchise agreement.

- I. Limitation of Claims: Franchise Agreements that require the franchisee to consent to a limitation of claims. The statute of limitations under North Dakota law applies.
- J. Enforcement of Agreement: Franchise Agreements that require the franchisee to pay all costs and expenses incurred by the franchisor in enforcing the agreement. The prevailing party in any enforcement action is entitled to recover all costs and expenses including attorney's fees.

3. Each provision of this Amendment shall be effective only to the extent that the jurisdictional requirements of the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law, with respect to each such provision, are met independent of this Amendment. This Amendment shall have no force or effect if such jurisdictional requirements are not met.

4. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**ADDENDUM TO THE BQ CONCEPTS, LLC  
DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**RHODE ISLAND LAW MODIFICATIONS**

1. The Rhode Island Securities Division requires that certain provisions contained in franchise documents be amended to be consistent with Rhode Island law, including the Franchise Investment Act, R.I. Gen. Law. ch. 395 Sec. 19-28.1-1 – 19-28.1-34. To the extent that the Franchise Agreement contains provisions that are inconsistent with the following, such provisions are hereby amended:

- a. If the Franchise Agreement restricts jurisdiction or venue to a forum other than the State of Rhode Island, the requirement is void under Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act Sec. 19-28.1-14.
- b. If the Franchise Agreement requires that it be governed by a state's law, other than the State of Rhode Island, to the extent that such law conflicts with Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act it is void under Sec. 19-28.1-14.
- c. If the Franchisee is required in the Franchise Agreement to execute a release of claims or to acknowledge facts that would negate or remove from judicial review any statement, misrepresentation or action that would violate the Act, or a rule or order under the Act, such release shall exclude claims arising under the Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act, and such acknowledgements shall be void with respect to claims under the Act.

2. Each provision of this Amendment shall be effective only to the extent that the jurisdictional requirements of the Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act, with respect to each such provision, are met independent of this Amendment. This Amendment shall have no force or effect if such jurisdictional requirements are not met.

3. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**ADDENDUM TO BQ CONCEPTS, LLC DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT  
FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

1. The Director of the South Dakota Division of Securities requires that certain provisions contained in franchise documents be amended to be consistent with South Dakota law, including the South Dakota Franchise Investment Law, South Dakota Codified Laws, Title 37, Chapter 37-5B, Sections 37-5B-1 through 37-5B-53 (2008). To the extent that the Agreement contains provisions that are inconsistent with the following, such provisions are hereby amended:

- a. If the Franchisee is required in the Agreement to execute a release of claims or to acknowledge facts that would negate or remove from judicial review any statement, misrepresentation or action that would violate the Law, or a rule or order under the Law, such release shall exclude claims arising under the South Dakota Franchise Investment Law, and such acknowledgements shall be void with respect to claims under the Law.
- b. Covenants not to compete upon termination or expiration of the Agreement are generally unenforceable in the state of South Dakota, except in certain limited instances as provided by law. If this Agreement contains a covenant not to compete which is inconsistent with South Dakota Law, the covenant may be unenforceable.
- c. Regardless of the terms of the Agreement concerning termination, if Franchisee fails to meet performance and quality standards or fails to make any royalty payments under the Agreement, Franchisee will be afforded thirty (30) days' written notice with an opportunity to cure the default before termination.
- d. If the Agreement requires payment of liquidated damages that are inconsistent with South Dakota law, the liquidated damage clause may be void under SDCL 53-9-5.
- e. If the Agreement requires litigation to be conducted in a forum other than the State of South Dakota, the requirement is void with respect to any cause of action otherwise enforceable under South Dakota Law.
- f. If the Agreement requires that it be governed by a state's law, other than the State of South Dakota, matters regarding franchise registration, employment, covenants not to compete, and other matters of local concern will be governed by the laws of the State of South Dakota; but as to contractual and all other matters, the

Agreement and all provisions of this Amendment will be and remain subject to the application, construction, enforcement, interpretation under the governing law set forth in the Agreement.

- g. If the Agreement requires that disputed between Franchisor and Franchisee be mediated/arbitrated at a location that is outside the State of South Dakota, the mediation/arbitration will be conducted at a location mutually agreed upon by the parties. If the parties cannot agree on location for the mediation/arbitration, the location shall be determined by the mediator/arbitrator selected.
- h. Any condition, stipulation or provision in the Agreement requiring Franchisee to waive compliance of a provision under the South Dakota Franchise Investment Law is void.

2. Each provision of this Addendum shall be effective only to the extent that the jurisdictional requirements of the South Dakota Franchise Investment Law, with respect to each such provision, are met independent of this Addendum. This Addendum shall have no force or effect if such jurisdictional requirements are not met.

3. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**ADDENDUM TO BQ CONCEPTS, LLC DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT  
FOR THE STATE OF VIRGINIA**

1. The following amends Item 17 and is stated at the end of Item 17:

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

2. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**ADDENDUM TO THE BQ CONCEPTS, LLC**  
**DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

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

1. If any provisions governing termination or non-renewal disclosed herein are inconsistent with Washington law, then Washington law shall apply. The applicable law reads as follows:

Section 19.100.180. Without limiting the other provisions of this chapter, the following specific rights and prohibitions shall govern the relation between the franchisor or subfranchisor and the franchisees:

(2) For the purpose of this chapter and without limiting its general application, it shall be an unfair or deceptive act or practice or an unfair method of competition and therefore unlawful and violation of this chapter for any person to:

(a) Restrict or inhibit the right of the franchisees to join an association of franchisees.

(b) Require a franchisee to purchase or lease goods or services of the franchisor or from approved sources of supply unless and to the extent that the franchisor satisfies the burden of proving that such restrictive purchasing agreements are reasonably necessary for a lawful purpose justified on business grounds, and do not substantially affect competition: PROVIDED, that this provision shall not apply to the initial inventory of the franchise. In determining whether a requirement to purchase or lease goods or services constitutes an unfair or deceptive act or practice or an unfair method of competition the courts shall be guided by the decisions of the courts of the United States interpreting and applying the anti-trust laws of the United States.

(c) Discriminate between franchisees in the charges offered or made for royalties, goods, services, equipment, rentals, advertising services, or in any other business dealing, unless and to the extent that the franchisor satisfies the burden of proving that any classification of or discrimination between franchisees is: (i) Reasonable, (ii) based on franchises granted at materially different times and such discrimination is reasonably related to such difference in time, or is based on other proper and justifiable distinctions considering the purposes of this chapter, and (iii) is not arbitrary. However, nothing in (c) of this subsection precludes negotiation of the terms and conditions of a franchise at the initiative of the franchisees.

(d) Sell, rent, or offer to sell to a franchisee any product or service for more than a fair and reasonable price.

(e) Obtain money, goods, services, anything of value, or any other benefit from any other person with whom the franchisee does business on account of such business unless such benefit is disclosed to the franchisee.

(f) If the franchise provides that the franchisee has an exclusive territory, which exclusive territory shall be specified in the franchise agreement, for the franchisor or subfranchisor to compete with the franchisee in an exclusive territory or to grant competitive franchises in the exclusive territory area previously granted to another franchisee.

(g) Require franchisee to assent to a release, assignment, novation, or waiver which would relieve any person from liability imposed by this chapter, except as otherwise permitted by RCW [19.100.220](#).

(h) Impose on a franchisee by contract, rule, or regulation, whether written or oral, any standard of conduct unless the person so doing can sustain the burden of proving such to be reasonable and necessary.

(i) Refuse to renew a Franchise Agreement without fairly compensating the franchisee for the fair market value, at the time of expiration of the Franchise Agreement, or the franchisee's inventory, supplies, equipment, and furnishings purchased from the franchisor and good will, exclusive of personalized materials which have no value to the franchisor, and inventory, supplies, equipment and furnishings not reasonably required in the conduct of the franchised business: PROVIDED, that compensation need not be made to a franchisee for good will if: (i) the franchisee has been given one year's notice of nonrenewal; and (ii) the franchisor agrees in writing not to enforce any covenant which restrains the franchisee from competing with the franchisor: PROVIDED FURTHER, that a franchisor may offset against amounts owed to a franchisee under this subsection any amounts owed by such franchisee to franchisor.

(j) Terminate a franchise prior to the expiration of its term except for good cause. Good cause shall include, without limitation, the failure of the franchisee to comply with lawful material provisions of the franchise or other agreement between the franchisor and the franchisee and to cure such default after being given written notice thereof and a reasonable opportunity, which in no event need be more than thirty days, to cure such default, or if such default cannot reasonably be cured within thirty days, the failure of the franchisee to initiate within thirty days substantial and continuing action to cure such default: PROVIDED, that after three willful and material breaches of the same term of the Franchise Agreement occurring within a twelve month period, for which the franchisee has been given notice and an opportunity to cure as provided in this subsection, the franchisor may terminate the Franchise Agreement upon any subsequent month period without providing notice or opportunity cure: PROVIDED FURTHER, that a franchisor may terminate a Franchise Agreement without prior notice or opportunity to cure a default if the franchisee: (i) is adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent; (ii) makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or similar disposition of the assets of the franchised business; (iii) voluntarily abandons the franchised business; or (iv) is convicted of or pleads guilty or no contest to a charge of violating any law relating to the franchised business. Upon termination for good cause the franchisor shall purchase from the franchisee at a fair market value at the time of termination, the franchisee's inventory and supplies, exclusive of: (i) personalized materials which have no value to the franchisor; (ii) inventory and supplies not reasonably required in the conduct of the franchised business; and (iii) if the franchisee is to retain control of the premises of the franchised business, any inventory and supplies not purchased from the franchisor or on his express requirement: PROVIDED, that a franchisor may offset against amounts

owed to a franchisee under this subsection any amounts owed by such franchisee to the franchisor.”

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

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

4. Transfer fees are collectable to the extent that they reflect the Franchisor's reasonable estimated or actual costs in effecting a transfer.

5. Ranch\*1, Inc. and its subsidiaries, all affiliates of BQ Concepts, LLC, filed for Bankruptcy Protection Code Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code on July 3, 2001. Full disclosure of the particulars of this filing is in Item 4 of this Disclosure Document.

6. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**ADDENDUM TO THE BQ CONCEPTS, LLC**  
**DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN**

**THESE FRANCHISES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE WISCONSIN FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW. REGISTRATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL, RECOMMENDATION, OR ENDORSEMENT BY THE COMMISSIONER THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED HEREIN IS TRUE, COMPLETE, AND NOT MISLEADING.**

**WISCONSIN LAW MODIFICATIONS**

1. The Securities Commissioner of the State of Wisconsin requires that certain provisions contained in franchise documents be amended to be consistent with Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law, Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 135 ("Fair Dealership Law") and the Wisconsin franchise Investment Law, Chapter 553. To the extent that the Franchise Agreement contains provisions that are inconsistent with the following, such provisions are hereby amended:

- a. The Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law, among other things, grants you the right, in most circumstances, to 90 days' prior written notice of non-renewal and 60 days within which to remedy any claimed deficiencies. If the Franchise Agreement contains a provision that is inconsistent with the Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law, the provisions of the Franchise Agreement shall be superseded by the Law's requirements and shall have no force or effect.
- b. The Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law, among other things, grants you the right, in most circumstances, to 90 days' prior written notice of termination and 60 days within which to remedy any claimed deficiencies. If the Franchise Agreement contains a provision that is inconsistent with the Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law, the provisions of the Franchise Agreement shall be superseded by the Law's requirements and shall have no force or effect.
- c. If the Franchise Agreement requires that it be governed by a state's law, other than the State of Wisconsin, to the extent that any provision of the Franchise Agreement conflicts with the Wisconsin Fair Dealership Law such provision shall be superseded by the law's requirements.
- d. Any condition, stipulation or provision in the Agreement requiring Franchisee to waive compliance with any provision under the Wisconsin Franchise Investment law may be void.

2. Each provision of this Amendment shall be effective only to the extent that the jurisdictional requirements of the Wisconsin law applicable to the provision are met independent of this Amendment. This Amendment shall have no force or effect if such jurisdictional requirements are not met.

3. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

## STATE AGENCY EXHIBIT

STATE	STATE ADMINISTRATOR/AGENT	ADDRESS
California	Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation	320 West 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 750 Los Angeles, CA 90013-2344 1-866-275-2677
Hawaii (State Administrator)	Commissioner of Securities Dept. of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Business Registration Division Securities Compliance Branch	335 Merchant Street Room 203 Honolulu, HI 96813
Illinois	Illinois Attorney General	500 South Second Street Springfield, IL 62706
Indiana (State Administrator)	Indiana Securities Commissioner Securities Division	302 West Washington Street, Room E111 Indianapolis, IN 46204
Indiana (Agent)	Indiana Secretary of State	302 West Washington Street, Room E018 Indianapolis, IN 46204
Maryland (State Administrator)	Office of the Attorney General Division of Securities	200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202-2020
Maryland (Agent)	Maryland Securities Commissioner	200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202-2020
Michigan	Michigan Department of Attorney General Consumer Protection Division	G. Mennen Williams Building, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor 525 West Ottawa Street Lansing, MI 48933
Minnesota	Commissioner of Commerce Minnesota Department of Commerce	85 7 <sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 280 St. Paul, MN 55101-2198
New York (State Administrator)	NYS Department of Law Investor Protection Bureau	28 Liberty Street, 21st Floor New York, NY 10005 212-416-8236
New York (Agent)	New York Secretary of State New York Department of State	One Commerce Plaza 99 Washington Avenue, 6th Floor Albany, NY 12231-0001 518-473-2492
North Dakota	Securities Commissioner North Dakota Securities Department	600 East Boulevard Avenue State Capitol, Fifth Floor, Dept. 414 Bismarck, ND 58505-0510
Rhode Island	Director, Department of Business Regulation, Securities Division	1511 Pontiac Avenue John O. Pastore Complex – Building 68-2 Cranston, RI 02920
South Dakota	Department of Labor and Regulation Division of Insurance – Securities Regulation	124 S. Euclid, Suite 104 Pierre, SD 57501 605-773-3563
Virginia (State Administrator)	State Corporation Commission Division of Securities and Retail Franchising	1300 East Main Street, 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor Richmond, VA 23219 804-371-9051
Virginia (Agent)	Clerk of the State Corporation Commission	1300 East Main Street, 1st Floor Richmond, VA 23219-3630
Washington	Department of Financial Institutions Securities Division	150 Israel Road SW Tumwater, WA 98501 360-902-8760
Wisconsin	Commissioner of Securities	Department of Financial Institutions Division of Securities 4822 Madison Yards Way, North Tower Madison, WI 53705

If a state is not listed, Franchisor has not appointed an agent for service of process in that state in connection with the requirements of franchise laws. There may be states in addition to those listed above in which Franchisor has appointed an agent for service of process. There may also be additional agents appointed in some of the states listed

**EXHIBIT B**

**TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**Financial Statements**

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# Consolidated financial statements of MTY Franchising USA, Inc.

For the years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023

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## **Report of Independent Auditors**

**To the Management and Stockholder of MTY Franchising USA, Inc.**

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of MTY Franchising USA, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the Company), which comprise the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive (loss) income for the years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023, the consolidated statements of changes in stockholder's equity for the years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023, the consolidated balance sheets as of November 30, 2024 and 2023, and the consolidated statements of cash flows for the years then ended, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the consolidated financial statements).

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of November 30, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our 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 Consolidated Financial Statements***

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

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

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### ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with US GAAS, we:

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

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

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP<sup>1</sup>*

**Montréal, Canada  
January 31, 2025**

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<sup>1</sup> CPA auditor, public accountancy permit No. A125677

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.**
**Consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive (loss) income**

Years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023

(In thousands of US dollars)

	Notes	2024	2023
		\$	\$
			<i>Adjusted<sup>(1)</sup></i>
<b>Revenue</b>	19	<b>597,538</b>	606,617
<b>Costs and expenses</b>			
Operating expenses	20	<b>490,300</b>	498,484
Depreciation – property, plant and equipment	7	<b>13,469</b>	11,358
Amortization – intangible assets	8	<b>15,765</b>	19,213
Impairment charge – property, plant and equipment	7 & 10	<b>6,150</b>	169
Impairment charge – operating lease right-of-use assets	6	<b>849</b>	—
Impairment charge – intangible assets and goodwill	8, 9 & 10	<b>37,452</b>	4,063
Interest expense	22	<b>53,768</b>	53,977
Management fees charged by parent company	25	<b>2,101</b>	2,249
		<b>619,854</b>	589,513
<b>Other income (expenses)</b>			
Interest income		<b>12,145</b>	2,255
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		<b>(376)</b>	(1,843)
Restructuring	21	<b>(1,342)</b>	—
Gain on extinguishment of debt		<b>97</b>	—
Gain on contingent consideration from a business acquisition	3	<b>—</b>	1,600
Loss on de-recognition/lease modification of operating lease liabilities	6	<b>(41)</b>	(736)
		<b>10,483</b>	1,276
<b>(Loss) income before income taxes</b>		<b>(11,833)</b>	18,380
<b>Income tax expense (recovery)</b>	23		
Current		<b>9,918</b>	7,807
Deferred		<b>(9,195)</b>	(6,405)
		<b>723</b>	1,402
<b>Net (loss) income and comprehensive (loss) income</b>		<b>(12,556)</b>	16,978

(1) Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation. Lease income in comparative period of \$26.3 million was reclassified from operating expense to revenue.

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.****Consolidated statements of changes in stockholder's equity**

Years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023

(In thousands of US dollars, except number of common stock issued)

	<b>Common stock issued</b>	<b>Common stock value</b>	<b>Retained earnings</b>	<b>Total stockholder's equity</b>
		\$	\$	\$
Balance as at November 30, 2022	15	179,154	56,804	235,958
Net income and comprehensive income	—	—	16,978	16,978
Balance as at November 30, 2023	<b>15</b>	<b>179,154</b>	<b>73,782</b>	<b>252,936</b>
Net loss and comprehensive loss	—	—	(12,556)	(12,556)
Balance as at November 30, 2024	<b>15</b>	<b>179,154</b>	<b>61,226</b>	<b>240,380</b>

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.**  
**Consolidated balance sheets**

As at November 30, 2024 and 2023  
(In thousands of US dollars)

	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets			
Cash		12,834	21,138
Restricted cash	2	250	271
Accounts receivable	4	28,755	29,461
Inventories		7,182	6,414
Assets held for sale	5, 7 & 8	3,116	1,668
Current portion of loans receivable		384	272
Receivable from ultimate parent	13 & 25	204,389	148,828
Prepaid expenses and deposits		8,039	8,386
Other current assets		4,834	3,333
Income taxes receivable	23	4,402	4,919
		<b>274,185</b>	<b>224,690</b>
Loans receivable		66	151
Contract cost asset		4,277	3,696
Other assets		2,106	1,896
Property, plant and equipment	7	53,675	63,599
Operating lease right-of-use assets	6	190,303	187,074
Intangible assets	8	577,327	602,168
Goodwill	9	346,490	376,175
		<b>1,448,429</b>	<b>1,459,449</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable		14,808	15,878
Accrued liabilities		26,837	28,769
Gift card liability	11	109,252	104,858
Promotional funds payable		10,523	14,690
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	6	38,340	37,080
Current portion of deferred revenue and deposits	12	8,093	7,775
Advance from parent company	13 & 25	4,417	2,249
Advances from companies under common control	13 & 25	—	42
Current portion of holdback payable	15	—	912
		<b>212,270</b>	<b>212,253</b>

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.**  
**Consolidated balance sheets (continued)**

As at November 30, 2024 and 2023

(In thousands of US dollars)

		<b>2024</b>	2023
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>Liabilities (continued)</b>			
Long-term loan from company under common control	14	<b>708,363</b>	705,683
Other liabilities		—	159
Liabilities held for sale	5, 7 & 8	<b>2,116</b>	—
Operating lease liabilities	6	<b>156,073</b>	153,413
Deferred revenue and deposits	12	<b>28,170</b>	24,753
Deferred income taxes	23	<b>101,057</b>	110,252
		<b>1,208,049</b>	1,206,513
<b>Stockholder's equity</b>			
Common stock	17	<b>179,154</b>	179,154
Retained earnings		<b>61,226</b>	73,782
		<b>240,380</b>	252,936
		<b>1,448,429</b>	1,459,449

Approved by the Board on January 31, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_, Director

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.**  
**Consolidated statements of cash flows**

Years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023

(In thousands of US dollars)

		<b>2024</b>	2023
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Net (loss) income and comprehensive (loss) income		<b>(12,556)</b>	16,978
Items not affecting cash:			
Depreciation – property, plant and equipment	7	<b>13,469</b>	11,358
Amortization – intangible assets	8	<b>15,765</b>	19,213
Interest expense	22	<b>53,768</b>	53,977
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		<b>376</b>	1,843
Impairment charge – property, plant and equipment	7 & 10	<b>6,150</b>	169
Impairment charge – operating lease right-of-use assets	6	<b>849</b>	—
Impairment charge – intangible assets and goodwill	8 & 10	<b>37,452</b>	4,063
Gain on contingent consideration from a business acquisition	3	<b>—</b>	(1,600)
Loss on de-recognition/lease modification of operating lease liabilities	6	<b>41</b>	736
Deferred income tax recovery		<b>(9,195)</b>	(6,405)
		<b>106,119</b>	100,332
Interest paid		<b>(53,768)</b>	(53,977)
Changes in non-cash working capital items			
Accounts receivable		<b>2,874</b>	(4,133)
Inventories		<b>(925)</b>	198
Prepaid expenses and deposits		<b>(278)</b>	(1,140)
Loans receivable		<b>(27)</b>	1,410
Other current assets		<b>(1,502)</b>	(412)
Income taxes		<b>(303)</b>	(1,842)
Accounts payable		<b>(1,070)</b>	(911)
Accrued liabilities		<b>(1,817)</b>	(5,853)
Promotional funds payable		<b>(4,166)</b>	(2,045)
Gift card liability		<b>4,546</b>	7,521
Deferred revenue and deposits		<b>3,735</b>	1,088
Other		<b>713</b>	1,512
Net cash provided from operating activities		<b>54,131</b>	41,748

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.****Consolidated statements of cash flows (continued)**

Years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023

(In thousands of US dollars)

		<b>2024</b>	2023
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Net cash outflow on acquisitions	3	—	(221,180)
Net cash acquired through business acquisitions	3	—	6,884
Additions to property, plant and equipment	7	<b>(10,963)</b>	(13,250)
Additions to intangible assets	8	<b>(318)</b>	(565)
Proceeds on disposal of intangible assets	7	<b>230</b>	—
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		<b>692</b>	358
Proceeds on disposal of assets held for sale		<b>1,614</b>	—
Net cash used in investing activities		<b>(8,745)</b>	(227,753)
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Receivable from ultimate parent and parent company	13	<b>(55,562)</b>	(221,985)
Receivable from companies under common control		<b>2,638</b>	405,836
Repayment of holdback payable	15	<b>(787)</b>	—
Net cash (used in) provided from financing activities		<b>(53,711)</b>	183,851
Net decrease in cash		<b>(8,325)</b>	(2,154)
Cash, beginning of year		<b>21,409</b>	23,563
<b>Cash, end of year</b>		<b>13,084</b>	21,409
Supplemental cash flow information	24		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

# MTY Franchising USA, Inc.

## Notes to the consolidated financial statements

Years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023

(In thousands of US dollars)

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### 1. Nature of operations

MTY Franchising USA, Inc. (the "Company" or "MTY USA") was incorporated on March 14, 2001. The Company operates, develops and franchises restaurants under a multitude of different banners in the United States of America (the "US").

### 2. Significant accounting policies

#### *Basis of presentation*

The accounting policies of the Company are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the US ("US GAAP"). The Company uses the US dollar as its functional and reporting currency, and tabular amounts are rounded to the nearest thousand (\$000) except when otherwise indicated. MTY USA is a wholly owned subsidiary of MTY Franchising Inc. which is a subsidiary of the ultimate parent of MTY Food Group Inc.

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with US GAAP 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 consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Presented below are those policies considered particularly significant:

#### *Basis of consolidation*

The consolidated financial statements reflect the financial position and operating results of the Company, including wholly owned subsidiaries and investees that we control.

The principal subsidiaries of the Company are as follows:

<u>Principal subsidiaries</u>	<u>Percentage of equity interest</u>
	%
BF Acquisition Holdings, LLC	100
BQ Concepts, LLC	100
Famous Dave's of America Inc.	100
Kahala Franchising, LLC	100
La Salsa Franchise, LLC	100
Papa Murphy's International, LLC	100
VI Brandco, LLC	100
Wetzel's Pretzels, LLC (Note 3)	100

Revenues and expenses of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income (loss) from the effective date of acquisition. The subsidiaries are consolidated from the acquisition date until the date on which the Company ceases to control them.

All intercompany transactions, balances, revenues and expenses are eliminated in full upon consolidation.

#### *Business combinations*

The Company accounts for acquired businesses using the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 805, Business Combinations. The consideration transferred for the acquisition is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred, and the equity interest issued. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair value at the acquisition date.

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.**  
**Notes to the consolidated financial statements**

Years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023

(In thousands of US dollars)

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**2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Business combinations (continued)*

Goodwill is measured as the excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair values of the net assets acquired. If, after reassessment, the net of the acquisition date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed exceeds the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held interest in the acquiree (if any), the excess is recognized immediately in the statement of operations as a bargain purchase gain.

Goodwill reflects how the acquisition will impact the Company's ability to generate future profits in excess of existing profits. The consideration paid mostly relates to combined synergies, related mainly to revenue growth. These benefits are not recognized separately from goodwill as they do not meet the recognition criteria for identifiable intangible assets.

When the consideration transferred by the Company in a business combination includes assets or liabilities resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement, the contingent consideration is measured at its acquisition date fair value and included as part of the consideration transferred in a business combination.

When a business combination is achieved in stages, the Company's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is remeasured to fair value at the acquisition date (i.e. the date when the Company obtains control) and the resulting gain or loss, if any, is recognized in the statement of operations. Amounts arising from interests in the acquiree prior to the acquisition date that have previously been recognized in income and other comprehensive income are reclassified to the statement of operations where such treatment would be appropriate if that interest were disposed of.

If the initial accounting for a business combination is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs, the Company reports provisional amounts for the items for which the accounting is incomplete.

*Functional currency*

The functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries is the US dollar. The Company translates monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in currencies other than the US dollar at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the reporting period; non-monetary assets denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the exchange rate prevailing at the transaction date; all revenue and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the transaction date. All foreign exchange gains and losses are reported in the statement of operations.

*Revenue recognition*

Revenue is recognized upon the transfer of control of promised goods or services to customer in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive for those goods or services:

*Revenue from franchise locations*

- i) Royalties are based either on a percentage of gross sales as reported by the franchisees or on a fixed monthly fee. They are recognized on an accrual basis in accordance with the substance of the relevant agreement, as they are earned.
- ii) Promotional fund contributions are based on a percentage of gross sales as reported by the franchisees. Corresponding promotional fund transfers are presented directly on the consolidated balance sheets. The Company is not entitled to retain these promotional fund payments received and is obligated to transfer these funds to be used solely for use in promotional and marketing-related costs for specific restaurant banners. The Company sometimes charges a fee for the administration of the promotional funds.

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.**  
**Notes to the consolidated financial statements**

Years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023

(In thousands of US dollars)

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**2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Revenue recognition (continued)*

*Revenue from franchise locations (continued)*

- iii) Initial franchise fees are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the franchise agreement as the performance obligation relating to franchise rights is fulfilled. Amortization begins once the restaurant has opened.
- iv) Upfront fees related to master license agreements are recognized over the term of the master license agreements on a straight-line basis.
- v) Renewal fees and transfer fees are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the related franchise agreement.
- vi) The Company earns rent revenue on certain leases it holds; the Company's policy is described below.
- vii) Revenue from equipment sale and retail sales are recognized upon transfer of control, generally upon shipment of the equipment or goods. This revenue is recorded in resale material and retail sales.
- viii) The Company recognizes breakage income proportionately as each gift card is redeemed, based on the historical redemption patterns of the gift cards. The Company also charges various program fees to its franchisees as gift cards are redeemed. Notably, this does not apply to gift card liabilities assumed in a business acquisition, which are accounted for at fair value at acquisition date.
- ix) The Company receives considerations from certain suppliers. Fees are generally earned based on the value of purchases during the period. Agreements that contain an initial upfront fee, in addition to ongoing fees, are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the respective agreement. Supplier contributions are recognized as revenue as they are earned and are recorded in franchising revenue.
- x) The Company earns e-commerce fees, which includes point-of-sale ("POS") support fees and transaction fees for purchase made through one of the Company's brands' e-commerce platforms. POS support fees are received quarterly in advance and are recognized over the period they cover. Transaction fees are recognized when the food items purchased from a store are delivered or picked up by customers.

*Revenue from corporate-owned locations*

Revenue from corporate-owned locations is recorded when goods are delivered to customers.

*Contract cost asset*

The Company recognizes incremental costs of obtaining a contract as an asset if they are expected to be recoverable, unless their amortization period would be less than one year, in which case they are expensed as incurred. The costs are amortized to operating expenses over the term of the related franchise agreement.

*Leasing*

In accordance with ASC 842, the Company determines if an arrangement is or contains a lease at contract inception and recognizes a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less but greater than one month are not recorded on the balance sheet for select asset classes.

The lease liability is measured at the present value of future lease payments as of the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset recognized is based on the lease liability adjusted for prepaid and deferred rent and unamortized lease incentives. An operating lease right-of-use asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the lease term and is recognized as a single lease cost against the operating lease liability. A finance lease right-of-use asset is amortized on a straight-line basis, with interest costs reported separately, over the lesser of the useful life of the leased asset or lease term.

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**2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Leasing (continued)*

Operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term and is included in Operating expenses. Variable lease payments are expensed as incurred. The Company uses its incremental borrowing rates as the discount rate for its leases, which is equal to the rate of interest the Company would have to pay on a collateralized basis to borrow an amount equal to the lease payments under similar terms. The lease terms for all the Company's leases include the contractually obligated period of the leases, plus any additional periods covered by Company options to extend the leases that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise. Certain leases provide that the lease payments may be increased annually based on the fixed rate terms or adjustable terms such as the Consumer Price Index. Future base rent escalations that are not contractually quantifiable as of the lease commencement date are not included in the lease liability.

Lease expense is comprised of operating and finance lease costs, short-term lease costs, and variable lease costs, which primarily include common area maintenance, real estate taxes, and insurance for the Company's real estate leases.

The Company enters into leases for franchised and corporately-owned locations, offices, and equipment in the normal course of business.

The Company as lessee

The Company recognizes operating lease liabilities with corresponding operating lease right-of-use assets, except for short-term leases and leases of low value assets, which are expensed on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The Company's leases are all classified as operating leases. The amortization of the operating lease right-of-use asset and interest expense related to the operating lease liability are recorded together as the lease expense to produce a straight-line recognition effect in the consolidated statement of operations. Under ASC 842, operating lease right-of-use assets are tested for impairment in accordance with ASC 360, Property, Plant and Equipment.

The Company as lessor

When the Company enters into a sublease arrangement as an intermediate lessor, the Company accounts for the head lease and the sublease as two separate contracts. All the subleases of the Company are classified as operating subleases by reference to the operating lease right-of-use asset arising from the underlying asset. For operating subleases, the Company recognizes an operating right-of-use asset relating to the head lease and recognizes a deferred rent asset or liability in the sublease. As the intermediate lessor, the Company retains the operating lease liability on the head lease in its consolidated balance sheet. During the term of the sublease, the Company recognizes both lease income on the sublease and lease expense on the head lease.

*Income taxes*

The Company accounts for income taxes pursuant to ASC 740, Income Taxes ("ASC 740"). Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recorded for differences between the financial statement and tax basis of the assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on enacted tax laws and rates. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized. Income tax expense is recorded for the amount of income tax payable or refundable for the period increased or decreased by the change in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the period.

The Company recognizes the financial statement benefit of a tax position only after determining that the relevant tax authority would more likely than not sustain the position following an audit. For tax positions meeting the more-likely-than-not threshold, the amount recognized in the financial statements is the largest benefit that has a greater than 50 percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement with the relevant tax authority.

*Expected Credit loss*

The Company currently uses an expected credit loss ("ECL") model for its trade receivables, which permits the uses of the lifetime expected loss provision for all trade receivables and also incorporates forward-looking information. Lifetime ECL represents the ECL that will result from all probable default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

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**2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Assets held for sale*

Assets are classified as held for sale when management with the appropriate authority commits to a plan to sell the assets, the assets are available for immediate sale, the assets are actively marketed at a reasonable price, the sale is probable within a year, and certain other criteria met. Assets held for sale primarily include Company-owned stores and, in some instances, associated trademarks and right-of-use assets, when the Company has committed to their sale as part of an approved plan. Assets designated as held for sale are held at the lower of the net book value or fair value less costs to sell. Depreciation is not charged against property, plant and equipment or right-of-use assets classified as assets held for sale.

*Property, plant and equipment*

Land and buildings held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes, are stated in the consolidated balance sheet at their historical costs less accumulated depreciation (buildings) and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset, including any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to a working condition for its intended use.

Equipment, leasehold improvements, rolling stock and computer hardware are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognized so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation methods are reviewed at the end of each year, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognized in the statement of operations.

Depreciation is based on the following terms:

Buildings	Straight-line	25 to 50 years
Equipment	Straight-line	Three to 10 years
Leasehold improvements	Straight-line	Term of the lease
Rolling stock	Straight-line	Five to seven years
Computer hardware	Straight-line	Three to seven years

*Intangible assets*

Intangible assets acquired separately

Intangible assets with finite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses, if applicable. Amortization is recognized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives and amortization methods are reviewed at the end of each year, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses, if applicable.

Intangible assets acquired in a business combination

Intangible assets acquired in a business combination and recognized separately from goodwill are initially recognized at their fair value at the acquisition date.

Subsequent to initial recognition, intangible assets having a finite life acquired in a business combination are reported at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses, if applicable, on the same basis as intangible assets that are acquired separately. Intangible assets having an indefinite life are not amortized and are therefore carried at cost reduced by previous impairment losses, if applicable.

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**2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Intangible assets (continued)*

Derecognition of intangible assets

An intangible asset is derecognized on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from use or disposal. Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset, measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, are recognized in the statement of operations when the asset is derecognized.

The Company currently carries the following intangible assets in its books:

*Franchise rights*

The franchise rights acquired through business combinations are recognized at the fair value of the estimated future cash inflows related to the acquisition of franchises. The franchise rights are generally amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the agreements which typically range between 10 to 20 years.

*Trademarks*

Trademarks acquired through business combinations are recognized at their fair value at the time of the acquisition and are not amortized. Trademarks are determined to have an indefinite useful life based on their brand recognition and their ability to generate revenue through changing economic conditions with no foreseeable time limit.

*Other*

Included in other intangible assets are purchased software and liquor licences, which are being amortized over their expected useful life on a straight-line basis.

*Impairment of long-lived assets other than goodwill*

The Company continually reviews whether events or circumstances subsequent to the acquisition of any long-lived assets, including intangible assets with finite and infinite useful lives, have occurred that indicate the remaining estimated useful lives of those assets may warrant revision or that the remaining balance of those assets may not be recoverable. If events and circumstances indicate that the long-lived assets should be reviewed for possible impairment, the Company uses projections to assess whether future cash flows on an undiscounted basis related to the assets exceed the recorded carrying amount of those assets to determine if an asset is impaired. Should an impairment be identified, a loss would be recorded to the extent that the carrying value of the impaired assets exceeds their fair values as determined by valuation techniques appropriate in the circumstances that could include the use of similar cash flow projections on a discounted basis. The reporting units of indefinite intangible assets are individual brands, comprised of franchise rights, trademarks, and perpetual licenses.

*Impairment of goodwill*

For the purposes of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to the unit or group of units ("reporting unit") that are considered to represent the lowest level within the group at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes. As of September 1, 2024, the Company reassessed the reporting units based on a strategic realignment and merger of business units in the US. With the change in management team and the overall change in decision making and overall synergies brought from the merger of these units, it was determined that the merger US Goodwill Unit A and D would be merged and that US Goodwill Unit B and C would be merged.

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**2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Impairment goodwill (continued)*

As at November 30, 2024, goodwill is allocated as follows:

<b>Goodwill unit description</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
US Goodwill Unit A	A group of reporting units comprised of all the brands, excluding Papa Murphy's and the brands acquired with BBQ Holdings, Inc. ("BBQ Holdings")	A group of reporting units comprised of all the brands, excluding Papa Murphy's and the brands acquired with BBQ Holdings, Inc. ("BBQ Holdings")
US Goodwill Unit B	A group of reporting units comprised of the BBQ Holdings brands and the Papa Murphy's brand	One reporting unit comprised of Papa Murphy's brand
US Goodwill Unit C		A group of reporting units comprised of the BBQ Holdings brands
US Goodwill Unit D		One reporting unit comprised of Wetzel's Pretzels brand

*Impairment of goodwill (continued)*

Goodwill is tested for impairment on an annual basis (September 1 for the Company) and between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. Fair value is determined using a discounted cash flow methodology with a risk adjusted weighted average cost of capital.

*Cash and restricted cash*

Cash and restricted cash include cash on hand and short-term investments, if any, with maturities upon acquisition of generally three months or less or that are redeemable at any time at full value and for which the risk of a change in value is not significant. As at November 30, 2024, cash and restricted cash included \$250 of restricted cash (2023 – \$271) that is required as part of guarantees on certain lease commitments.

*Inventories*

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Costs of inventories are determined on a first-in-first-out basis and include acquisition costs and other costs incurred to bring inventories to their present location and condition.

Market value represents the current replacement cost, provided that the cost does not exceed the net realizable value or is not less than the net realizable value reduced by a normal profit margin.

*Contingencies*

*Litigation, disputes and closed stores*

Provisions for the expected cost of litigation, disputes and the cost of settling leases for closed stores, with the exception of operating lease liabilities already recorded pursuant to ASC 842, are recognized when it becomes probable the Company will be required to settle the obligation, at management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the Company's obligation.

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**2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Contingencies (continued)*

*Contingent liabilities acquired in a business combination*

Contingent liabilities acquired in a business combination are initially measured at fair value at the acquisition date. At the end of subsequent reporting periods, such contingent liabilities are measured at the higher of the amount that would be recognized, and the amount initially recognized.

*Financial instruments*

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, restricted cash, accounts receivable, loans receivable, receivable from company under common control, receivable from ultimate parent, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, promotional funds payable, advance from parent company, advances from companies under common control, long-term loan from company under common control and holdbacks payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Company is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair values for cash, restricted cash, accounts receivable, loans receivable, receivable from company under common control, receivable from ultimate parent, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, promotional funds payable, advance from parent company and advances from companies under common control approximate their carrying values due to their immediate or short-term maturities, unless otherwise noted. The long-term loan from company under common control, advances from ultimate parent and holdbacks payable are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

*Promotional funds*

Pursuant to the franchise agreements, franchisees must pay a fee to the promotional funds. These amounts are collected by the Company in its capacity as agent and must be used for promotional and advertising purposes, since the amounts are set aside to promote the respective banners for the franchisees' benefit. The promotional funds collected, and the related expenditures are reported on a gross basis in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income. To the extent that promotional funds received exceed the related promotional expenditures, the excess contributions will be recorded in accounts payable or accrued liabilities.

Cash held pursuant to the promotional funds received are classified as unrestricted cash as there are no legal restrictions on the use of these funds; however, the Company intends to use these funds solely to support the promotional funds rather than to fund its ongoing operations. As at November 30, 2024, promotional funds were in a net liability position amounting to \$7,694 (2023 – net liability position of \$11,357).

*Subsequent events*

Subsequent events were evaluated through the date that the consolidated financial statements were issued, which was January 31, 2024.

*Estimates and assumptions*

*Business combinations*

For business combinations, the Company must make assumptions and estimates to determine the purchase price accounting of the business being acquired. To do so, the Company must determine the acquisition date fair value of the identifiable assets acquired, including such intangible assets as franchise rights and master franchise rights, trademarks, step-in rights and liabilities assumed. Among other things, the determination of these fair market values involves the use of discounted cash flow analyses and future system sales growth. Goodwill is measured as the excess of the fair value of the consideration transferred including the recognized amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree over the net recognized amount of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed, all measured at the acquisition date. These assumptions and estimates have an impact on the asset and liability amounts recorded in the consolidated balance sheets on the acquisition date. In addition, the estimated useful lives of the acquired amortizable assets, the identification of intangible assets and the determination of the indefinite or finite useful lives of intangible assets acquired will have an impact on the Company's future statement of operations.

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**2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Estimates and assumptions (continued)*

*Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets*

The fair value calculation includes estimates of revenue growth, which are based on past performance and internal projections for the intangible asset group's forecasted growth, and royalty rates, which are adjusted for our particular facts and circumstances. The discount rate is selected based on the estimated cost of capital that reflects the risk profile of the related business. These estimates are highly subjective, the ability to achieve the forecasted cash flows used in our fair value calculations is affected by factors such as the success of strategic initiatives, changes in economic conditions, changes in our operating performance and changes in our business strategies.

*Contingencies*

The Company makes assumptions and estimations based on its current knowledge of future disbursements it will have to make in connection with various events that have occurred in the past and for which the amount to be disbursed and the timing of such disbursement are uncertain at the date of producing its consolidated financial statements. This includes contingencies for onerous contracts, litigations and disputes and other contingencies.

*Gift card liabilities*

Management is required to make certain assumptions in both the prorated recognition based on redemption pattern and remoteness recognition of gift card breakage. The significant estimates are breakage rate and the redemption patterns.

**3. Business acquisitions**

**I) Sauce Pizza and Wine (2023)**

On December 15, 2022, the Company completed the acquisition of the assets of Sauce Pizza and Wine, an operator of fast casual restaurants operating in the state of Arizona in the US. As of the date of the acquisition, Sauce Pizza and Wine was operating 13 corporate-owned restaurants. The purpose of the transaction was to diversify the Company's range of offerings in the US.

The transaction included a purchase price totaling \$11,165 and a holdback on acquisition of \$798, as detailed below. The resulting aggregate cash outflow in connection with the Sauce Pizza and Wine acquisition was \$9,927.

	<u>2023</u>
	\$
Consideration paid:	
Purchase price	11,165
Working capital	(401)
Cash	23
Discount on non-interest-bearing holdback	(39)
Total consideration	<u>10,748</u>
Cash	(23)
Holdback	(798)
Net consideration paid/cash outflow	<u>9,927</u>

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**3. Business acquisitions (continued)**

**I) Sauce Pizza and Wine (2023) (continued)**

The final purchase price allocation is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>
	<u>\$</u>
Net assets acquired:	
Current assets	
Cash	23
Inventories	183
Prepaid expenses and deposits	<u>193</u>
	399
Property, plant and equipment	3,821
Operating lease right-of-use assets	7,262
Intangible assets – Trademark	4,140
Goodwill <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>3,658</u>
	<u>19,280</u>
Current liabilities	
Accrued liabilities	78
Gift card liability	1,086
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	<u>1,218</u>
	2,382
Operating lease liabilities	<u>6,150</u>
	<u>8,532</u>
Net purchase price	<u><u>10,748</u></u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Goodwill is deductible for tax purposes.

Total expenses incurred related to acquisition costs amounted to \$160.

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**3. Business acquisitions (continued)**

**II) Wetzel's Pretzels (2023)**

On December 8, 2022, the Company completed the acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding shares of COP WP Parent, Inc. ("Wetzel's Pretzels"), a franchisor and operator of quick service restaurants operating in the snack category across 25 states in the US, as well as in Canada and Panama. As of the date of the acquisition, Wetzel's Pretzels was operating 328 franchised and 38 corporate-owned restaurants. The purpose of the transaction was to diversify the Company's range of offerings in the US.

The transaction included a purchase price totaling \$210,189, as detailed below. The resulting aggregate cash outflow in connection with the Wetzel's Pretzels acquisition was \$203,328. The transaction consideration also includes \$3,000 held in escrow contingent on the execution of several lease contracts within 12 months of acquisitions. As of December 8, 2023, only a portion of the contracts were executed and therefore \$1,600 was released from escrow and recorded as a gain in the statement of profit and loss.

	<u>2023</u>
	\$
Consideration paid:	
Purchase price	<u>210,189</u>
Total consideration	<u>210,189</u>
Cash	<u>(6,861)</u>
Net consideration paid/cash outflow	<u>203,328</u>

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**3. Business acquisitions (continued)**

**II) Wetzel's Pretzels (2023) (continued)**

The final purchase price allocation is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>
	\$
Net assets acquired:	
Current assets	
Cash	6,861
Accounts receivable	1,005
Inventories	265
Current portion of loans receivable	45
Prepaid expenses and deposits	757
Income taxes receivable	1,371
	<u>10,304</u>
Loans receivable	594
Property, plant and equipment	5,082
Operating lease right-of-use assets	21,931
Intangible assets – Franchise rights	35,600
Intangible assets – Trademarks	71,700
Goodwill <sup>(1)</sup>	118,447
	<u>263,658</u>
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	911
Accrued liabilities	4,979
Promotional funds payable	431
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	936
Current portion of deferred revenue and deposits	67
Income taxes payable	547
	<u>7,871</u>
Operating lease liabilities	20,995
Deferred revenue and deposits	939
Deferred income taxes	23,664
	<u>53,469</u>
Net purchase price	<u>210,189</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> Goodwill is deductible for tax purposes.

Total expenses incurred related to acquisition costs amounted to \$320.

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**4. Accounts receivable**

Details of accounts receivable are as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	\$	\$
Total accounts receivable	<b>30,676</b>	31,738
Less: Allowance for credit losses	<b>(1,921)</b>	(2,277)
Total accounts receivable, net	<b>28,755</b>	29,461
Of which:		
Not past due	<b>23,612</b>	25,787
Past due for more than one day but no more than 30 days	<b>1,736</b>	430
Past due for more than 31 days but no more than 60 days	<b>695</b>	208
Past due for more than 61 days	<b>2,712</b>	3,036
Total accounts receivable, net	<b>28,755</b>	29,461
	<b>2024</b>	2023
	\$	\$
Allowance for credit losses, beginning of year	<b>(2,277)</b>	(2,013)
Recovery (provision)	<b>322</b>	(733)
Additions through business acquisition	<b>—</b>	(374)
Reversal of amounts previously written off	<b>(33)</b>	(2)
Write-offs	<b>67</b>	845
Allowance for credit losses, end of year	<b>(1,921)</b>	(2,277)

**5. Assets and liabilities held for sale**

Assets and liabilities held for sale as at November 30, 2024 and 2023 are stated at fair value less costs to sell. During the reporting period, the Company designated certain assets and liabilities related to a casual dining brand as held for sale. This decision reflects management's formal commitment to a plan to divest these assets, which include both Company-owned stores and associated intangible assets.

The assets reclassified as held for sale primarily consist of inventories, prepaid expenses, deposits, right-of-use assets (Note 6), property plant, and equipment (Note 7) and intangible assets (Note 8). The liabilities included in the carrying value are the gift card payable and the lease liability (Note 6). This reclassification on November 30, 2024 led to an impairment charge of \$849 to right-of-use-asset, \$505 to property, plant and equipment and \$1,088 to trademarks in Reporting Unit A. The total carrying amount reclassified as held for sale is comprised of assets of \$3,116 and liabilities of \$2,116 resulting in a net amount of \$1,000.

In November 2023 assets held for sale comprised of one locations leasehold improvement, land and building that were transferred from property, plant and equipment (Note 7). They did not meet the definition of assets held for sale at the acquisition date of BBQ Holdings.

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**6. Leases**

**Operating lease right-of-use assets**

The following table provides the net carrying amounts of the operating lease right-of-use assets by class of underlying asset and the changes in the years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023:

	<b>Offices and stores</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at November 30, 2022	165,208	433	165,641
Additions	7,115	160	7,275
Additions through business acquisitions (Note 3)	29,274	—	29,274
Depreciation expense	(40,972)	(278)	(41,250)
De-recognition/lease modifications	26,139	(5)	26,134
Balance as at November 30, 2023	186,764	310	187,074
Additions	<b>12,844</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>12,934</b>
Assets held for sale (Note 5)	<b>(953)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(953)</b>
Depreciation expense	<b>(39,781)</b>	<b>(139)</b>	<b>(39,920)</b>
Impairment charge	<b>(849)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>(849)</b>
De-recognition/lease modifications	<b>32,047</b>	<b>(30)</b>	<b>32,017</b>
Balance as at November 30, 2024	<b>190,072</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>190,303</b>

The Company recorded sublease income from its operating lease right-of-use assets amounting to \$23,431 (2023 – \$24,789).

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**6. Leases (continued)**

**Operating lease liabilities**

The following table provides the net carrying amounts of the operating lease liabilities and the changes in the years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023:

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>\$</b>	\$
Operating lease liabilities, beginning of year	<b>190,493</b>	167,716
Additions	<b>12,934</b>	7,284
Additions through business acquisitions (Note 3)	—	29,380
Transfer to assets held for sale (Note 5)	<b>(1,848)</b>	—
Lease renewals and modifications	<b>35,264</b>	29,624
Lease terminations	<b>(3,316)</b>	(3,554)
Other adjustments	<b>(329)</b>	(201)
Interest expense	<b>10,731</b>	10,449
Payments	<b>(49,516)</b>	(50,205)
Operating lease liabilities, end of year	<b>194,413</b>	190,493

Recorded in the consolidated balance sheets as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>\$</b>	\$
Current portion	<b>38,340</b>	37,080
Long-term portion	<b>156,073</b>	153,413
	<b>194,413</b>	190,493

**Maturity analysis**

The following table sets out a maturity analysis of lease payments, showing the undiscounted lease payments to be paid after November 30, 2024:

	<b>Leases</b>	<b>Expected sublease income</b>
	<b>\$</b>	\$
2025	49,565	22,430
2026	43,786	18,679
2027	37,267	14,647
2028	30,325	10,977
2029	22,736	6,760
Thereafter	50,978	10,130
<b>Total undiscounted lease payments</b>	<b>234,657</b>	<b>83,623</b>
Less: Unearned finance income	(40,244)	—
<b>Total present value of lease liabilities and expected sublease income</b>	<b>194,413</b>	<b>83,623</b>

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**7. Property, plant and equipment**

Cost	Leasehold improvements		Rolling stock	Computer hardware	Land	Building	Total
	Equipment						
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at November 30, 2022	21,299	26,495	24	3,998	3,145	3,509	58,470
Additions	6,215	5,978	—	1,007	—	50	13,250
Additions through business acquisition (Note 3)	2,014	6,242	(8)	(89)	75	(314)	7,920
Disposals	(578)	(155)	—	(125)	—	—	(858)
Impairment (Note 10)	(139)	(16)	—	(14)	—	—	(169)
Balance as at November 30, 2023	28,811	38,544	16	4,777	3,220	3,245	78,613
Additions	<b>5,100</b>	<b>4,427</b>	—	<b>1,369</b>	—	<b>67</b>	<b>10,963</b>
Disposals	<b>(1,088)</b>	<b>(221)</b>	—	<b>(90)</b>	—	—	<b>(1,399)</b>
Impairment (Note 10)	<b>(2,239)</b>	<b>(3,662)</b>	—	<b>(249)</b>	—	—	<b>(6,150)</b>
Transfer to assets held for sale (Note 5)	<b>(469)</b>	<b>(323)</b>	—	<b>(22)</b>	—	—	<b>(814)</b>
Balance as at November 30, 2024	<b>30,115</b>	<b>38,765</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5,785</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>81,213</b>
Accumulated depreciation	Equipment	Leasehold improvements	Rolling stock	Computer hardware	Land	Building	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at November 30, 2022	1,535	1,512	7	914	—	44	4,012
Depreciation	3,362	7,381	(7)	524	—	98	11,358
Disposals	(282)	(65)	—	(9)	—	—	(356)
Balance as at November 30, 2023	4,615	8,828	—	1,429	—	142	15,014
Depreciation	<b>4,658</b>	<b>8,087</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>531</b>	—	<b>190</b>	<b>13,469</b>
Disposals	<b>(516)</b>	<b>(115)</b>	—	<b>(68)</b>	—	—	<b>(699)</b>
Transfer to assets held for sale (Note 5)	<b>(141)</b>	<b>(98)</b>	—	<b>(7)</b>	—	—	<b>(246)</b>
Balance as at November 30, 2024	<b>8,616</b>	<b>16,702</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,885</b>	—	<b>332</b>	<b>27,538</b>
Carrying amounts	Equipment	Leasehold improvements	Rolling stock	Computer hardware	Land	Building	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
November 30, 2023	24,196	29,716	16	3,348	3,220	3,103	63,599
November 30, 2024	<b>21,499</b>	<b>22,063</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>2,980</b>	<b>53,675</b>

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**8. Intangible assets**

Cost	Franchise	Trademarks	Other	Total
	rights			
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at November 30, 2022	181,224	417,870	5,007	604,101
Additions	—	—	565	565
Additions through business acquisitions (Note 3)	34,260	67,830	517	102,607
Disposals	—	—	(177)	(177)
Impairment (Note 10)	(559)	(3,504)	—	(4,063)
Balance as at November 30, 2023	214,925	482,196	5,912	703,033
Additions	275	—	43	318
Disposals	—	—	(230)	(230)
Impairment (Note 10)	(1,390)	(6,191)	(186)	(7,767)
Transfer to assets held for sale (Note 5)	—	(1,222)	(175)	(1,397)
Balance as at November 30, 2024	<b>213,810</b>	<b>474,783</b>	<b>5,364</b>	<b>693,957</b>
Accumulated amortization	Franchise	Trademarks	Other	Total
	rights			
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at November 30, 2022	80,593	—	1,108	81,701
Disposals	—	—	(49)	(49)
Amortization	18,434	—	779	19,213
Balance as at November 30, 2023	99,027	—	1,838	100,865
Amortization	15,124	—	641	15,765
Balance as at November 30, 2024	<b>114,151</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2,479</b>	<b>116,630</b>
Carrying amounts	Franchise	Trademarks	Other	Total
	rights			
	\$	\$	\$	\$
November 30, 2023	115,898	482,196	4,074	602,168
<b>November 30, 2024</b>	<b>99,659</b>	<b>474,783</b>	<b>2,885</b>	<b>577,327</b>

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**9. Goodwill**

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill are as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Goodwill, beginning of year	424,828	286,713
Amount recognized from business acquisitions (Note 3)	—	138,115
Goodwill, end of year	424,828	424,828
Accumulated impairment, beginning of year	(48,653)	(48,653)
Impairment (Note 10)	(29,685)	—
Accumulated impairment, beginning and end of year	(78,338)	(48,653)
Carrying amount	346,490	376,175

**10. Impairment – property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and goodwill**

The Company performed its annual impairment test as at September 1, 2024, resulting in the recognition of \$6,679 (2023 – \$4,063) of impairment losses on its intangible assets for five of its brands (2023 – four brands). The Company also recorded an impairment of \$1,088 on one of its brands resulting from the reclass to assets held for sale (Note 5).

As of September 1, 2024, the Company reassessed the reporting unit based on a strategic realignment and merger of business units in the US. The goodwill impairment for the reporting unit comprised of Papa Murphy's brand was subject to an impairment test prior to the strategic realignment and this resulted in an impairment of goodwill of \$29,685 (2023 – \$nil).

Additionally, the Company recorded \$6,150 of impairment losses on its property, plant and equipment (2023 – \$169), for a total of \$43,602 (2023 – \$4,232) of impairment charges on its property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and goodwill for the year ended November 30, 2024, which have been recognized in the consolidated statement of operations.

Impairment charges were based on the amount by which the carrying values of the assets exceeded the fair value, determined using expected discounted projected operating cash flows for trademarks and franchise rights.

Impairment by reporting unit for the year ended November 30, 2024:

	Intangible assets					Total
	Property, plant and equipment	Franchise rights	Trademarks	Other	Goodwill	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Reporting Unit A	1,886	205	2,069	—	—	4,160
Reporting Unit B	4,264	1,185	4,122	186	29,685	39,442
	6,150	1,390	6,191	186	29,685	43,602

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**10. Impairment (continued)**

Impairment by reporting unit for the year ended November 30, 2023:

	Intangible assets			Total
	Property, plant and equipment	Franchise rights	Trademarks	
	\$	\$	\$	
Reporting Unit A	22	559	3,264	3,845
Reporting Unit B	—	—	—	—
Reporting Unit C	105	—	240	345
Reporting Unit D	42	—	—	42
	169	559	3,504	4,232

The key assumptions used are those related to projected operating cash flows, as well as the discount rates. The sales forecasts for cash flows were based on the subsequent fiscal year's budgeted operating results, which were prepared by management and approved by the Board, and internal forecasts for subsequent years, which were prepared by management and developed from the budgeted operating results.

The following table presents the key assumptions used in the Company's impairment tests, as well as the recoverable amounts measured at fair value as at September 1, 2024 and 2023:

	2024		2023			
	Reporting Unit A	Reporting Unit B	Reporting Unit A	Reporting Unit B	Reporting Unit C	Reporting Unit D
<i>(\$, except percentage data)</i>						
Discount rates after tax	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
Discount rates pre-tax	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>13.6%</b>
Recoverable amounts	<b>875,925</b>	<b>604,533</b>	<b>539,407</b>	<b>266,604</b>	<b>313,644</b>	<b>270,246</b>

Long-term growth rates ranging from 0% to 2% (2023 – 0% to 2%) were used in the impairment test for Reporting Unit A. A change of 100 basis points in discount rates in Reporting Unit A would result in additional impairment charges on intangible assets of four brands (2023 – three brands) representing 0.5% (2023 – 0.7%) of the total carrying value of the franchise rights and trademarks in that unit. A change of 100 basis points in discount rates in Reporting Unit A would not result in additional impairment charges on goodwill for the years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023. For Reporting Unit A, an increase of 430 basis points in the discount rate would have resulted in its recoverable amount being equal to its carrying value.

Long-term growth rates of 2.0% were used in the impairment test for Reporting Unit B. A change of 100 basis points in discount rates in Reporting Unit B would result in additional impairment charges on intangible assets of one brand (2023 – nil) representing 0.1% (2023 – nil) of the total carrying value of the franchise rights and trademarks in that unit. A change of 100 basis points in discount rates in Reporting Unit B would not result in additional impairment charges on goodwill for the years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023. For Reporting Unit B, an increase of 130 basis points in the discount rate would have resulted in its recoverable amount being equal to its carrying value.

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**11. Gift card liability**

The changes in the carrying amount of the gift card liability are as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	\$	\$
Gift card liability, beginning of year	<b>104,858</b>	91,453
Activations	<b>77,690</b>	52,873
Redemptions	<b>(66,987)</b>	(39,603)
Gift card liability acquired and purchase price allocation adjustments (Note 3)	—	5,884
Deferred program fees and other	<b>(320)</b>	(1,065)
Gift card breakage recorded	<b>(5,989)</b>	(4,684)
Gift card liability, end of year	<b>109,252</b>	104,858

**12. Deferred revenue and deposits**

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	\$	\$
Franchise fee deposits	<b>33,594</b>	28,948
Unearned rent	<b>1,737</b>	1,794
Supplier contributions and other allowances	<b>932</b>	1,786
	<b>36,263</b>	32,528
Current portion	<b>(8,093)</b>	(7,775)
	<b>28,170</b>	24,753

Deferred revenues consist mostly of initial, transfer and renewal franchise fees paid by franchisees, as well as upfront fees paid by master franchisees, which are generally recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the related agreement. Deferred revenues also include amounts paid in upfront fees received from agreements with suppliers, which are amortized over the term of the related agreement. \$7,329 (2023 – \$8,055) of revenue recognized in the current year was included in the deferred revenue balance at the beginning of the year.

The following table provides estimated revenues expected to be recognized in future years related to performance obligations that are unsatisfied as at November 30, 2024:

Estimate for fiscal year:	\$
2025	8,093
2026	4,452
2027	3,660
2028	2,814
2029	2,411
Thereafter	14,833
	<u>36,263</u>

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**13. Receivables and advances from ultimate parent, parent company and companies under common control**

The receivable from ultimate parent is primarily comprised of a renewable one-year term loan facility of \$194,988 (2023 – \$148,670). The term loan is unsecured and bears interest at the rate set at the Applicable Federal Rates as issued by the US Internal Revenue Service for short-term instruments. The term loan may be repaid, in whole or in part, at any time, without premium or penalty. MTY USA may also request repayment, in whole or in part, at any time, without penalty.

The advance from ultimate parent is comprised of three loans totaling \$708,363 seen in note 14 (2023 – \$705,683). Those loans are unsecured and each tranche has a different interest rate spanning from non interest bearing to 9.26%. These loans may be repaid, in whole or in part, at any time, without premium or penalty.

The receivable from company under common control and advances from parent company and companies under common control are non-interest bearing and receivable/due on demand with no specified collection/repayment terms.

**14. Long-term loan from company under common control**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Non interest-bearing loan, due on demand	2,700	—
Interest-bearing loan at 5.4%, repayable by November 27, 2026 <sup>(1)</sup>	299,850	299,850
Interest-bearing loan at 9.26%, repayable by December 8, 2029	405,813	405,833
	<b>708,363</b>	<b>705,683</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> This loan is subject to a maximum debt-to-EBITDA ratio of 6.00:1.00 starting on November 27, 2019, and a minimum EBITDA interest coverage ratio of 2.00:1.00 to be calculated in conjunction with interest payments based on the past 12 months.

**15. Holdback payable**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Non-interest-bearing holdback on acquisition of Sauce Pizza and Wine, repayable in December 2023 (Note 3)	—	837
Non-interest-bearing holdback on acquisition of the assets of two restaurants located in California, repayable within the next 12 months	—	75
Current portion of holdback payable	—	912

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**16. Contingencies**

The contingencies for litigation and disputes represent management's best estimate of the outcome of litigations and disputes that are ongoing at the date of the consolidated balance sheet. These contingencies consist of multiple items, a large part of which are insurance claims, including worker's compensation claims, at the Company's corporately owned locations. The timing of the settlement of these contingencies is unknown given their nature, as the Company does not control the litigation timelines.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Provision for litigations, disputes and other contingencies, beginning of year	2,849	724
Reversals	(790)	(304)
Amounts used	(9,424)	(8,797)
Additions	10,058	11,226
Provision for litigations, disputes and other contingencies, end of year	<b>2,693</b>	2,849

**17. Common stock**

	2024		2023	
	Shares Issued	\$	Shares issued	\$
Balance, beginning and end of year	15	179,154	15	179,154

**18. Financial instruments**

In the normal course of business, the Company uses various financial instruments which by their nature involve risk, including market risk and the credit risk of non-performance by counterparties. These financial instruments are subject to normal credit standards, financial controls, risk management as well as monitoring procedures.

*Fair value of recognized financial instruments*

The Company has determined that the fair value of its financial assets and financial liabilities with short-term maturities approximates their carrying value. These financial instruments include cash, accounts receivable, receivable from ultimate parent, deposits loans receivable, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, promotional funds payable, advances from parent company and from companies under common control and holdbacks.

*Risk management policies*

The Company, through its financial assets and financial liabilities, is exposed to various risks. The following analysis provides a measurement of risks as at November 30, 2024.

*Credit risk*

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables, loans receivable and deposits. For accounts receivable and loans receivable, the amounts disclosed on the consolidated balance sheets are net of allowances for bad debts, estimated by the Company's management based on past experience and counterparty specific circumstances. The Company believes that the credit risk of accounts receivable is limited for the following reasons:

- The Company's broad client base is spread mostly across the US, which limits the concentration of credit risk.
- The Company accounts for specific bad debt provisions when management considers that the expected recovery is less than the actual account receivable.

The credit risk on cash is limited because the Company invests its excess liquidity in high-quality financial instruments and with credit-worthy counterparties.

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**18. Financial instruments (continued)**

The credit risk on deposits is also limited as these are mostly with well-established and credit-worthy companies.

*Interest rate risk*

Interest rate risk is the Company's exposure to increases and decreases in financial instrument values caused by the fluctuation in interest rates. The Company has limited exposure to interest rate risk as its long-term loans from company under common control and ultimate parent as well as its long-term debt have fixed interest rates

**19. Revenue**

	For the year ended					
	November 30, 2024			11/30/2023 Adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>		
	Franchising	Corporate	Total	Franchising	Corporate	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Corporate store revenues	—	330,599	330,599	—	337,937	337,937
Royalties	128,335	—	128,335	128,461	—	128,461
Franchise fees, transfer fees and master license fees	5,770	—	5,770	4,996	—	4,996
Promotional funds	56,563	—	56,563	56,734	—	56,734
Program allowances	30,373	—	30,373	32,499	—	32,499
Breakage income	5,989	—	5,989	4,684	—	4,684
Resale material and retail sales	4,781	—	4,781	5,754	—	5,754
Rent	25,199	—	25,199	26,337	—	26,337
Other	9,929	—	9,929	9,215	—	9,215
	<b>266,939</b>	<b>330,599</b>	<b>597,538</b>	268,680	337,937	606,617

(1) Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation. Lease income in comparative period of \$26.3 million was reclassified from operating expense to revenue.

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**20. Operating expenses**

	For the year ended					
	November 30, 2024			November 30, 2023 Adjusted <sup>(2)</sup>		
	Franchising	Corporate	Total	Franchising	Corporate	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost of goods sold	2,342	89,624	91,966	2,284	94,465	96,749
Wages and benefits	52,855	118,514	171,369	54,590	115,976	170,566
Advertising, marketing and promotion	443	6,000	6,443	462	5,311	5,773
Rent	27,748	37,925	65,673	31,895	34,105	66,000
Professional and consulting fees and commission	11,544	2,037	13,581	12,054	4,394	16,448
Office, travel, meals and entertainment and utilities	13,482	37,998	51,480	13,302	37,713	51,015
Promotional funds	56,563	—	56,563	56,734	—	56,734
Gift card program costs	6,499	—	6,499	6,695	—	6,695
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	954	25,918	26,872	2,342	25,474	27,816
Bad debt (recovery) expense	(293)	147	(146)	438	250	688
	<b>172,137</b>	<b>318,163</b>	<b>490,300</b>	<b>180,796</b>	<b>317,688</b>	<b>498,484</b>

(1) Other operating expenses are comprised mainly of other office administration expenses.

(2) Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation. Lease income in comparative period of \$26.3 million was reclassified from operating expense to revenue.

*Franchising operations*

The franchising business mainly generates revenues from royalties, supplier contributions, franchise fees and rent.

*Corporate store operations*

Corporate stores generate revenues from the direct sale of prepared food to customers.

**21. Restructuring**

During the year, the Company initiated a restructuring plan as part of a strategic realignment to streamline operations and improve efficiency. The Company recognized restructuring costs of \$1,342 primarily related to employee severance costs of \$832 with the remainder being in relation to the discontinuation of one of its brands. No additional expenses are expected to be incurred.

**22. Interest expense**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Interest charged by companies under common control (Note 25)	<b>53,768</b>	53,977
Interest expense	<b>53,768</b>	53,977

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**23. Income taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with ASC 740. ASC 740 prescribes the use of the liability method whereby deferred tax asset and liability account balances are determined based on differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted tax rates. The effects of future changes in tax laws or rates are not anticipated.

Under ASC 740, income taxes are recognized for the following: a) amount of tax payable for the current year and b) deferred tax liabilities and assets for future tax consequences of events that have been recognized differently in the consolidated financial statements than for tax purposes.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Income tax expense (recovery)	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Current tax expense	<b>9,918</b>	7,807
Deferred tax recovery	<b>(9,195)</b>	(6,405)
Total tax expense	<b>723</b>	1,402

The provision for income taxes recorded in the consolidated financial statements differs from the amount which would be obtained by applying the statutory federal income tax rate of 21% (2023 – 21%) to the income for the period as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
(Loss) income before income taxes	<b>(11,833)</b>	18,380
Income tax (recovery) expense at federal statutory rate	<b>(2,478)</b>	3,860
State and local income taxes net of federal tax benefit	<b>881</b>	2,360
Non-deductible/non-taxable items	<b>5,484</b>	(216)
True-up of prior year tax provision	<b>(3,950)</b>	(2,239)
Rate variation on deferred income tax	<b>724</b>	(102)
Credits generated and used in current year	<b>—</b>	(2,371)
Other	<b>62</b>	110
Income tax expense	<b>723</b>	1,402

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**23. Income taxes (continued)**

Components of the net deferred tax asset (liability):

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	\$	\$
Inventories	<b>(275)</b>	(264)
Allowance for credit losses	<b>192</b>	595
Deferred revenue and deposits	<b>4,676</b>	4,725
Gift card liability	<b>2,959</b>	2,947
Accrued liabilities	<b>41,158</b>	33,567
Non-capital losses and other tax credits	<b>1,917</b>	4,570
Other	<b>(1,941)</b>	(1,285)
Operating lease liabilities	<b>48,125</b>	48,406
Total deferred tax assets	<b>96,811</b>	93,261
Deferred costs	<b>(600)</b>	(948)
Property, plant and equipment	<b>(9,632)</b>	(11,490)
Operating lease right-of-use assets	<b>(47,277)</b>	(47,497)
Intangible assets	<b>(140,054)</b>	(143,345)
Holdback payable	<b>(305)</b>	(233)
Total deferred tax liabilities	<b>(197,868)</b>	(203,513)
Net deferred tax liability	<b>(101,057)</b>	(110,252)

**24. Supplemental cash flow information**

During the year ended November 30, 2024, the Company paid \$10,348 (2023 – \$8,268) in income taxes. Furthermore, there are non-cash items included in the proceeds on disposition of property, plant and equipment amounting to a net liability of \$113 (2023 – net liability of \$1,574). The non-cash items were primarily related to commitments made as part of the disposal of a portfolio of corporately-owned locations.

**25. Related party transactions**

The Company has transactions in the normal course of business with its ultimate parent, parent company and companies under common control. These transactions were in the normal course of business and measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

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## **Report of Independent Auditors**

To the Management and Stockholder of MTY Franchising USA, Inc.

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of MTY Franchising USA, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income for the year ended on November 30, 2023 and 2022, the consolidated statement of changes in stockholder's equity for the year ended on November 30, 2023 and 2022, the consolidated balance sheets as of November 30, 2023 and 2022, and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, including the related notes (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements").

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of November 30, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our 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 Consolidated Financial Statements***

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

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



### ***Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with US GAAS, we:

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

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

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP<sup>1</sup>*

Montreal, Canada  
February 2, 2024

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<sup>1</sup> CPA auditor, public accountancy permit No. A125677

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.****Consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income**

Years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022

(In thousands of US dollars)

	Notes	2023	2022
		\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>	19	<b>580,280</b>	263,686
<b>Costs and expenses</b>			
Operating expenses	20	<b>472,147</b>	194,664
Depreciation – property, plant and equipment	7	<b>11,358</b>	2,480
Amortization – intangible assets	8	<b>19,213</b>	14,631
Impairment charge – property, plant and equipment	7 & 10	<b>169</b>	338
Impairment charge – operating lease right-of-use assets	6	<b>—</b>	247
Impairment charge – intangible assets	8 & 10	<b>4,063</b>	5,643
Interest expense	21	<b>53,977</b>	18,135
Management fees charged by parent company	24	<b>2,249</b>	2,928
		<b>563,176</b>	239,066
<b>Other income (expenses)</b>			
Interest income		<b>2,255</b>	2,256
(Loss) gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		<b>(1,843)</b>	92
Gain on contingent consideration from a business acquisition	3	<b>1,600</b>	—
(Loss) gain on de-recognition/lease modification of operating lease liabilities	6	<b>(736)</b>	20
		<b>1,276</b>	2,368
<b>Income before income taxes</b>		<b>18,380</b>	26,988
<b>Income tax expense (recovery)</b>	22		
Current		<b>7,807</b>	9,911
Deferred		<b>(6,405)</b>	(2,496)
		<b>1,402</b>	7,415
<b>Net income and comprehensive income</b>		<b>16,978</b>	19,573

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.****Consolidated statements of changes in stockholder's equity**

Years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022

(In thousands of US dollars, except number of common stock issued)

	<b>Common stock issued</b>	<b>Common stock value</b>	<b>Retained earnings</b>	<b>Total stockholder's equity</b>
		\$	\$	\$
Balance as at November 30, 2021	15	179,154	37,231	216,385
Net income and comprehensive income	—	—	19,573	19,573
Balance as at November 30, 2022	<b>15</b>	<b>179,154</b>	<b>56,804</b>	<b>235,958</b>
Net income and comprehensive income	—	—	<b>16,978</b>	<b>16,978</b>
Balance as at November 30, 2023	<b>15</b>	<b>179,154</b>	<b>73,782</b>	<b>252,936</b>

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.**  
**Consolidated balance sheets**

As at November 30, 2023 and 2022  
(In thousands of US dollars)

		<b>2023</b>	2022
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>			
Current assets			
Cash		21,138	23,059
Restricted cash		271	504
Accounts receivable	4	29,461	24,961
Inventories		6,414	6,164
Assets held for sale	5 & 7	1,668	1,563
Current portion of loans receivable		272	461
Receivable from company under common control	13	—	3
Receivable from ultimate parent	13 & 24	148,828	126,323
Prepaid expenses and deposits		8,386	7,728
Other current assets		3,333	3,167
Income taxes receivable	22	4,919	2,827
		<b>224,690</b>	196,760
Loans receivable		151	543
Contract cost asset		3,696	3,127
Other assets		1,896	1,492
Property, plant and equipment	7	63,599	54,458
Operating lease right-of-use assets	6	187,074	165,641
Intangible assets	8	602,168	522,400
Goodwill	9	376,175	238,060
		<b>1,459,449</b>	1,182,481
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable		15,878	16,650
Accrued liabilities		28,769	29,565
Gift card liability	11	104,858	91,453
Promotional funds payable		14,690	16,303
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	6	37,080	35,431
Current portion of deferred revenue and deposits	12	7,775	7,571
Advance from parent company	13 & 24	2,249	2,928
Advance from ultimate parent	13	—	198,801
Advances from companies under common control	13 & 24	42	42
Current portion of holdback payable	15	912	—
		<b>212,253</b>	398,744

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.**  
**Consolidated balance sheets (continued)**

As at November 30, 2023 and 2022

(In thousands of US dollars)

		<b>2023</b>	2022
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>Liabilities (continued)</b>			
Long-term loan from company under common control	14	<b>705,683</b>	299,850
Other liabilities		<b>159</b>	412
Operating lease liabilities	6	<b>153,413</b>	132,285
Deferred revenue and deposits	12	<b>24,753</b>	23,288
Deferred income taxes	22	<b>110,252</b>	91,944
		<b>1,206,513</b>	946,523
<b>Stockholder's equity</b>			
Common stock	17	<b>179,154</b>	179,154
Retained earnings		<b>73,782</b>	56,804
		<b>252,936</b>	235,958
		<b>1,459,449</b>	1,182,481

Approved by the Board on February 2, 2024

\_\_\_\_\_, Director

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.**  
**Consolidated statements of cash flows**

Years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022

(In thousands of US dollars)

		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Net income and comprehensive income		<b>16,978</b>	19,573
Items not affecting cash:			
Depreciation – property, plant and equipment	7	<b>11,358</b>	2,480
Amortization – intangible assets	8	<b>19,213</b>	14,631
Interest expense	21	<b>53,977</b>	18,135
Loss (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		<b>1,843</b>	(92)
Impairment charge – property, plant and equipment	7 & 10	<b>169</b>	338
Impairment charge – operating lease right-of-use assets	6	—	247
Impairment charge – intangible assets	8 & 10	<b>4,063</b>	5,643
Gain on contingent consideration from a business acquisition	3	<b>(1,600)</b>	—
Loss (gain) on de-recognition/lease modification of operating lease liabilities	6	<b>736</b>	(20)
Deferred income tax recovery		<b>(6,405)</b>	(2,496)
		<b>100,332</b>	58,439
Interest paid		<b>(53,977)</b>	(16,192)
Changes in non-cash working capital items			
Accounts receivable		<b>(4,133)</b>	(213)
Inventories		<b>198</b>	151
Prepaid expenses and deposits		<b>(1,140)</b>	(2,997)
Loans receivable		<b>1,410</b>	329
Other current assets		<b>(412)</b>	(574)
Income taxes		<b>(1,842)</b>	(1,048)
Accounts payable		<b>(911)</b>	(2,511)
Accrued liabilities		<b>(5,853)</b>	(6,759)
Promotional funds payable		<b>(2,045)</b>	(218)
Gift card liability		<b>7,521</b>	7,747
Deferred revenue and deposits		<b>1,088</b>	2,831
Other		<b>1,512</b>	74
Net cash provided from operating activities		<b>41,748</b>	39,059

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.**  
**Consolidated statements of cash flows (continued)**

Years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022

(In thousands of US dollars)

		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	Notes	\$	\$
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Net cash outflow on acquisitions	3	<b>(221,180)</b>	(207,083)
Net cash acquired through business acquisitions	3	<b>6,884</b>	10,431
Additions to property, plant and equipment	7	<b>(13,250)</b>	(1,830)
Additions to intangible assets	8	<b>(565)</b>	(2,950)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		<b>358</b>	326
Net cash used in investing activities		<b>(227,753)</b>	(201,106)
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Net advance (to) from ultimate parent and parent company		<b>(221,985)</b>	174,599
Net advance from (to) companies under common control		<b>405,836</b>	(142)
Repayment of holdback payable	15	—	(7,076)
Net cash provided from financing activities		<b>183,851</b>	167,381
Net (decrease) increase in cash		<b>(2,154)</b>	5,334
Cash, beginning of year		<b>23,563</b>	18,229
<b>Cash, end of year</b>		<b>21,409</b>	23,563
Supplemental cash flow information	23		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

# MTY Franchising USA, Inc.

## Notes to the consolidated financial statements

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### 1. Nature of operations

MTY Franchising USA, Inc. (the "Company" or "MTY USA") was incorporated on March 14, 2001. The Company operates, develops and franchises restaurants under a multitude of different banners in the United States of America (the "US").

### 2. Significant accounting policies

#### *Basis of presentation*

The accounting policies of the Company are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the US ("US GAAP"). The Company uses the US dollar as its functional and reporting currency, and tabular amounts are rounded to the nearest thousand (\$000) except when otherwise indicated. MTY USA is a wholly owned subsidiary of MTY Food Group Inc.

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with US GAAP 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 consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Presented below are those policies considered particularly significant:

#### *Basis of consolidation*

The consolidated financial statements reflect the financial position and operating results of the Company, including wholly owned subsidiaries and investees that we control.

The principal subsidiaries of the Company are as follows:

<u>Principal subsidiaries</u>	<u>Percentage of equity interest</u>
	<u>%</u>
BF Acquisition Holdings, LLC	100
Built Franchise Systems, LLC	100
CB Franchise Systems, LLC	100
Kahala Brands Ltd.	100
Papa Murphy's Holdings Inc.	100
BBQ Holdings, Inc. (Note 3)	100
Weitzel's Pretzels, LLC (Note 3)	100

Revenues and expenses of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive income from the effective date of acquisition. The subsidiaries are consolidated from the acquisition date until the date on which the Company ceases to control them.

All intercompany transactions, balances, revenues and expenses are eliminated in full upon consolidation.

#### *Business combinations*

The Company accounts for acquired businesses using the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 805, Business Combinations. The consideration transferred for the acquisition is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred, and the equity interest issued. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair value at the acquisition date.

# MTY Franchising USA, Inc.

## Notes to the consolidated financial statements

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### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### *Business combinations (continued)*

Goodwill is measured as the excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair values of the net assets acquired. If, after reassessment, the net of the acquisition date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed exceeds the sum of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interests in the acquiree and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held interest in the acquiree (if any), the excess is recognized immediately in profit or loss as a bargain purchase gain.

Goodwill reflects how the acquisition will impact the Company's ability to generate future profits in excess of existing profits. The consideration paid mostly relates to combined synergies, related mainly to revenue growth. These benefits are not recognized separately from goodwill as they do not meet the recognition criteria for identifiable intangible assets.

When the consideration transferred by the Company in a business combination includes assets or liabilities resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement, the contingent consideration is measured at its acquisition date fair value and included as part of the consideration transferred in a business combination.

When a business combination is achieved in stages, the Company's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is remeasured to fair value at the acquisition date (i.e. the date when the Company obtains control) and the resulting gain or loss, if any, is recognized in profit or loss. Amounts arising from interests in the acquiree prior to the acquisition date that have previously been recognized in income and other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss where such treatment would be appropriate if that interest were disposed of.

If the initial accounting for a business combination is incomplete by the end of the reporting period in which the combination occurs, the Company reports provisional amounts for the items for which the accounting is incomplete. Those provisional amounts are adjusted retrospectively during the measurement period or additional assets or liabilities are recognized, to reflect new information obtained about facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition date that, if known, would have affected the amounts recognized at that date.

#### *Goodwill*

Goodwill represents the excess of cost over the net tangible assets and identifiable intangible assets of acquired businesses. Goodwill is carried at cost reduced by previous impairment losses, if any.

#### *Functional currency*

The functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries is the US dollar. The Company translates monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in currencies other than the US dollar at the exchange rates prevailing at the end of the reporting period; non-monetary assets denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the exchange rate prevailing at the transaction date; all revenue and expense items denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the transaction date. All foreign exchange gains and losses are reported in profit or loss.

#### *Revenue recognition*

Revenue is recognized upon the transfer of control of promised goods or services to customer in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive for those goods or services:

##### *Revenue from franchise locations*

- i) Royalties are based either on a percentage of gross sales as reported by the franchisees or on a fixed monthly fee. They are recognized on an accrual basis in accordance with the substance of the relevant agreement, as they are earned.
- ii) Promotional fund contributions are based on a percentage of gross sales as reported by the franchisees. Corresponding promotional fund transfers are presented directly on the consolidated balance sheets. The Company is not entitled to retain these promotional fund payments received and is obligated to transfer these funds to be used solely for use in promotional and marketing-related costs for specific restaurant banners. The Company sometimes charges a fee for the administration of the promotional funds.

## MTY Franchising USA, Inc.

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## 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

### *Revenue recognition (continued)*

#### *Revenue from franchise locations (continued)*

- iii) Initial franchise fees are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the franchise agreement as the performance obligation relating to franchise rights is fulfilled. Amortization begins once the restaurant has opened.
- iv) Upfront fees related to master license agreements are recognized over the term of the master license agreements on a straight-line basis.
- v) Renewal fees and transfer fees are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the related franchise agreement.
- vi) The Company earns rent revenue on certain leases it holds; the Company's policy is described below.
- vii) Revenue from equipment sale and retail sales are recognized upon transfer of control, generally upon shipment of the equipment or goods. This revenue is recorded in resale material and retail sales.
- viii) The Company recognizes breakage income proportionately as each gift card is redeemed, based on the historical redemption patterns of the gift cards. The Company also charges various program fees to its franchisees as gift cards are redeemed. Notably, this does not apply to gift card liabilities assumed in a business acquisition, which are accounted for at fair value at acquisition date.
- ix) The Company receives considerations from certain suppliers. Fees are generally earned based on the value of purchases during the period. Agreements that contain an initial upfront fee, in addition to ongoing fees, are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the respective agreement. Supplier contributions are recognized as revenue as they are earned and are recorded in franchising revenue.
- x) The Company earns e-commerce fees, which includes point-of-sale ("POS") support fees and transaction fees for purchase made through one of the Company's brands' e-commerce platforms. POS supports fees are received quarterly in advance and are recognized over the period they cover. Transaction fees are recognized when the food items purchased from a store are delivered or picked up by customers.

#### *Revenue from corporate-owned locations*

Revenue from corporate-owned locations is recorded when goods are delivered to customers.

#### *Contract cost asset*

The Company recognizes incremental costs of obtaining a contract as an asset if they are expected to be recoverable, unless their amortization period would be less than one year, in which case they are expensed as incurred. The costs are amortized to operating expenses over the term of the related franchise agreement.

#### *Leasing*

In accordance with ASC 842, the Company determines if an arrangement is or contains a lease at contract inception and recognizes a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less but greater than one month are not recorded on the balance sheet for select asset classes.

The lease liability is measured at the present value of future lease payments as of the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset recognized is based on the lease liability adjusted for prepaid and deferred rent and unamortized lease incentives. An operating lease right-of-use asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the lease term and is recognized as a single lease cost against the operating lease liability. A finance lease right-of-use asset is amortized on a straight-line basis, with interest costs reported separately, over the lesser of the useful life of the leased asset or lease term.

# MTY Franchising USA, Inc.

## Notes to the consolidated financial statements

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### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### *Leasing (continued)*

Operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term and is included in Operating expenses. Variable lease payments are expensed as incurred. The Company uses its incremental borrowing rates as the discount rate for its leases, which is equal to the rate of interest the Company would have to pay on a collateralized basis to borrow an amount equal to the lease payments under similar terms. The lease terms for all the Company's leases include the contractually obligated period of the leases, plus any additional periods covered by Company options to extend the leases that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise. Certain leases provide that the lease payments may be increased annually based on the fixed rate terms or adjustable terms such as the Consumer Price Index. Future base rent escalations that are not contractually quantifiable as of the lease commencement date are not included in the lease liability.

Lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Lease expense is comprised of operating and finance lease costs, short-term lease costs, and variable lease costs, which primarily include common area maintenance, real estate taxes, and insurance for the Company's real estate leases.

The Company enters into leases for franchised and corporately-owned locations, offices, and equipment in the normal course of business.

#### The Company as lessee

The Company recognizes operating lease liabilities with corresponding operating lease right-of-use assets, except for short-term leases and leases of low value assets, which are expensed on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The Company's leases are all classified as operating leases. The amortization of the operating lease right-of-use asset and interest expense related to the operating lease liability are recorded together as the lease expense to produce a straight-line recognition effect in the consolidated statement of operations. Under ASC 842, operating lease right-of-use assets are tested for impairment in accordance with ASC 360, Property, Plant and Equipment.

#### The Company as lessor

When the Company enters into a sublease arrangement as an intermediate lessor, the Company accounts for the head lease and the sublease as two separate contracts. All the subleases of the Company are classified as operating subleases by reference to the operating lease right-of-use asset arising from the underlying asset. For operating subleases, the Company recognizes an operating right-of-use asset relating to the head lease and recognizes a deferred rent asset or liability in the sublease. As the intermediate lessor, the Company retains the operating lease liability on the head lease in its consolidated balance sheet. During the term of the sublease, the Company recognizes both lease income on the sublease and lease expense on the head lease.

#### *Income taxes*

The Company accounts for income taxes pursuant to ASC 740, Income Taxes ("ASC 740"). Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recorded for differences between the financial statement and tax basis of the assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on enacted tax laws and rates. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized. Income tax expense is recorded for the amount of income tax payable or refundable for the period increased or decreased by the change in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the period.

The Company recognizes the financial statement benefit of a tax position only after determining that the relevant tax authority would more likely than not sustain the position following an audit. For tax positions meeting the more-likely-than-not threshold, the amount recognized in the financial statements is the largest benefit that has a greater than 50 percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement with the relevant tax authority.

#### *Allowance for doubtful accounts*

The Company currently uses the simplified expected credit loss ("ECL") model for its trade receivables, which permits the use of the lifetime expected loss provision for all trade receivables and also incorporates forward-looking information. Lifetime ECL represents the ECL that will result from all probable default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.**  
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**2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Assets held for sale*

Assets are classified as held for sale when management with the appropriate authority commits to a plan to sell the assets, the assets are available for immediate sale, the assets are actively marketed at a reasonable price, the sale is probable within a year, and certain other criteria met. Assets held for sale consist primarily of Company-owned stores where the Company has committed to a plan to sell specific stores. Assets designated as held for sale are held at the lower of the net book value or fair value less costs to sell. Depreciation is not charged against property, plant and equipment classified as assets held for sale.

*Property, plant and equipment*

Land and buildings held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, or for administrative purposes, are stated in the consolidated balance sheet at their historical costs less accumulated depreciation (buildings) and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset, including any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to a working condition for its intended use.

Equipment, leasehold improvements, rolling stock and computer hardware are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognized so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives, residual values and depreciation methods are reviewed at the end of each year, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. Any gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an item of property, plant and equipment is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognized in profit or loss.

Depreciation is based on the following terms:

Buildings	Straight-line	25 to 50 years
Equipment	Straight-line	Three to 10 years
Leasehold improvements	Straight-line	Term of the lease
Rolling stock	Straight-line	Five to seven years
Computer hardware	Straight-line	Three to seven years

*Intangible assets*

Intangible assets acquired separately

Intangible assets with finite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses, if applicable. Amortization is recognized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives and amortization methods are reviewed at the end of each year, with the effect of any changes in estimate being accounted for on a prospective basis. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives that are acquired separately are carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses, if applicable.

Intangible assets acquired in a business combination

Intangible assets acquired in a business combination and recognized separately from goodwill are initially recognized at their fair value at the acquisition date.

Subsequent to initial recognition, intangible assets having a finite life acquired in a business combination are reported at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses, if applicable, on the same basis as intangible assets that are acquired separately. Intangible assets having an indefinite life are not amortized and are therefore carried at cost reduced by previous impairment losses, if applicable.

**MTY Franchising USA, Inc.**  
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**2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Intangible assets (continued)*

Derecognition of intangible assets

An intangible asset is derecognized on disposal, or when no future economic benefits are expected from use or disposal. Gains or losses arising from derecognition of an intangible asset, measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset, are recognized in profit or loss when the asset is derecognized.

The Company currently carries the following intangible assets in its books:

*Franchise rights*

The franchise rights acquired through business combinations are recognized at the fair value of the estimated future cash inflows related to the acquisition of franchises. The franchise rights are generally amortized on a straight-line basis over the term of the agreements which typically range between 10 to 20 years.

*Trademarks*

Trademarks acquired through business combinations are recognized at their fair value at the time of the acquisition and are not amortized. Trademarks are determined to have an indefinite useful life based on their brand recognition and their ability to generate revenue through changing economic conditions with no foreseeable time limit.

*Other*

Included in other intangible assets are purchased software and liquor licences, which are being amortized over their expected useful life on a straight-line basis.

*Impairment of long-lived assets other than goodwill*

The Company continually reviews whether events or circumstances subsequent to the acquisition of any long-lived assets, including intangible assets with finite useful lives, have occurred that indicate the remaining estimated useful lives of those assets may warrant revision or that the remaining balance of those assets may not be recoverable. If events and circumstances indicate that the long-lived assets should be reviewed for possible impairment, the Company uses projections to assess whether future cash flows on an undiscounted basis related to the assets exceed the recorded carrying amount of those assets to determine if an asset is impaired. Should an impairment be identified, a loss would be recorded to the extent that the carrying value of the impaired assets exceeds their fair values as determined by valuation techniques appropriate in the circumstances that could include the use of similar cash flow projections on a discounted basis. The reporting units of indefinite intangible assets are individual brands, comprised of franchise rights, trademarks, and perpetual licenses.

*Impairment of goodwill*

For the purposes of impairment testing, goodwill is allocated to the unit or group of units ("reporting unit") that are considered to represent the lowest level within the group at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes. As at November 30, 2023, goodwill is allocated as follows:

	<b>Reporting unit description</b>
Reporting Unit A	A group of units comprised of acquired brands in the US, excluding the Papa Murphy's, BBQ Holdings, Inc. ("BBQ Holdings") and Wetzel's Pretzels brands
Reporting Unit B	One unit comprised of the Papa Murphy's brand
Reporting Unit C	A group of units comprised of the BBQ Holdings brands
Reporting Unit D	One unit comprised of the Wetzel's Pretzels brand

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**2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Impairment of goodwill (continued)*

Goodwill is tested for impairment on an annual basis (August 31 for the Company) and between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. Fair value is determined using a discounted cash flow methodology with a risk adjusted weighted average cost of capital.

*Cash and restricted cash*

Cash and restricted cash include cash on hand and short-term investments, if any, with maturities upon acquisition of generally three months or less or that are redeemable at any time at full value and for which the risk of a change in value is not significant. As at November 30, 2023, cash and restricted cash included \$271 of restricted cash (2022 – \$504) that is required as part of guarantees on certain lease commitments.

*Inventories*

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and market value. Costs of inventories are determined on a first-in-first-out basis and include acquisition costs and other costs incurred to bring inventories to their present location and condition.

Market value represents the current replacement cost, provided that the cost does not exceed the net realizable value or is not less than the net realizable value reduced by a normal profit margin.

*Contingencies*

*Litigation, disputes and closed stores*

Provisions for the expected cost of litigation, disputes and the cost of settling leases for closed stores, with the exception of operating lease liabilities already recorded pursuant to ASC 842, are recognized when it becomes probable the Company will be required to settle the obligation, at management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the Company's obligation.

*Contingent liabilities acquired in a business combination*

Contingent liabilities acquired in a business combination are initially measured at fair value at the acquisition date. At the end of subsequent reporting periods, such contingent liabilities are measured at the higher of the amount that would be recognized, and the amount initially recognized less cumulative amortization recognized, if any.

*Financial instruments*

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash, restricted cash, accounts receivable, loans receivable, receivable from company under common control, receivable from ultimate parent, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, promotional funds payable, advance from parent company, advances from companies under common control, long-term loan from company under common control and holdbacks payable. Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the Company is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair values for cash, restricted cash, accounts receivable, loans receivable, receivable from company under common control, receivable from ultimate parent, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, promotional funds payable, advance from parent company and advances from companies under common control approximate their carrying values due to their immediate or short-term maturities, unless otherwise noted. The long-term loan from company under common control, advances from ultimate parent and holdbacks payable are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

*Promotional funds*

Pursuant to the franchise agreements, franchisees must pay a fee to the promotional funds. These amounts are collected by the Company in its capacity as agent and must be used for promotional and advertising purposes, since the amounts are set aside to promote the respective banners for the franchisees' benefit. The promotional funds collected, and the related expenditures are reported on a gross basis in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income. To the extent that promotional funds received exceed the related promotional expenditures, the excess contributions will be recorded in accounts payable or accrued liabilities.

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**2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

*Promotional funds (continued)*

Cash held pursuant to the promotional funds received are classified as unrestricted cash as there are no legal restrictions on the use of these funds; however, the Company intends to use these funds solely to support the promotional funds rather than to fund its ongoing operations. As at November 30, 2023, promotional funds were in a net liability position amounting to \$11,357 (2022 – net liability position of \$13,278).

*Subsequent events*

Subsequent events were evaluated through the date that the consolidated financial statements were issued, which was February 2, 2024.

*Estimates and assumptions*

*Business combinations*

For business combinations, the Company must make assumptions and estimates to determine the purchase price accounting of the business being acquired. To do so, the Company must determine the acquisition date fair value of the identifiable assets acquired, including such intangible assets as franchise rights and master franchise rights, trademarks, step-in rights and liabilities assumed. Among other things, the determination of these fair market values involves the use of discounted cash flow analyses and future system sales growth. Goodwill is measured as the excess of the fair value of the consideration transferred including the recognized amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree over the net recognized amount of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed, all measured at the acquisition date. These assumptions and estimates have an impact on the asset and liability amounts recorded in the consolidated balance sheets on the acquisition date. In addition, the estimated useful lives of the acquired amortizable assets, the identification of intangible assets and the determination of the indefinite or finite useful lives of intangible assets acquired will have an impact on the Company's future profit or loss.

*Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets*

The fair value calculation includes estimates of revenue growth, which are based on past performance and internal projections for the intangible asset group's forecasted growth, and royalty rates, which are adjusted for our particular facts and circumstances. The discount rate is selected based on the estimated cost of capital that reflects the risk profile of the related business. These estimates are highly subjective, the ability to achieve the forecasted cash flows used in our fair value calculations is affected by factors such as the success of strategic initiatives, changes in economic conditions, changes in our operating performance and changes in our business strategies.

*Contingencies*

The Company makes assumptions and estimations based on its current knowledge of future disbursements it will have to make in connection with various events that have occurred in the past and for which the amount to be disbursed and the timing of such disbursement are uncertain at the date of producing its financial statements. This includes contingencies for onerous contracts, litigations and disputes and other contingencies.

*Gift card liabilities*

Management is required to make certain assumptions in both the prorated recognition based on redemption pattern and remoteness recognition of gift card breakage. The significant estimates are breakage rate and the redemption patterns.

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**3. Business acquisitions**

**I) Sauce Pizza and Wine (2023)**

On December 15, 2022, the Company completed the acquisition of the assets of Sauce Pizza and Wine, an operator of fast casual restaurants operating in the state of Arizona in the US. As of the date of the acquisition, Sauce Pizza and Wine was operating 13 corporate-owned restaurants. The purpose of the transaction was to diversify the Company's range of offerings in the US.

The transaction included a purchase price totaling \$11,165 and a holdback on acquisition of \$798, as detailed below. The resulting aggregate cash outflow in connection with the Sauce Pizza and Wine acquisition was \$9,927.

	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>
Consideration paid:	
Purchase price	11,165
Working capital	(401)
Cash	23
Discount on non-interest-bearing holdback	(39)
Total consideration	<b>10,748</b>
Cash	(23)
Holdback	(798)
Net consideration paid/cash outflow	<b>9,927</b>

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**3. Business acquisitions (continued)**

**l) Sauce Pizza and Wine (2023) (continued)**

The final purchase price allocation is as follows:

	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>
Net assets acquired:	
Current assets	
Cash	23
Inventories	183
Prepaid expenses and deposits	193
	<b>399</b>
Property, plant and equipment	3,821
Operating lease right-of-use assets	7,262
Intangible assets – Trademark	4,140
Goodwill <sup>(1)</sup>	3,658
	<b>19,280</b>
Current liabilities	
Accrued liabilities	78
Gift card liability	1,086
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	1,218
	<b>2,382</b>
Operating lease liabilities	6,150
	<b>8,532</b>
Net purchase price	<b>10,748</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Goodwill is deductible for tax purposes.

Total expenses incurred related to acquisition costs amounted to \$160.

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**3. Business acquisitions (continued)**

**II) Wetzel's Pretzels (2023)**

On December 8, 2022, the Company completed the acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding shares of COP WP Parent, Inc. ("Wetzel's Pretzels"), a franchisor and operator of quick service restaurants operating in the snack category across 25 states in the US, as well as in Canada and Panama. As of the date of the acquisition, Wetzel's Pretzels was operating 328 franchised and 38 corporate-owned restaurants. The purpose of the transaction was to diversify the Company's range of offerings in the US.

The transaction included a purchase price totaling \$210,189, as detailed below. The resulting aggregate cash outflow in connection with the Wetzel's Pretzels acquisition was \$203,328. The transaction consideration also includes \$3,000 held in escrow contingent on the execution of several lease contracts within 12 months of acquisitions. As of December 8, 2023, only a portion of the contracts were executed and therefore \$1,600 was released from escrow and recorded as a gain in the statement of profit and loss.

	<b>2023</b>
Consideration paid:	<b>\$</b>
Purchase price	<b>210,189</b>
Total consideration	<b>210,189</b>
Cash	<b>(6,861)</b>
Net consideration paid/cash outflow	<b>203,328</b>

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**3. Business acquisitions (continued)**

**II) Wetzel's Pretzels (2023) (continued)**

The final purchase price allocation is as follows:

	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>
Net assets acquired:	
Current assets	
Cash	6,861
Accounts receivable	1,005
Inventories	265
Current portion of loans receivable	45
Prepaid expenses and deposits	757
Income taxes receivable	1,371
	<b>10,304</b>
Loans receivable	594
Property, plant and equipment	5,082
Operating lease right-of-use assets	21,931
Intangible assets – Franchise rights	35,600
Intangible assets – Trademarks	71,700
Goodwill <sup>(1)</sup>	118,447
	<b>263,658</b>
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	911
Accrued liabilities	4,979
Promotional funds payable	431
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	936
Current portion of deferred revenue and deposits	67
Income taxes payable	547
	<b>7,871</b>
Operating lease liabilities	20,995
Deferred revenue and deposits	939
Deferred income taxes	23,664
	<b>53,469</b>
Net purchase price	<b>210,189</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Goodwill is deductible for tax purposes.

Total expenses incurred related to acquisition costs amounted to \$320.

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**3. Business acquisitions (continued)**

**III) BBQ Holdings (2022)**

On September 27, 2022, the Company completed the acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding common shares of BBQ Holdings. BBQ Holdings is a franchisor and operator of casual and fast casual dining restaurants across 37 states in the US, Canada, and the United Arab Emirates. As of the date of the acquisition, BBQ Holdings was operating 198 franchised and 103 corporate-owned restaurants under 10 different brands. The purpose of the transaction was to diversify the Company's range of offerings in the US as well as to bring proficiency in operating corporate-owned restaurants.

The transaction included a purchase consideration totaling \$182,458, repayment of long-term debt of \$24,625 and early cash settlement of stock options and restricted stock units of \$10,204, as detailed below. The resulting aggregate cash outflow in connection with the BBQ Holdings acquisition was \$207,123.

	<b>As previously reported</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>2022</b>
	\$	\$	\$
Consideration paid:			
Cash	207,083	—	207,083
Amount paid for early settlement of options	10,164	—	10,164
Cash amount paid for early settlement of options <sup>(1)</sup>	—	40	40
<b>Total consideration</b>	<b>217,247</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>217,287</b>

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**3. Business acquisitions (continued)**

**III) BBQ Holdings (2022) (continued)**

The final purchase price allocation is as follows:

	As previously reported	Adjustments	2022
	\$	\$	\$
Net assets acquired:			
Current assets			
Cash	20,595	—	20,595
Accounts receivable <sup>(1)</sup>	5,847	(537)	5,310
Inventories	3,853	—	3,853
Prepaid expenses and deposits <sup>(1)</sup>	1,348	271	1,619
Income taxes receivable	895	—	895
	<u>32,538</u>	<u>(266)</u>	<u>32,272</u>
Loans receivable <sup>(1)</sup>	143	87	230
Other assets <sup>(1)</sup>	180	(180)	—
Property, plant and equipment <sup>(1)</sup>	54,238	(983)	53,255
Operating lease right-of-use assets <sup>(1)</sup>	79,601	81	79,682
Intangible assets – Franchise rights <sup>(1)</sup>	8,130	(1,340)	6,790
Intangible assets – Trademarks <sup>(1)</sup>	121,440	(8,010)	113,430
Intangible assets – Other <sup>(1)</sup>	1,007	517	1,524
Goodwill <sup>(2)</sup>	52,484	14,933	67,417
	<u>349,761</u>	<u>4,839</u>	<u>354,600</u>
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable <sup>(1)</sup>	5,644	113	5,757
Accrued liabilities	17,502	(880)	16,622
Gift card liability <sup>(1)</sup>	7,609	4,798	12,407
Current portion of operating lease liabilities <sup>(1)</sup>	12,561	63	12,624
Current portion of deferred revenue and deposits <sup>(1)</sup>	425	(425)	—
	<u>43,741</u>	<u>3,669</u>	<u>47,410</u>
Other liabilities <sup>(1)</sup>	605	63	668
Operating lease liabilities <sup>(1)</sup>	67,040	18	67,058
Deferred income taxes <sup>(1)</sup>	21,128	1,049	22,177
	<u>132,514</u>	<u>4,799</u>	<u>137,313</u>
Net purchase price	<u>217,247</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>217,287</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> The Company has recorded adjustments to its previously reported preliminary purchase price allocation reported in the annual 2022 financial statements. The adjustments relate to the fair values of accounts receivable, other assets, prepaid expenses and deposits, loans receivable, property, plant and equipment, operating lease right-of-use assets, franchise rights, trademarks, other intangible assets, accounts payable, gift card liability, current portion of deferred revenue and deposits, current portion of operating lease liabilities, operating lease liabilities, deferred income taxes and other liabilities.

<sup>(2)</sup> Goodwill is deductible for tax purposes.

Total expenses incurred related to acquisition costs during the year ended November 30, 2023 amounted to \$417 (2022 – \$3,566).

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**4. Accounts receivable**

Details of accounts receivable are as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	\$	\$
Total accounts receivable	<b>31,738</b>	26,974
Less: Allowance for credit losses	<b>(2,277)</b>	(2,013)
Total accounts receivable, net	<b>29,461</b>	24,961
Of which:		
Not past due	<b>25,787</b>	21,364
Past due for more than one day but no more than 30 days	<b>430</b>	677
Past due for more than 31 days but no more than 60 days	<b>208</b>	248
Past due for more than 61 days	<b>3,036</b>	2,672
Total accounts receivable, net	<b>29,461</b>	24,961
	<b>2023</b>	2022
	\$	\$
Allowance for credit losses, beginning of year	<b>(2,013)</b>	(2,063)
(Provision) recovery	<b>(733)</b>	97
Additions through business acquisition	<b>(374)</b>	(369)
Reversal of amounts previously written off	<b>(2)</b>	—
Write-offs	<b>845</b>	322
Allowance for credit losses, end of year	<b>(2,277)</b>	(2,013)

**5. Assets held for sale**

Assets held for sale as at November 30, 2023 and 2022 are stated at fair value less costs to sell and are comprised of one location's leasehold improvements, land and building that were acquired with BBQ Holdings and that were transferred from property, plant and equipment (Note 7). They did not meet the definition of assets held for sale as at the acquisition date of BBQ Holdings.

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**6. Leases**

**Operating lease right-of-use assets**

The following table provides the net carrying amounts of the operating lease right-of-use assets by class of underlying asset and the changes in the years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022:

	<b>Offices and stores</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at November 30, 2021	100,769	103	100,872
Additions	1,948	—	1,948
Additions through business acquisitions (Note 3)	79,208	393	79,601
Depreciation expense	(28,644)	(63)	(28,707)
Impairment charge	(247)	—	(247)
De-recognition/lease modifications	12,174	—	12,174
Balance as at November 30, 2022	165,208	433	165,641
Additions	<b>7,115</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>7,275</b>
Additions through business acquisitions (Note 3)	<b>29,274</b>	—	<b>29,274</b>
Depreciation expense	<b>(40,972)</b>	<b>(278)</b>	<b>(41,250)</b>
De-recognition/lease modifications	<b>26,139</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>26,134</b>
Balance as at November 30, 2023	<b>186,764</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>187,074</b>

The Company recorded sublease income from its operating lease right-of-use assets amounting to \$24,789 (2022 – \$24,414).

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**6. Leases (continued)**

**Operating lease liabilities**

The following table provides the net carrying amounts of the operating lease liabilities and the changes in the years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	\$	\$
Operating lease liabilities, beginning of year	<b>167,716</b>	101,910
Additions	<b>7,284</b>	1,948
Additions through business acquisitions (Note 3)	<b>29,380</b>	79,601
Lease renewals and modifications	<b>29,624</b>	13,918
Lease terminations	<b>(3,554)</b>	(1,763)
Other adjustments	<b>(201)</b>	282
Interest expense	<b>10,449</b>	3,853
Payments	<b>(50,205)</b>	(32,033)
Operating lease liabilities, end of year	<b>190,493</b>	167,716

Recorded in the consolidated balance sheets as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	\$	\$
Current portion	<b>37,080</b>	35,431
Long-term portion	<b>153,413</b>	132,285
	<b>190,493</b>	167,716

**Maturity analysis**

The following table sets out a maturity analysis of lease payments, showing the undiscounted lease payments to be paid after November 30, 2023:

	<b>Leases</b>	<b>Expected sublease income</b>
	\$	\$
2024	47,680	23,049
2025	41,990	19,288
2026	35,406	15,232
2027	29,151	11,325
2028	22,532	7,672
Thereafter	52,003	9,385
<b>Total undiscounted lease payments</b>	<b>228,762</b>	<b>85,951</b>
Less: Unearned finance income	(38,269)	—
<b>Total present value of lease liabilities and expected sublease income</b>	<b>190,493</b>	<b>85,951</b>

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**7. Property, plant and equipment**

Cost	Equipment	Leasehold improve- ments	Rolling stock	Computer hardware	Land	Building	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at November 30, 2021	3,117	642	40	1,147	—	—	4,946
Additions	596	682	—	538	—	14	1,830
Additions through business acquisition (Note 3)	18,275	25,400	—	2,407	3,925	4,231	54,238
Disposals	(522)	(11)	(16)	(94)	—	—	(643)
Impairment (Note 10)	(167)	(171)	—	—	—	—	(338)
Transfer to assets held for sale	—	(47)	—	—	(780)	(736)	(1,563)
Balance as at November 30, 2022	21,299	26,495	24	3,998	3,145	3,509	58,470
Additions through business acquisitions (Note 3)	<b>2,014</b>	<b>6,242</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>(89)</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>(314)</b>	<b>7,920</b>
Additions	<b>6,215</b>	<b>5,978</b>	—	<b>1,007</b>	—	<b>50</b>	<b>13,250</b>
Disposals	<b>(578)</b>	<b>(155)</b>	—	<b>(125)</b>	—	—	<b>(858)</b>
Impairment (Note 10)	<b>(139)</b>	<b>(16)</b>	—	<b>(14)</b>	—	—	<b>(169)</b>
Balance as at November 30, 2023	<b>28,811</b>	<b>38,544</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4,777</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>3,245</b>	<b>78,613</b>
Accumulated depreciation	Equipment	Leasehold improve- ments	Rolling stock	Computer hardware	Land	Building	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at November 30, 2021	1,381	232	20	324	—	—	1,957
Depreciation	459	1,292	3	682	—	44	2,480
Disposals	(305)	(12)	(16)	(92)	—	—	(425)
Balance as at November 30, 2022	1,535	1,512	7	914	—	44	4,012
Depreciation	<b>3,362</b>	<b>7,381</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>524</b>	—	<b>98</b>	<b>11,358</b>
Disposals	<b>(282)</b>	<b>(65)</b>	—	<b>(9)</b>	—	—	<b>(356)</b>
Balance as at November 30, 2023	<b>4,615</b>	<b>8,828</b>	—	<b>1,429</b>	—	<b>142</b>	<b>15,014</b>
Carrying amounts	Equipment	Leasehold improve- ments	Rolling stock	Computer hardware	Land	Building	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
November 30, 2022	19,764	24,983	17	3,084	3,145	3,465	54,458
<b>November 30, 2023</b>	<b>24,196</b>	<b>29,716</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>3,220</b>	<b>3,103</b>	<b>63,599</b>

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### 8. Intangible assets

Cost	Franchise	Trademarks	Other	Total
	rights			
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at November 30, 2021	174,870	300,297	1,050	476,217
Additions	—	—	2,950	2,950
Additions through business acquisitions (Note 3)	8,130	121,440	1,007	130,577
Impairment (Note 10)	(1,776)	(3,867)	—	(5,643)
Balance as at November 30, 2022	181,224	417,870	5,007	604,101
Additions	—	—	565	565
Additions through business acquisitions (Note 3)	34,260	67,830	517	102,607
Disposals	—	—	(177)	(177)
Impairment (Note 10)	(559)	(3,504)	—	(4,063)
Balance as at November 30, 2023	214,925	482,196	5,912	703,033

Accumulated amortization	Franchise	Trademarks	Other	Total
	rights			
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at November 30, 2021	66,514	—	556	67,070
Amortization	14,079	—	552	14,631
Balance as at November 30, 2022	80,593	—	1,108	81,701
Disposals	—	—	(49)	(49)
Amortization	18,434	—	779	19,213
Balance as at November 30, 2023	99,027	—	1,838	100,865

Carrying amounts	Franchise	Trademarks	Other	Total
	rights			
	\$	\$	\$	\$
November 30, 2022	100,631	417,870	3,899	522,400
November 30, 2023	115,898	482,196	4,074	602,168

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**9. Goodwill**

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill are as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	\$	\$
Goodwill, beginning of year	<b>286,713</b>	234,229
Amount recognized from business acquisitions (Note 3)	<b>138,115</b>	52,484
Goodwill, end of year	<b>424,828</b>	286,713
Accumulated impairment, beginning and end of year	<b>(48,653)</b>	(48,653)
Carrying amount	<b>376,175</b>	238,060

**10. Impairment**

The Company performed its annual impairment test as at August 31, 2023, resulting in the recognition of \$4,063 (2022 – \$5,643) of impairment losses on its intangible assets for four of its brands (2022 – three brands), following indicators of impairment that were noted.

Additionally, the Company recorded \$169 of impairment losses on its property, plant and equipment (2022 – \$338), and did not record any impairment on goodwill (2022 – nil), for a total of \$4,232 (2022 – \$5,981) of impairment charges on its property, plant and equipment and intangible assets for the year ended November 30, 2023, which have been recognized in the consolidated statement of operations.

Impairment charges were based on the amount by which the carrying values of the assets exceeded recoverable amounts, determined using expected discounted projected operating cash flows for trademarks and franchise rights.

Impairment by reporting unit for the year ended November 30, 2023:

	<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>Intangible assets</b>		<b>Total</b>
		<b>Franchise rights</b>	<b>Trademarks</b>	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Reporting Unit A	<b>22</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>3,264</b>	<b>3,845</b>
Reporting Unit B	—	—	—	—
Reporting Unit C	<b>105</b>	—	<b>240</b>	<b>345</b>
Reporting Unit D	<b>42</b>	—	—	<b>42</b>
	<b>169</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>3,504</b>	<b>4,232</b>

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**10. Impairment (continued)**

Impairment by reporting unit for the year ended November 30, 2022:

	Property, plant and equipment	Intangible assets		Total
		Franchise rights	Trademarks	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Reporting Unit A	79	1,776	3,867	5,722
Reporting Unit B	259	—	—	259
Reporting Unit C	—	—	—	—
	338	1,776	3,867	5,981

The key assumptions used, where the recoverable amount was measured as a reporting unit's fair value, are those related to projected operating cash flows, as well as the discount rates. The sales forecasts for cash flows were based on the subsequent fiscal year's budgeted operating results, which were prepared by management and approved by the Board, and internal forecasts for subsequent years, which were prepared by management and developed from the budgeted operating results.

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**10. Impairment (continued)**

The following table presents the key assumptions used in the Company's impairment tests, as well as the recoverable amounts measured at fair value as at August 31, 2023 and 2022:

(\$, except percentage data)	2023				2022	
	Reporting Unit A	Reporting Unit B	Reporting Unit C	Reporting Unit D	Reporting Unit A	Reporting Unit B
Discount rates after tax	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%	10.5%	10.3%	10.3%
Discount rates pre-tax	13.4%	13.8%	13.7%	13.6%	13.1%	13.2%
Recoverable amounts	539,407	266,604	313,644	270,246	515,478	250,715

Long-term growth rates ranging from 0% to 2% (2022 – 0% to 2%) were used in the impairment test for Reporting Unit A. A change of 100 basis points in discount rates in Reporting Unit A would result in additional impairment charges on intangible assets of three brands (2022 – four brands) representing 0.7% (2022 – 0.5%) of the total carrying value of the franchise rights and trademarks in that unit. A change of 100 basis points in discount rates in Reporting Unit A would not result in additional impairment charges on goodwill for the years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022. For Reporting Unit A, an increase of 440 basis points (2022 – 320 basis points) in the discount rate would have resulted in its recoverable amount being equal to its carrying value.

A long-term growth rate of 1.5% (2022 – 1.5%) was used in the impairment test for Reporting Unit B. A change of 100 basis points in discount rates in Reporting Unit B would not result in additional impairment charges on intangible assets or goodwill for the years ended November 30, 2023 and 2022. For Reporting Unit B, an increase of 200 basis points (2022 – 110 basis points) in the discount rate would have resulted in its recoverable amount being equal to its carrying value.

Long-term growth rates of 2.0% were used in the impairment test for Reporting Unit C. A change of 100 basis points in discount rates in Reporting Unit C would not result in additional impairment charges on intangible assets or goodwill for the years ended November 30, 2023. For Reporting Unit C, an increase of 200 basis points in the discount rate would have resulted in its recoverable amount being equal to its carrying value. For the year ended November 30, 2022, the impairment test of Reporting Unit C was performed as at November 30, 2022 and was based on qualitative factors, which did not give rise to any indications of impairment.

A long-term growth rate of 2.0% was used in the impairment test for Reporting Unit D. A change of 100 basis points in discount rates in Reporting Unit D would not result in additional impairment charges on intangible assets or goodwill for the year ended November 30, 2023. For Reporting Unit D, an increase of 160 basis points in the discount rate would have resulted in its recoverable amount being equal to its carrying value.

**11. Gift card liability**

The changes in the carrying amount of the gift card liability are as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Gift card liability, beginning of year	91,453	76,097
Activations	52,873	37,978
Redemptions	(39,603)	(25,168)
Gift card liability acquired and purchase price allocation adjustments (Note 3)	5,884	7,609
Deferred program fees and other	(1,065)	(873)
Gift card breakage recorded	(4,684)	(4,190)
Gift card liability, end of year	104,858	91,453

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**12. Deferred revenue and deposits**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	\$	\$
Franchise fee deposits	<b>28,948</b>	25,246
Unearned rent	<b>1,794</b>	1,880
Supplier contributions and other allowances	<b>1,786</b>	3,733
	<b>32,528</b>	30,859
Current portion	<b>(7,775)</b>	(7,571)
	<b>24,753</b>	23,288

Deferred revenues consist mostly of initial, transfer and renewal franchise fees paid by franchisees, as well as upfront fees paid by master franchisees, which are generally recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the related agreement. Deferred revenues also include amounts paid in upfront fees received from agreements with suppliers, which are amortized over the term of the related agreement.

\$8,055 (2022 – \$7,598) of revenue recognized in the current year was included in the deferred revenue balance at the beginning of the year.

The following table provides estimated revenues expected to be recognized in future years related to performance obligations that are unsatisfied as at November 30, 2023:

Estimate for fiscal year:	\$
2024	7,775
2025	3,416
2026	3,066
2027	2,614
2028	2,026
Thereafter	13,631
	<u>32,528</u>

**13. Receivables and advances from ultimate parent, parent company and companies under common control**

The receivable from ultimate parent is primarily comprised of a renewable one-year term loan facility of \$148,670 (2022 – \$126,128). The term loan is unsecured and bears interest at the rate set at the Applicable Federal Rates as issued by the US Internal Revenue Service for short-term instruments. The term loan may be repaid, in whole or in part, at any time, without premium or penalty. MTY USA may also request repayment, in whole or in part, at any time, without penalty.

The advance from ultimate parent was repaid in conjunction with the issuance of another loan that makes up a portion of the interest bearing loans totaling \$405,833 seen in note 14 (2022 – \$198,785). Those loans are due December 8, 2029, are unsecured and bear interest at 9.26%. The term loans may be repaid, in whole or in part, at any time, without premium or penalty.

The receivable from company under common control and advances from parent company and companies under common control are non-interest bearing and receivable/due on demand with no specified collection/repayment terms.

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**14. Long-term loan from company under common control**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Interest-bearing loan at 5.4%, repayable by November 27, 2026 <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>299,850</b>	299,850
Two interest-bearing loans at 9.26%, repayable by December 8, 2029	<b>405,833</b>	—
	<b>705,683</b>	299,850

<sup>(1)</sup> This loan is subject to a maximum debt-to-EBITDA ratio of 6.00:1.00 starting on November 27, 2019, and a minimum EBITDA interest coverage ratio of 2.00:1.00 to be calculated in conjunction with interest payments based on the past 12 months.

**15. Holdback payable**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Non-interest-bearing holdback on acquisition of Sauce Pizza and Wine, repayable in December 2023 (Note 3)	<b>837</b>	—
Non-interest-bearing holdback on acquisition of the assets of two restaurants located in California, repayable within the next 12 months	<b>75</b>	—
Current portion of holdback payable	<b>912</b>	—

**16. Contingencies**

The contingencies for litigation and disputes represent management's best estimate of the outcome of litigations and disputes that are ongoing at the date of the consolidated balance sheet. These contingencies consist of multiple items, a large part of which are insurance claims, including worker's compensation claims, at the Company's corporately owned locations. The timing of the settlement of these contingencies is unknown given their nature, as the Company does not control the litigation timelines.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Provision for litigations, disputes and other contingencies, beginning of year	<b>724</b>	966
Reversals	<b>(304)</b>	(421)
Amounts used	<b>(8,797)</b>	(56)
Additions	<b>11,226</b>	235
Provision for litigations, disputes and other contingencies, end of year	<b>2,849</b>	724

**17. Common stock**

	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	<b>Shares issued</b>	<b>\$</b>	Shares issued	<b>\$</b>
Balance, beginning and end of year	<b>15</b>	<b>179,154</b>	15	179,154

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**18. Financial instruments**

In the normal course of business, the Company uses various financial instruments which by their nature involve risk, including market risk and the credit risk of non-performance by counterparties. These financial instruments are subject to normal credit standards, financial controls, risk management as well as monitoring procedures.

*Fair value of recognized financial instruments*

The Company has determined that the fair value of its financial assets and financial liabilities with short-term maturities approximates their carrying value. These financial instruments include cash, restricted cash, accrued liabilities, promotional funds payable, and advances from parent company and from companies under common control.

The table below shows the fair value and the carrying value of other financial instruments as at November 30, 2023 and 2022. Since estimates are used to determine fair value, they must not be interpreted as being realizable in the event of a settlement of the instruments.

	2023		2022	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets				
Loans receivable	423	423	1,004	1,004

*Determination of fair value*

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair values of each class of financial instrument:

*Cash, restricted cash, accounts receivable, receivable from ultimate parent, deposits, accounts payable, holdback payable, accrued liabilities, advance from parent company, advances from companies under common control* – The carrying amounts approximate fair values due to the short maturity of these financial instruments.

*Risk management policies*

The Company, through its financial assets and financial liabilities, is exposed to various risks. The following analysis provides a measurement of risks as at November 30, 2023.

*Credit risk*

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables, loans receivable and deposits. For accounts receivable and loans receivable, the amounts disclosed on the consolidated balance sheets are net of allowances for bad debts, estimated by the Company's management based on past experience and counterparty specific circumstances. The Company believes that the credit risk of accounts receivable is limited for the following reasons:

- The Company's broad client base is spread mostly across the US, which limits the concentration of credit risk.
- The Company accounts for specific bad debt provisions when management considers that the expected recovery is less than the actual account receivable.

The credit risk on cash is limited because the Company invests its excess liquidity in high-quality financial instruments and with credit-worthy counterparties.

The credit risk on deposits is also limited as these are mostly with well-established and credit-worthy companies.

*Interest rate risk*

Interest rate risk is the Company's exposure to increases and decreases in financial instrument values caused by the fluctuation in interest rates. The Company has limited exposure to interest rate risk as its long-term loans from company under common control and ultimate parent as well as its long-term debt have fixed interest rates

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**19. Revenue**

	For the year ended					
	November 30, 2023			November 30, 2022		
	Franchising	Corporate	Total	Franchising	Corporate	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Corporate store revenues	—	337,937	337,937	—	67,015	67,015
Royalties	128,461	—	128,461	99,637	—	99,637
Franchise fees, transfer fees and master license fees	4,996	—	4,996	5,203	—	5,203
Promotional funds	56,734	—	56,734	51,867	—	51,867
Program allowances	32,499	—	32,499	20,619	—	20,619
Breakage income	4,684	—	4,684	4,190	—	4,190
Resale material and retail sales	5,754	—	5,754	8,587	—	8,587
Other	9,215	—	9,215	6,568	—	6,568
	<b>242,343</b>	<b>337,937</b>	<b>580,280</b>	<b>196,671</b>	<b>67,015</b>	<b>263,686</b>

**20. Operating expenses**

	For the year ended					
	November 30, 2023			November 30, 2022		
	Franchising	Corporate	Total	Franchising	Corporate	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cost of goods sold	2,284	94,465	96,749	2,994	21,494	24,488
Wages and benefits	54,590	115,976	170,566	36,336	24,271	60,607
Advertising, marketing and promotion	462	5,311	5,773	442	2,130	2,572
Rent	4,369	35,294	39,663	2,964	7,096	10,060
Professional and consulting fees and commission	12,054	4,394	16,448	14,942	197	15,139
Office, travel, meals and entertainment and utilities	13,302	37,713	51,015	9,099	7,273	16,372
Promotional funds	56,734	—	56,734	51,867	—	51,867
Gift card program costs	6,695	—	6,695	6,296	—	6,296
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	2,342	25,474	27,816	1,573	5,640	7,213
Bad debt expense (recovery)	438	250	688	(70)	120	50
	<b>153,270</b>	<b>318,877</b>	<b>472,147</b>	<b>126,443</b>	<b>68,221</b>	<b>194,664</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Other operating expenses are comprised mainly of other office administration expenses.

*Franchising operations*

The franchising business mainly generates revenues from royalties, supplier contributions, franchise fees and rent.

*Corporate store operations*

Corporate stores generate revenues from the direct sale of prepared food to customers.

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**21. Interest expense**

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	\$	\$
Interest charged by ultimate parent company (Note 24)	—	1,943
Interest charged by companies under common control (Note 24)	<b>53,977</b>	16,192
Interest expense	<b>53,977</b>	18,135

**22. Income taxes**

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with ASC 740. ASC 740 prescribes the use of the liability method whereby deferred tax asset and liability account balances are determined based on differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted tax rates. The effects of future changes in tax laws or rates are not anticipated.

Under ASC 740, income taxes are recognized for the following: a) amount of tax payable for the current year and b) deferred tax liabilities and assets for future tax consequences of events that have been recognized differently in the consolidated financial statements than for tax purposes.

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	\$	\$
Income tax expense (recovery)		
Current tax expense	<b>7,807</b>	9,911
Deferred tax recovery	<b>(6,405)</b>	(2,496)
Total tax expense	<b>1,402</b>	7,415

The provision for income taxes recorded in the consolidated financial statements differs from the amount which would be obtained by applying the statutory federal income tax rate of 21% (2022 – 21%) to the income for the period as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	\$	\$
Income before income taxes	<b>18,380</b>	26,988
Income tax expense at federal statutory rate	<b>3,860</b>	5,679
State and local income taxes net of federal tax benefit	<b>2,360</b>	2,457
Non-deductible/non-taxable items	<b>(216)</b>	549
Temporary difference for which no deferred tax asset is recognized	—	(44)
True-up of prior year tax provision	<b>(2,239)</b>	(598)
Rate variation on deferred income tax	<b>(102)</b>	(552)
Credits generated and used in current year	<b>(2,371)</b>	286
Other	<b>110</b>	(362)
Income tax expense	<b>1,402</b>	7,415

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**22. Income taxes (continued)**

Components of the net deferred tax asset (liability):

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Inventories	(264)	42
Allowance for credit losses	595	228
Deferred revenue and deposits	4,725	4,482
Gift card liability	2,947	16,835
Accrued liabilities	33,567	6,658
Non-capital losses and other tax credits	4,570	12,832
Other	(1,285)	98
Operating lease liabilities	48,406	42,998
<b>Total deferred tax assets</b>	<b>93,261</b>	<b>84,173</b>
Deferred costs	(948)	(859)
Property, plant and equipment	(11,490)	(12,420)
Operating lease right-of-use assets	(47,497)	(42,260)
Intangible assets	(143,345)	(120,483)
Holdback payable	(233)	(95)
<b>Total deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>(203,513)</b>	<b>(176,117)</b>
<b>Net deferred tax liability</b>	<b>(110,252)</b>	<b>(91,944)</b>

**23. Supplemental cash flow information**

During the year ended November 30, 2023, the Company paid \$8,268 (2022 – \$8,894) in income taxes. Furthermore, there are non-cash items included in the proceeds on disposition amounting to a net liability of \$1,574 (2022 – net asset of \$25). The non-cash items were primarily related to commitments made as part of the disposal of a portfolio of corporately-owned locations.

**24. Related party transactions**

The Company has transactions in the normal course of business with its ultimate parent, parent company and companies under common control. These transactions were in the normal course of business and measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

**EXHIBIT C**

**TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**Performance Guaranty**

## GUARANTEE OF PERFORMANCE

For value received, MTY Franchising USA, Inc., a Tennessee corporation ("Guarantor"), located at 9311 E. Via De Ventura, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258, absolutely and unconditionally guarantees to assume the duties and obligations of BQ Concepts, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company, located at 12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 100, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343-4164 ("Franchisor"), under its franchise registration in each state where the franchise is registered, and under its Franchise Agreement identified in its 2025 Franchise Disclosure Document, as it may be amended, and as that Franchise Agreement may be entered into with franchisees and amended, modified or extended from time to time. This guarantee continues until all such obligations of the Franchisor under its franchise registrations and the Franchise Agreement are satisfied or until the liability of Franchisor to its franchisees under the Franchise Agreement has been completely discharged, whichever first occurs. The Guarantor is not discharged from liability if a claim by a franchisee against the Franchisor remains outstanding. Notice of acceptance is waived. The Guarantor does not waive receipt of notice of default on the part of the Franchisor. This guarantee is binding on the Guarantor and its successors and assigns.

The Guarantor signs this guarantee at Scottsdale, Arizona on February 20, 2025.

Guarantor:

MTY Franchising USA, Inc., a Tennessee corporation

By:   
Eric Lefebvre, Chief Executive Officer

**EXHIBIT D**

**TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**Franchise Agreement**

***BARRIO QUEEN***

**FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

**between**

**BQ CONCEPTS, L.L.C.**

**and**

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**BARRIO QUEEN**  
**FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**  
(“Agreement”)

**PARTIES:**

BQ Concepts, L.L.C.,  
an Arizona limited liability company

(“Franchisor”)

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([individually and collectively,] “Franchisee”)

**RESTAURANT NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

(“Effective Date”)

**REQUIRED OPENING DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

To simplify the language in this Agreement, the terms “we,” “us,” “our” and the like may be used to refer to the Franchisor, and the terms “you,” “your” and the like may be used to refer to the Franchisee. The term “you” as used herein is applicable to one (1) or more persons, a corporation, partnership, trust, other entity, association or form of organization as the case may be, and the singular usage includes the plural, masculine, neuter, feminine, and possessive usages. Franchisor and Franchisee may individually be referred to as a “party” and collectively referred to as the “parties.”

**RECITALS:**

This Agreement is entered into with reference to the following facts and circumstances:

A. We have, over a period of time and at considerable expense, developed and established a uniform and unique method of operation, customer service, advertising, publicity, processes, recipes, techniques and technical knowledge in connection with the restaurant business. Under the Barrio Queen brand, we specialize in authentic Southern Mexican food and beverages prepared using proprietary recipes on a take-out or eat-in basis, and branded, licensed products. These restaurants do business under the trade name “*Barrio Queen*®”. These recipes, techniques, processes and methods constitute our “Trade Secrets.” All our knowledge, experience, Trade Secrets, processes, methods, specifications, techniques, Proprietary Marks (as defined in Recital B.), System Standards (as defined in *Section 1.4*) and information are referred to in this Agreement as the “System.” The System may be changed, supplemented, improved and further developed by us from time to time.

B. We have owned restaurants and will now issue franchises to others for the operation of franchised restaurants in the United States. We have registered and applied for proprietary marks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and may do so with offices in other countries serving similar functions. These proprietary interests, trademarks, service marks, logos, insignias, trade names and trade dress are referred to in this Agreement as the “Proprietary Marks.”

C. We are engaged in the business of licensing the right to use the Proprietary Marks in connection with the operation and promotion of the System.

D. You understand and recognize that: (1) our Trade Secrets, Proprietary Marks, developments and other properties as recited above are of considerable value; and (2) it is of importance to us and all of our franchisees to maintain the development of the System in a uniform and distinctive manner, allowing you and our other franchisees to enjoy a public image and reputation greater than most single franchisees could establish.

E. You desire to make use of the "*Barrio Queen*"<sup>®</sup> trademark and to enjoy the benefits of that mark, the other Proprietary Marks, and the System; and to establish a "*Barrio Queen*" franchise to be operated in accordance with System Standards set forth from time to time by us. System Standards are set forth in, without limitation, the confidential "ops package," which consists of the "operations manual" ("Operations Manual"), "ops toolkit" and related printed and electronic documents, both now existing and hereinafter developed (individually and collectively, "Confidential Manual"). We are willing to grant you the right to do so under the terms, conditions and provisions set forth in this Agreement, which includes all appendices, addenda, amendments, attachments and exhibits.

F. You recognize the necessity and desirability of protecting our reputation, goodwill, Trade Secrets, and other confidential business information; and that disclosure of Trade Secrets and confidential business information, including specifics of the System to any third-party, will cause irreparable damage and harm to us.

### **AGREEMENT:**

The parties agree that the foregoing Recitals are hereby incorporated and made part of this Agreement and further agree as follows:

## **ARTICLE 1. GRANT OF FRANCHISE; TERM; SYSTEM STANDARDS**

### **1.1 Franchise Grant.**

We hereby grant to you a *Barrio Queen* franchise that includes the right to use the System ("Franchised Business") as provided in this Agreement, at the following location ("Location"):

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Location Information  
(if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

### **1.2 Location of the Franchised Business; No Exclusive Territory or Other Rights.**

You must operate the Franchised Business only from the Location, including any catering services of *Barrio Queen* menu items you provide. You acknowledge that the *Barrio Queen* franchise granted under this Agreement is non-exclusive, that we are not granting you any territorial protection or any other exclusive rights, and that we, directly or through one (1) or more affiliates, reserve the right in our sole discretion, and without compensating you or seeking

your prior approval: (i) to establish, and grant to other franchisees or licensees the right to establish, a *Barrio Queen* restaurant or any other business using the Proprietary Marks, the *Barrio Queen* System or any variation thereof, in any location other than the approved Location (including locations in the immediate vicinity of your Location), on any terms and conditions that we deem appropriate; (ii) to establish, and grant to other franchisees or licensees the right to establish, any restaurant concept other than *Barrio Queen* in any location on any terms and conditions that we deem appropriate (including locations in the immediate vicinity of the Location); (iii) to sell products identified by the Proprietary Marks or other trademarks, service marks or commercial symbols in any location through any distribution channels, including grocery stores, convenience stores, supermarkets, club stores, vending machines, delivery services and restaurants other than *Barrio Queen* restaurants; and (iv) to take any other action that we are not expressly prohibited from taking under this Agreement.

We hereby grant to you during the term of this Agreement, a non-exclusive right and license to operate a single restaurant at the Location only, according to the System Standards and subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions contained in this Agreement. This Agreement is limited to the operation of one traditional restaurant, unless otherwise amended, and does not grant you the right to buy, own or operate additional restaurants.

Except as expressly limited in this Agreement, we (for ourselves and our affiliates and designees) retain all rights with respect to all Proprietary Marks and the sale of *Barrio Queen* products anywhere in the world with no compensation or liability to you, including the right to:

a. Establish and operate (or license to any other person or entity the right to establish and operate) *Barrio Queen* restaurants owned or licensed by us at any location;

b. Develop, market, own, operate and participate in any other business under the Proprietary Marks or any other trademarks (including trademarks identified in the Franchise Disclosure Document ("Disclosure Document") and other trademarks we or our affiliates own or have the right to license);

c. Develop, lease and license the use of, at any location, trademarks other than the Proprietary Marks, in connection with the operation of a system that offers products or services that are the same as, or similar to, those offered by us under this Agreement on any terms or conditions that we deem advisable, in our sole discretion;

d. Merge with, acquire or be acquired by any other business, including a business that competes with your Franchised Business, or acquire and convert any retail stores, including retail stores operated by competitors, or otherwise operated independently or as part of, or in association with, any other system or chain, whether franchised or corporate-owned;

e. Distribute, sell and license other persons or entities to distribute and sell products through all other channels of distribution, including catalog sales, telemarketing, grocery stores, warehouses, big box shops, specialty shops, limited access highway food facilities, vending machines and similar automated dispensing systems, mobile units, off-site sales accounts, electronic mail, Internet sales, and movie theaters (individually and collectively, "Other Channels"); and

f. Implement multi-area marketing programs that may allow us or others to solicit or sell to customers anywhere. We also reserve the right to issue mandatory policies to coordinate such multi-area marketing programs.

### 1.3 Term of Agreement.

This Agreement will commence on the Effective Date and continue as set forth in either *Section 1.3a.* or *1.3b.* below ("Term").

a. The ten (10) year anniversary of the Required Opening Date, unless terminated earlier in accordance with *Article 14* or any other provisions of this Agreement, renewed in accordance with *Article 13*, or transferred in accordance with *Article 12*; or

b. *Reserved.*

### 1.4 System Standards.

You shall operate the Franchised Business in accordance with our standards, including the following:

- a. restaurant design, maintenance, health and safety and remodeling;
- b. types, models, brands and suppliers of required fixtures, furnishings, equipment, signs, materials and supplies;
- c. recipes and ingredients, menu items and menu design;
- d. cooperation with and participation in sales, marketing, advertising and promotional programs (including discount coupons, discount gift cards, special menu promotions, and entering into product and service agreements directly with third-party vendors and service providers as required by us) and materials and media used in those programs, including discontinued use and removal of promotional materials as directed by us;
- e. use and display of the Proprietary Marks;
- f. restaurant operations, including matters related to the management of the Franchised Business; training of your employees consistent with the System Standards; and commercial impression of the Franchised Business to the public;
- g. cooperation with and participation consistent with our responses and resolutions in response to customer feedback;
- h. cooperation with and participation in: (i) market research and testing; and (ii) product and service development programs;
- i. acceptance of our stored value gift cards, including gift cards sold at a discount, loyalty cards, frequency cards, gift certificates, vouchers, and any other similar electronic card and payment programs (individually and collectively, "Gift/Loyalty Card"), credit and debit cards, other payment systems, check verification services and use of point of sale computer systems; You agree to enter into a separate participation agreement with the approved vendor for data processing services;
- j. bookkeeping, accounting, data processing and record keeping systems; computer hardware and software; connections to the Internet or to proprietary networks; forms, methods, formats, content and frequency of reports to us of Gross Sales (as defined in *Article*

5), financial performance and condition; and providing tax returns and other operating and financial information to us; and

k. conduct and maintain the Franchised Business and Location so as not to distract from or interfere with the integrity of the System (individually and collectively, "System Standards"). We may, in whole or in part, change, improve, update and further develop the System Standards, from time to time during the term. You shall comply with the updated System Standards as directed by us.

The operation and maintenance of your Franchised Business according to the System Standards are essential to the well-being and vitality of the System and to preserve the goodwill of the Proprietary Marks for us and for all other franchisees operating under the System. It is critical to the System for all restaurants operating under the *Barrio Queen* System to present a uniform and professional image to *Barrio Queen* customers regardless of which location the customer visits. Any information regarding the operation of the Franchised Business will be considered a mandatory System Standard, unless it is clear from the express language of our communication that the information is merely optional or is intended by us as a suggestion, rather than a requirement.

You agree that System Standards constitute binding provisions of this Agreement as if they were an integral part of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 2. SELECTION OF LOCATION; CONSTRUCTION AND RELOCATION**

### **2.1 Location Selection Procedures.**

You must select a Location that satisfies our minimum site requirements (such confirmation will be provided to you by us in writing) and purchase or sign a lease for your Franchised Business Location within ninety (90) days after the Effective Date of this Agreement. Failure to do so will be deemed a material breach of this Agreement and grounds for termination. Upon receipt of all items requested by Franchisor from Franchisee, Franchisor will have 30 days to visit and/or review the site proposed by Franchisee and prepare a Site Model Report that will provide Franchisee with certain site information relevant to assessing whether the proposed site is suitable for development of a Restaurant. The Site Model Report represents Franchisor opinion based on its past experience and is offered for consideration and independent evaluation by Franchisee and its advisors. It is not a representation of fact, or guaranty of any type and is provided only on the express understanding, as stated herein, that Franchisor has no liability of any kind whatsoever with respect to the information provided. Franchisee agrees and acknowledges that the Site Model Report may provide an estimate of revenues for the site selected by Franchisee but that there is no representation, warranty, or guaranty that Franchisee's Restaurant will attain these estimated revenues if Franchisee selects this site as the Franchised Location or that the estimate is based on any validated or substantiated methodology. Franchisee will pay Franchisor the then-current fee for the Site Model Report after Franchisor issues a "no-brand-standards-objection" letter for the site. The fee for a Site Model Report is currently \$750, but this fee may be increased by Franchisor at any time. Franchisee will not purchase or lease a proposed site until Franchisor has provided Franchisee with a no-brand-standards-objection letter for that proposed site

If you cannot secure an acceptable Location for your Franchised Business by the Required Opening Date, then we may terminate this Agreement by giving you notice to that effect. You are ultimately responsible for the selection of the Location. We will not have any liability to you with respect to your selection of the Location, any assistance we provide you in making your

selection, our recommendation of any location or a third party to assist you in selecting a location, or our allowing you to move forward on any location. You agree that your selection of the Location will be based on your own independent investigation of the suitability of the Location.

## **2.2 Lease and Purchase Approval.**

If you intend to lease the Location for your Franchised Business, the lease will be subject to our prior limited review and acknowledgment so that we can confirm that certain lease terms are incorporated into the lease. You must provide us, at least thirty (30) days prior to executing the lease, a copy of the lease and details relating to square footage, rent per square foot, the term of the lease, and either confirmation that such other terms as we reasonably require are incorporated into the lease or that you and the landlord agree to incorporate the lease addendum to lease agreement as an exhibit to the lease. You or your attorney shall be responsible for negotiating the terms of the lease, which shall be subject to our final limited review and acknowledgment. If you do not submit all of the required documents to us, we will not allow you to move forward with your lease. We have no liability to you regarding the terms or negotiations of the lease.

If, prior to executing the lease, you or your attorney request a full review of your lease, including any and all exhibits attached thereto, and we or our designated affiliate review your entire lease and exhibits and provide to you or your attorney its review of the entire lease and suggested changes to the lease ("Lease Review"), you must pay a Lease Review Fee (as defined in *Section 5.7*) to compensate for time and effort in reviewing the lease. The Lease Review is optional and only completed by us or our designated affiliate at your or your attorney's request. The Lease Review Fee is due only in the event that you or your attorney request us or our affiliate to complete a Lease Review. Each lease must contain the required lease terms set forth in the Lease Addendum to Lease Agreement, and must specifically state that we are a third-party beneficiary of the lease. If we cure any default by you under the lease, any amounts that we pay to cure the default will be payable by you to us on demand, together with interest thereon, at the lesser rate of one and one-half percent (1½%) or the maximum rate that does not violate applicable state usury laws ("Default Rate") per month from the date we make such payment.

You acknowledge and agree that on the earlier of thirty (30) days after: (i) you receive a fully executed copy of your lease for the Location of your Franchised Business; or (ii) you open your Franchised Business to the public, you must provide a fully-executed copy of your lease for the Location to us. Failure to timely provide us with a fully-executed copy of the lease will result in a default under this Agreement.

If you intend to purchase the Location for your Franchised Business, the terms of such purchase shall be subject to our prior approval, and you must provide us, at least thirty (30) days prior to executing the purchase agreement, a copy of the purchase agreement and details relating to square footage, price per square foot and such other terms as we reasonably require.

You acknowledge and understand that our confirmation that you may move forward with any specific location, lease or purchase agreement does not in any way guarantee or ensure the success or profitability of the Franchised Business, or the conformity of the Location, lease or purchase agreement to applicable laws, and such confirmations are only for our own benefit. By executing this Agreement, and in furtherance of the provisions above, Franchisee releases Franchisor and its affiliates, and each of their respective officers, directors, agents, members and employees, in their corporate and individual capacities, from any and all claims by

Franchisee arising from, in connection with, or as a result of Franchisee's purchase or lease of the site selected by Franchisee, whether such claims arise before or after the execution of this Agreement.

### **2.3 Construction.**

a. You must, at your sole cost and expense, construct, furnish, make improvements to and equip, if necessary, the Franchised Business at the Location selected by you and meeting our minimum site requirements, in accordance with plans and specifications approved by us or our third-party approved architect, if applicable. Our approval of plans is solely for complying with our System Standards and not for determining compliance with codes, ordinances and other legal requirements, including the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") or any requirements under the lease for your Location. You are solely responsible for ensuring that your Location conforms to all codes and ordinances, including the ADA, and all lease-specific requirements. You must, at your sole cost and expense, use our designated and approved third-party design architect ("Design Architect") to prepare the initial design drawings for any construction, alterations or improvements, as applicable, for your Franchised Business. The Design Architect must provide us with one (1) set of the design drawings, including landscaping and parking spaces if applicable, which are the detailed plans and specifications ("Plans") for your Franchised Business. We will provide you with a copy of the Plans upon our approval of the Plans. You must also, at your sole cost and expense, retain a licensed architect of record to prepare the permitted construction set of drawings for any construction, alterations or improvements. The permitted construction set of drawings must be submitted to us for our files prior to the start of construction, alterations or improvements. In addition, you must obtain the appropriate construction documents and all mechanical, plumbing, electrical and architectural plans must be sealed and stamped, as we may require, even if local laws in the jurisdiction where your Franchised Business is located do not require same.

b. Any material modifications to the approved Plans must be submitted to us for approval and you will not undertake any construction, alterations or improvements until such modifications have been approved by us. Approval of such modifications does not constitute any representation by us of compliance with applicable zoning laws, building codes or other laws.

c. You will be solely responsible for the cost and expense of obtaining all necessary governmental construction permits and licenses, and you must, at your sole cost and expense, comply with all laws, zoning ordinances, rules and regulations of any governmental agencies that may govern any construction, alterations or improvements of the Franchised Business in accordance with the approved Plans. We will have the right, but are not required, to meet with the Design Architect and to inspect any construction, alterations or improvements during its course to ensure that the provisions of this *Section 2.3* are being observed; and you agree to allow our authorized representatives, at any and all times while construction, alterations or improvements are in progress, to meet with the licensed architect and general contractor and enter onto the Location for this purpose. If we determine in good faith that the provisions of this *Section 2.3* are not being observed, you will, at your sole cost and expense, immediately take all necessary corrective action.

d. You must, at your sole cost and expense, use a general contractor that is licensed, and if applicable, registered in the state and local jurisdiction where your Franchised Business is located for any and all construction, alterations and improvements. The general

contractor must have prior experience in the construction, alterations and improvement of quick-service restaurants.

e. You acknowledge that the design and appearance of the Franchised Business is part of the System, and that uniformity is essential to the System. Therefore, you agree that after the Franchised Business has been constructed, altered or improved, you will not make any material changes to the building plan or design or its appearance without our prior written consent, and you will, at your sole cost and expense, maintain the interior and exterior décor of the Franchised Business in a first class condition and in such manner as we may reasonably prescribe from time to time. In addition to any remodeling required by us upon the transfer of the Franchised Business and upon the renewal of this Agreement, as set forth in *Articles 12 and 13*, respectively, you will, upon thirty (30) days' prior notice from us, and at your sole cost and expense, remodel and make all alterations and improvements in and to your Franchised Business as reasonably determined by us to reflect the then-current System specifications, standards, format, image and appearance.

f. A certificate of occupancy for your Franchised Business must be submitted to us approximately six (6) days prior to the day you open your Franchised Business to the public and as otherwise requested by us throughout the Term.

#### **2.4 Signage.**

You will acquire, repair and replace, as necessary, and maintain in a first-class condition throughout the Term, signs for advertising and identifying the Franchised Business as a *Barrio Queen* restaurant. All signs must be in accordance with the System Standards, specifications and any local governing body (i.e., city or county governments) requirements, as well as any other applicable laws, including the ADA, and exterior signage must be the maximum size allowed by the landlord and local governing body. You acknowledge that quality control is essential to protect and promote our Proprietary Marks, standards, and uniform image, and you shall acquire all signs only from approved suppliers. In addition, you shall prominently display on all communications, forms, advertising, business stationery and business cards, and in a sign easily visible to consumers at the Franchised Business, the following words: "INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED."

#### **2.5 Relocation.**

a. If you desire to relocate the Franchised Business, you may request our consent upon the following conditions:

(i) Not less than sixty (60) days prior to the desired date of relocation (unless prior notice is impractical because of a required relocation, due to a third-party or our request, in which event notice shall be made as soon as possible), you must make a written request for consent to relocate, describing the reasons for the relocation and providing details respecting any proposed new location.

(ii) Within twenty-one (21) days after receiving your written request, we shall advise you in writing if the proposed new location meets our minimum real estate site requirements as provided in *Section 2.1* and if you have our authorization to proceed with the relocation. In the event of our denial to proceed with the relocation, you may request an alternative proposed new location pursuant to the provisions of this *Section 2.5*.

(iii) The Term will not be extended in connection with the requested relocation.

b. At the time you request to relocate the Franchised Business, you must also meet each of the following requirements:

(i) You must not be in default under this Agreement or any other agreement or note then in effect between you and us and any affiliate of ours, and no event shall have occurred that, with the giving of notice, the passage of time, or both, would constitute a default under this Agreement;

(ii) You must neither have received more than three (3) notices of default or breach during the Term; nor more than two (2) notices of default or breach during the five (5) years immediately preceding the effective date of the proposed relocation;

(iii) The equipment, fixtures and signage used in connection with the operation of the Franchised Business must either meet our then-existing System specifications and System Standards, or you must agree, within a timeframe required by us, to replace or refurbish such items, and otherwise modify the methods of operation of the Franchised Business at your cost and expense, in order to comply with our System specifications and System Standards then applicable to new franchise owners; and

(iv) You shall have paid to us a Relocation Fee (as defined in *Section 5.14*).

c. If we approve the relocation of your Franchised Business, (i) you and we must execute an amendment to this Agreement indicating the address for your relocated Franchised Business, and (ii) you must open your Franchised Business at the new location within thirty (30) days after you close your Franchised Business at the current Location. Provided that you comply with all of the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement including this Section 2.5, during the period of time between the closure of your Franchised Business at the current Location, and the opening of the Franchised Business at the approved relocation address, you will not owe the Royalty Fee (as defined in *Section 5.2*).

## **2.6 Restricted Use of Restaurant Location.**

You may not wholly or partially sublet the Location without our prior written consent. The Location may be used only for the operation of a *Barrio Queen* restaurant in compliance with this Agreement and the System Standards. You shall not conduct other businesses or activities at the Location without our prior written consent.

## **2.7 Not Applicable.**

# **ARTICLE 3. OPERATIONS**

## **3.1 Commencing Operations.**

You agree to start operating your Franchised Business at the confirmed Location on or before the Required Opening Date. You acknowledge that before starting operations you must, at your own expense, do the following (in addition to any other requirements set forth in this Agreement):

- a. Complete a food safety training program at your sole cost and expense. We will accept the certificate for the required program through your local county or state health department or any other nationally recognized food safety program. You must provide us with a copy of your certificate prior to commencing training;
- b. Successfully complete the Training Program described in *Section 4.1*;
- c. Purchase, lease or otherwise acquire from the list of approved sources provided by us all the signage, supplies, equipment, fixtures, inventory and other items necessary to operate the Franchised Business; and
- d. Obtain liability insurance in accordance with the requirements described in *Section 9.5* and provide to us evidence that such insurance has been obtained.

Prior to opening the Franchised Business, you must notify us that you have satisfied all requirements to begin operations, and provide us with such documents as we may reasonably request that show your compliance with all such requirements. Upon receipt of our acknowledgment that such requirements have been satisfied, you will have five (5) days to begin operations of your restaurant. If you do not begin operations of your Franchised Business at the confirmed Location before the Required Opening Date, then we may terminate this Agreement by giving you notice to that effect.

### **3.2 Supplies and Promotional Materials; Rollouts.**

You agree to sell only those menu items, products and services authorized under the terms of this Agreement and as specified in the Confidential Manual, and you shall use only supplies and ingredients in making those menu items that are in compliance with the standards as set forth in the Confidential Manual or other documents provided by, or approved by, us as they presently exist or may exist in the future. You shall purchase all such services, supplies and ingredients only from approved vendors and utilize approved distributor(s) as specified in the documents provided by, or approved by, us as they presently exist or may exist in the future. You must purchase promotional materials containing the Proprietary Marks, including stationery, business cards, promotional and advertising materials and similar items, from suppliers approved by us, except that we must first approve all such promotional and advertising materials before you use them, and all such printed materials containing any of the Proprietary Marks shall be accompanied by the words "INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED." Additionally, during the Term, you agree to participate in any Rollout of new products and suppliers, as defined in *Section 9.3*.

### **3.3 Fixtures, Furnishings, and Equipment.**

Unless otherwise approved by us in writing, you will: (1) acquire, repair and replace, as necessary, and maintain in a first class condition throughout the Term, fixtures, furnishings, and equipment to be used in the operation of your Franchised Business that is in accordance with the System Standards, specifications set forth by us in the Confidential Manual or other documents provided by, or approved by, us as they presently exist or may exist in the future, and with applicable laws including, without limitation, including the ADA; and (2) procure the fixtures, furnishings, and equipment from suppliers or vendors previously approved in writing by us.

### **3.4 Online Presence.**

You may not maintain a website, software application, an App (application), social media account (including, but not limited to, an account, group or page on Facebook®, Flickr®, Foursquare®, Google+®, Instagram®, LinkedIn®, Pinterest®, Snapchat®, Tumblr®, X/Twitter®, YouTube®, Vine®, VKontakte or Weibo®), or otherwise maintain a presence or advertise on the Internet or any other public computer network (individually and collectively, “Site”) in connection with the Franchised Business without our prior written approval, which we may withhold in our sole discretion. If Franchisor provides you with access to the local restaurant template page (the “Subpage”) on Franchisor’s main Barrio Queen public website or another website maintained by Franchisor, you may in Franchisor’s sole discretion be required to maintain your own content and information on the Subpage consistent with the standards and specifications that Franchisor may set forth in the Confidential Manuals or otherwise. If we grant you written approval, you agree to submit to us for approval before use, true and correct printouts, of all Site pages you propose to use in connection with the Franchised Business. You understand and agree that our right of approval of all such Site pages is necessitated by the fact that such Site pages will include and be inextricably linked with our Proprietary Marks. If we approve your use of a Site, you may only use Site pages that we have approved. Your Site must conform to all online presence requirements, policies and procedures per our System Standards. You agree to provide all information regarding your online presence that we require. If we grant approval for a Site, you may not use any of the Proprietary Marks on the Site except as we expressly permit. You may not post any of our proprietary, confidential or copyrighted material or information on the Site without our prior written permission. If you wish to modify your approved Site, all proposed modifications must also receive our prior written approval. You explicitly understand that you may not post on any Site (whether yours or someone else’s) any material in which a third-party has any direct or indirect ownership interest (including video clips, photographs, sound bites, copyrighted text, trademarks or service marks, or any other text or image which any third-party may claim intellectual property or other rights in). If we grant approval, you agree to list on the Site any website and social media account maintained by us, and any other information we require in the manner we dictate. You agree to obtain our prior written approval for any Internet domain name, home page address and Uniform Resource Locator. The requirement for our prior approval set forth in this *Section 3.4* will apply to all activities on the Internet or other communications network to be conducted by you, except that you may maintain one (1) or more e-mail addresses and may conduct individual e-mail communications without our prior written approval. You agree to obtain our prior approval as provided above if you propose to send advertising to multiple addressees via e-mail or text messages. You may not use a Site to represent that: (1) the Site is an official account, application, page or group of, or video produced by us; or (2) you are the owner of the *Barrio Queen* brand. On any Site you use in connection with the Franchised Business, you must affirmatively state: (a) that you are a franchisee and the opinion and content being expressed are your own and not that of the *Barrio Queen* brand; and (b) the Location of your Franchised Business.

### **3.5 Continuing Working Capital Requirement.**

You must have a minimum amount as reasonably designated by us in working capital at the time you open your Franchised Business and throughout the Term.

## **ARTICLE 4. TRAINING, ASSISTANCE AND START-UP MATERIALS**

### **4.1 Training Program.**

We will provide the Franchisee's Operating Partner (as defined below), the General Manager and, if applicable, Franchisee's Multi-Unit Manager, and a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of four (4) members of Franchisee's management personnel (individually and collectively, the "Management Staff" or "Trainees") depending on the size of the Restaurant as determined by Franchisor, with a training program designed to inform the participants as to the fundamentals of operating the Franchised Business prior to your opening of the Franchised Business.

If Franchisee is an individual, then the Operating Partner will be Franchisee. If Franchisee is an entity, the designated Operating Partner must have at least five (5) years of restaurant management experience, as may be further described in the Confidential Manual. The Operating Partner will also, during the entire period he or she serves as the Operating Partner: (a) maintain, at all times, an ownership interest in Franchisee of at least twenty percent (20%) of the issued and outstanding ownership interests in Franchisee; (b) execute a Personal Guaranty in the form as set forth by us; and (c) devote his or her full time and best efforts to the supervision, conduct and operations of Franchisee's Restaurant.

The members of the Management Staff must begin training at least 60 to 75 days prior to the scheduled opening of your Restaurant. Franchisor will train your Operating Partner up to twenty (20) shifts, your General Manager up to thirty-five (35) shifts, and two (2) to four (4) other members of your Management Staff up to thirty-five (35) shifts. Each shift is an eight (8) to ten (10) hour day. All Training Programs will be held at a certified training location designated by Franchisor. The current training program includes classroom instruction ("New Owner Training") and on-the-job instruction ("In-Store Training") (collectively, the "Training Program"). You will be solely responsible for all transportation costs, food, lodging and other personal expenses incurred by you and your employees in connection with the Training Program. You acknowledge that adequate knowledge regarding the operation of the Franchised Business is essential to the growth of your franchise and to the promotion of the System. Furthermore, Franchisor has the right to require Franchisee and/or its Management Staff to attend additional training and pay the Additional Training Fee (as defined below), as provided for in this *Section 4.1* and *Section 5.10*, in the event Franchisee is not operating the Franchised Business pursuant to Franchisor's Systems Standards. Additionally, if any Management Staff member or employee has not successfully completed the required Training Program, then Franchisee will not permit that Management Staff member or employee to participate in the operation of Franchisee's Restaurant unless/until such Training Program is successfully completed to Franchisor's sole discretion.

### **4.2 Employee Training.**

You acknowledge that the employees of your Franchised Business are an integral and important part of the Franchised Business, as they will have substantial contact with customers. You alone are responsible and acknowledge that we have no direct or indirect control and no right or authority, for the hiring, firing, training, supervising, setting the terms and conditions of employment (including employee tasks and work schedules), compensation of your employees, or maintaining employment records, for the safety of your employees and for your employees' compliance with the System Standards. The System Standards are in place to protect our interests in the System and not for exercising any control over you, your employees or your

Franchised Business. You must ensure that your employees who have direct interaction with the public are able to speak and read English and any other language that may be required to adequately meet the public needs in your Franchised Business.

#### **4.3 Additional Programs; Continuing Assistance.**

If this Agreement is for your first Restaurant, then we will, at our expense, provide two (2) captains and such other training personnel as we determine (the "Opening Team") to assist you in: (a) implementing the System at your Restaurant, and (b) training you on how to train your staff and kitchen employees. The Opening Team will be present at Franchisee's Restaurant for a minimum of fourteen (14) consecutive days. You will pay us for all Travel Expenses and the prorated Salaries and Benefits (based on the number of days each Opening Team member has worked at Franchisee's Restaurant) for each member of the Opening Team. Two (2) weeks prior to the date that the Opening Team arrives at the Restaurant, you will pay to us 50% of the estimated Travel Expenses (as determined by us) and 50% of the prorated Salaries and Benefits for the Opening Team. Upon completion of the Opening Team's assistance, we will send you an invoice for the actual amount of remaining Travel Expenses and prorated Salaries and Benefits still owed by you. You will pay this invoice within thirty (30) days after receipt. If this Agreement is for the second or a subsequent Restaurant to be opened by Franchisee, then you will be responsible for furnishing the Opening Team to assist with the opening of the Restaurant. The number of Opening Team members (if any) provided by us for the opening of the second or a subsequent Restaurant will be determined by us, in our sole discretion, and if applicable, you will pay us the then-current Per Diem Training Fee for each Opening Team member who provides opening assistance at the Restaurant, and will reimburse us for the Travel Expenses and Salaries and Benefits of the Opening Team members provided by us for the opening of your Restaurant. You will pay the amounts owed to us pursuant to this provision within ten (10) days after receipt of an invoice indicating the amount owed.

We may, in the future, request that Trainees participate in refresher or additional training programs. We may also hold an annual conference to introduce new products, discuss sales and marketing techniques, personnel training, advertising programs, merchandising procedures and other subjects. You may be charged a registration fee for these programs and you will be solely responsible for the cost of transportation, food, lodging and other expenses incurred by Trainees at any such program. Attendance at these additional training programs and conferences is mandatory. They will be held in the metropolitan Phoenix, Arizona area, or at other locations in the United States chosen by us, at our sole discretion.

In addition to the initial training available under *Section 4.1*, we shall provide such periodic evaluations or inspections as we deem appropriate, utilizing our field representatives who may visit the Franchised Business from time to time. The frequency and duration of such visits to a Franchised Business by our representatives shall be in our sole discretion. Any such evaluation or inspection is not intended to exercise any control over your employees or the daily operation of your Franchised Business. In addition, we will be available on an ongoing basis at our offices for consultation and guidance with respect to the operation and management of the Franchised Business. In addition to the Confidential Manual, we may, but are not required to, from time to time provide you with additional materials relating to the Franchised Business.

#### **4.4 Area Representatives.**

We may retain the services of an independent third-party area representative ("Area Representative") to represent us in the area in which the Franchised Business is located and

perform some or all of the services we provide under this Agreement. The services the Area Representative may perform could include: (i) assistance in location selection and evaluating and confirming that the Location meets our minimum site requirements; (ii) advice and guidance regarding lease negotiations; (iii) assistance in opening new *Barrio Queen* locations; (iv) assistance with training on the approved POS System (as defined in *Section 4.6a.*); (v) assistance with marketing advice; (vi) periodic Quality Service Cleanliness and Experience (“QSCE”) evaluations; (vii) assistance with collection of the various sums due to us from franchisees; and (viii) coordination with other franchisees in your area and general supervision and monitoring of your Franchised Business on our behalf. You agree in advance to our delegation to an Area Representative of some or all of our obligations, and assignment to an Area Representative of some or all of our rights under this Agreement. You agree that we may require you to submit to an Area Representative any reports you are required to submit to us. Upon our request, you will provide the Area Representative with access, inspection and audit rights to the same extent we have those rights under this Agreement. You are not a third-party beneficiary of any agreement between us and any Area Representative. If we have designated an Area Representative for your Franchised Business as of the Effective Date, the name and contact information of the Area Representative is shown in *Section 17.3h*. We reserve the right in our sole discretion to remove any Area Representative in your area at any time and to appoint any other Area Representative for your area. We have no obligation to appoint an Area Representative in the area in which your Franchised Business is located, and we have no obligation to appoint a new Area Representative after we have removed an Area Representative.

You acknowledge that Area Representatives and their owners and employees may not contractually bind us without our express written authorization. You further acknowledge no Area Representative has the authority to: (i) enter into agreements or execute any agreements on our behalf; or (ii) bind us in any way without our prior written consent. Unless expressly authorized and agreed to by us in writing, we disavow any agreements, whether verbal or written, entered into by an Area Representative that in any way attempts to bind us. In any litigation or arbitration proceeding, you agree to waive any claim or defense that an Area Representative is our express or implied agent and such an assertion by you constitutes a material default under this Agreement.

#### **4.5 Confidential Manual.**

To protect the reputation and goodwill of the System and to maintain the uniform standards of operation under the Proprietary Marks, you must conduct your business in accordance with our Confidential Manual. The Confidential Manual is confidential and remains our property.

We will provide you access to the Operations Manual, which may be provided by any reasonable method to you, including online or electronically

So that you may benefit from new knowledge gained by us as to improved techniques in the operation of the Franchised Business, we may from time to time revise, amend, restate or supplement the content of the Confidential Manual or other documents provided by, or approved by, us as they presently exist or may exist in the future. You will at all times ensure that your copy of the Confidential Manual is kept current and up to date. In the event of a dispute regarding any of the content of the Confidential Manual, the master copies maintained by us at our corporate office will control.

#### 4.6 Computer Systems; Debit and Credit Card Processing.

a. Prior to the opening of your Franchised Business, you will be required to acquire, to maintain, and to exclusively use an approved cash register/computer system ("POS System") during the operation of the Franchised Business. You and your employees must complete training for the POS System as we require, and you will be required to use the POS System to produce sales reports, keep inventory control and post sales tax, refunds, credits and allowances and submit that information to us immediately upon our request. You are required to obtain high-speed/always-on internet connection service for your POS System. If high-speed/always-on internet is not available in your area, dial-up Internet access may be used until high-speed/always-on service becomes available in your area. The POS System must be configured so that we will have remote access to the information and data stored in the POS System, which may include inventory information. This access will allow us to exchange/collect data and other information on such bases as we will communicate to you from time to time. You will be required to maintain the POS System in good working order at all times, and to upgrade or update the POS System during the Term as we may require from time to time. It will be your responsibility to enter into contracts for the maintenance, upgrades and updates to the POS System with an approved supplier of such services identified by us on the list of approved vendors and distributors or other notification to you from us advising of suppliers for your market area. You shall also be required to own a personal computer or similar device with access to the Internet that allows you to report your Gross Sales (as defined in *Section 5.2*) online, send and receive e-mails with us, and receive online cake orders. All franchisees are required to participate in the online ordering program. We may require you to upgrade the hardware and software including, but not limited to, your operating system, as reasonably necessary to provide reports and information required by us.

b. We reserve the right to require you to accept debit and credit cards and Gift/Loyalty Cards from consumers at the Franchised Business. Prior to the opening of your Franchised Business, you may in our sole discretion be required to acquire and maintain an approved debit, credit and Gift/Loyalty Card processing system to use during the operation of the Franchised Business. If so, additionally, you must utilize our approved third-party Gift/Loyalty payment card processor for processing all such Gift/Loyalty Card transactions, including entering into a Gift Card Participation Agreement with one of our affiliates, or its successors or assigns, or other approved vendor for the Gift/Loyalty Card processing services. The Payment Card Industry ("PCI") requires all companies that process, store, or transmit credit card information to protect the cardholders' information by complying with the PCI Data Security Standard ("PCI DSS"). Therefore, as a franchisee who accepts credit cards, you are required to be PCI compliant by following and adhering to PCI DSS, which includes ensuring that your POS System, back office computer (if supplied), and any other device that is plugged into the network is **only** used for business purposes. You are also required to complete an annual questionnaire and quarterly network PCI scans and install a network firewall appliance for logging, tracking, reporting, and security assessment. You are also required to validate with Franchisor that your store is PCI compliant, and Franchisor may in its sole discretion require you to install a particular type of firewall (hardware and/or software). To show such validation you must send us your passing certificate showing your Franchised Business is PCI compliant. You are also required to verify that you have a PCI compliant firewall appliance installed at your Location if you process credit cards via a high speed internet connection. We require your Franchised Business' POS System, including terminals, computers, and software to be in compliance with the PCI DSS at all times. The PCI DSS is often updated, and you are required to obtain and comply with all updated standards. You must also be PCI compliant in order to obtain cyber liability/data breach insurance coverage.

## **ARTICLE 5. FEES AND DEPOSITS**

You agree to pay each of the following amounts to us via a lump sum, with each and every amount being non-refundable because of our investment in time and money, in addition to any other benefits conferred upon you, including processing your application, reviewing your documents, and providing you with relevant information, unless otherwise expressly specified below, in accordance with the provisions set forth in this *Article 5*. Notwithstanding your designation to the contrary, we have the sole discretion to apply any of your payments, in part or in whole, to any of your indebtedness to us.

### **5.1 Initial Franchise Fee.**

The initial franchise fee is Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) ("Initial Franchise Fee"). The Initial Franchise Fee will be due and payable by you to us by cashier's check, wire transfer or other form of immediately available funds acceptable to us, upon your execution of this Agreement. You and we agree that our grant of the franchise and your payment of the Initial Franchise Fee provided for in this *Section 5.1* does not give you any rights with respect to other franchises, if any, as we in our sole discretion may elect to make available in the future.

### **5.2 Royalty Fee and Surcharge.**

For the period of time commencing on the later of the Effective Date or the date the Franchised Business opens to the public, and for the duration of the Term, you must pay to us a weekly royalty fee equal to five percent (5%) of total Gross Sales (as defined below) ("Royalty Fee"). If we or the landlord of the Location require you to remodel your Franchised Business in such a way that your Franchised Business (including catering) stops offering items to the public, or if there is a disaster at your Franchised Business, such as a fire, flood or damage caused by an act of God, that requires you to temporarily close your Franchised Business, you are not required to pay the Royalty Fee during the period of time of such temporary closure; provided you provide us or our authorized representative with notice of such temporary closure as soon as reasonably possible, but in no event more than twenty-four (24) hours after such closure begins. Notwithstanding the above, all amounts owed to us under this Agreement prior to the temporary closure shall still be fully due and payable. The temporary closure of your Franchised Business shall not exceed ninety (90) days, but may be extended on a case-by-case basis at our sole discretion and with our prior written approval.

In our sole discretion, we may charge, in addition to the Royalty Fee, a surcharge of up to Ten Dollars (\$10) per week if your Franchised Business is located in a state that imposes additional reporting requirements on a franchisor ("Surcharge"). The Royalty Fee and applicable Surcharge shall be due and payable no later than Tuesday of each week, which day may be modified by us without prior notice to or approval from you, for the week ending on the preceding Monday in which applicable Gross Sales (as defined below) were earned from the Franchised Business. The weekly Royalty Fee and applicable Surcharge shall be paid by electronic funds transfer, as detailed below.

For the period of time commencing on the later of the Effective Date or the date the Franchised Business opens to the public, and for the duration of the Term, you are required to electronically report Gross Sales to our designated accounting department in a method as further detailed in the Confidential Manual, and as set forth in *Section 5.6*. Nothing herein shall prevent Franchisor from electronically polling Franchisee's POS system, restaurant management software, and financial records (or similar tools thereto) daily, or more frequently,

by electronic or other remote means and Franchisee hereby grants Franchisor authority to do so. You shall be required to establish a Depository Account (as defined in *Section 5.6*) at the time you execute this Agreement as set forth in *Section 5.6*. Payment of the Royalty Fee, Advertising Fee (as defined in *Section 5.3*), and all other fees due under this Agreement to us shall be made via electronic transfer of funds from the Depository Account. To accomplish this electronic transfer of funds from the Depository Account, you must complete, sign and deliver to us, and maintain for the duration of the Term, a current Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization in a form that we provide.

As used in this Agreement, "Gross Sales" means all sales, money or things of value, received or receivable, directly or indirectly, by Franchisee on account of the Franchised Business, less applicable sales taxes and any properly documented refunds, credits and allowances given by you to customers in accordance with the System Standards, but without deducting any of your income taxes, costs and other expenses. All sales made from catering services must be included in the Gross Sales.

### **5.3 Advertising Fee.**

a. You must pay to us, or directly into a national advertising fund or also any regional advertising funds, as designated by us at our sole discretion, (individually and collectively, "Advertising Fund") a weekly advertising fee of one percent (1%) of the Gross Sales for the preceding week ("Advertising Fee"). From time to time during the Term and upon sixty (60) days' notice by us to you, we may unilaterally increase the Advertising Fee from its current level provided however, that we may not increase the Advertising Fee by more than one half percent (0.5%) in any 12-month period. The Advertising Fee shall be due and payable with the Royalty Fee under *Section 5.2*. The Advertising Fee is our property and may be deposited by us into our general operating account.

b. The Advertising Fund will be used for marketing, advertising, production and media expenses to promote the *Barrio Queen* name, System, products and services. We are entitled to deduct, free of charge the following from the Advertising Fund: (i) reimbursement of expenses, overhead, and employee salaries for services provided; and (ii) rent for office space provided to the Advertising Fund. We have no fiduciary obligation to you in connection with the operation of any Advertising Fund. No interest on an unexpended Advertising Fee shall be imputed or otherwise charged for the benefit of, or payable to, you. You understand and agree that the only obligations we have regarding the collection and spending of the Advertising Fee or the administration of the Advertising Fund are the express contractual obligations in this *Section 5.3*. We are not acting as a trustee, fiduciary, agent or in any other special capacity. We do not give any representation or warranty regarding the quality or effectiveness of the advertising and marketing activities funded by the Advertising Fee or of the Advertising Fund, and we will have no liability to you with respect to how these funds are spent.

c. Beginning with the calendar quarter that the Restaurant opens, you will, each calendar quarter, spend a minimum of one and one-half percent (1.5%) of its Gross Sales on approved local marketing and advertising for its Restaurant (as specified in the Confidential Manual) ("Local Advertising Fee"). Each calendar year during the Term, your cumulative quarterly expenditures on approved local advertising must total at least one and one-half percent (1.5%) of Franchisee's Gross Sales for the calendar year. If you spend less than such amount for approved local advertising in any calendar quarter or less than such amount for approved local advertising during any calendar year, then you will deposit with us the difference between the amount you were required to spend and the amount actually spent by you. We will

have the right to spend all of the funds deposited by you under this provision for advertising and promotion in you DMA in the manner deemed appropriate by us. You will not conduct any advertising and/or promotion programs for your Restaurant, except those permitted by the Confidential Manuals or otherwise provided by us, without our prior written approval. Your own local marketing and advertising should be developed to maximize your particular customer base.

#### **5.4 Cooperative Advertising.**

a. We encourage the formation and operation of franchisee cooperative local advertising associations (each an "LAA" or an "Association"). Each Association will help coordinate advertising, marketing efforts and programs, and attempt to maximize the efficient use of local advertising media. If an Association is formed for your region, you must contribute financially to the Association as required by us. Failure to do so will be deemed a breach of this Agreement and you may also, in Franchisor's sole discretion, lose your right to vote as to decisions regarding advertising and marketing efforts and programs.

b. Upon our request, you will assist in establishing an Association or in deciding how to allocate all or part of any Fund contribution we elect to distribute to the Association. We will decide in our sole discretion whether to make contributions from the Fund to an Association and how much to contribute. We reserve the right to establish general standards concerning the operation of an Association, advertising agencies retained by an Association, and advertising programs conducted by an Association. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, no Association decision will be made or advertising collections spent without our prior written approval.

If you are a member of an LAA, you will contribute Local Advertising Fees equal to 1.5% of your weekly Gross Sales to the LAA by each Tuesday with respect to the previous week's Gross Sales, unless that day is a non-business day, in which case the Local Advertising Fee is payable on the next business day. The weekly Local Advertising Fees paid by Franchisee to the LAA will meet the local advertising requirement set forth above.

#### **5.5 Not Applicable.**

#### **5.6 Depository Account; Payment Procedures.**

You are required to establish, at the time you execute this Agreement, and maintain for the duration of the Term a depository account ("Depository Account") at a bank or other federally insured financial institution ("Depository"). You will initially deposit no less than the amount set forth in the Confidential Manuals into the Depository Account and are required to maintain that as a balance all times during the Term by replenishing the Depository Account to the required minimum after any withdrawals. We shall not be responsible for any bank service charges incurred by you which result from the withdrawal of funds from your Depository Account.

On Tuesday of each week by noon CST, you must submit a report to us regarding the weekly period which ended on the preceding Sunday, including details on Gross Sales and other statistical data as provided in this Agreement, Confidential Manual, or as otherwise specified from time to time by us. We will withdraw funds electronically on Tuesday of each week from the Depository Account. The withdrawals are based upon the figures you report and constitute the Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee as described in *Sections 5.2 and 5.3*. If you do not timely submit a report, we may estimate the Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee based upon

prior reports and withdraw the estimated amounts. We will return or credit back to you, in our sole discretion, any overage within thirty (30) days after our receipt of your report(s). We shall not be responsible to you for any interest charges for any overage collected due to your failure to timely report your sales. You shall instruct the Depository to disburse each week to our designated bank, via electronic funds transfer by the close of business on Tuesday (or preceding banking business day, if Tuesday is a bank holiday), the weekly Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee and other fees due for that week, which week shall end on the preceding Sunday. The days of the week specified above may be modified by us without prior notice to or approval from you.

We will also withdraw any monthly fee from the Depository Account on or around the last Thursday of each month. Under no circumstances shall such access to the Depository Account be deemed control or joint control of the Depository Account by us.

Subject to reasonable advance notice for non-recurring payment amounts, we have the right to debit your Depository Account, or any other depository account you have with us, according to the terms of your Electronic Funds Transfer Authorization for any of the payments described in this Agreement. If you do not pay all amounts due by the due date, we may suspend our and our affiliates' services and support until your payment default is cured. Repeated failure to pay all amounts when due, whether or not the defaults are subsequently cured, may be cause for termination under *Article 14*.

You shall pay us Fifty Dollars (\$50) for each electronic funds transfer attempted from your Depository Account pursuant to this *Section 5.6* that is returned for non-sufficient funds. You shall also reimburse us for all other costs and expenses incurred by us in collecting or attempting to collect funds due to us from the Depository Account (for example, without limitation, charges for non-sufficient funds, uncollected funds or other discrepancies in deposits or maintenance of the Depository Account balance in accordance with the terms hereof). The Depository Account shall be established and maintained solely for the purposes set forth in this *Section 5.6* and any other fees authorized under this Agreement and any other agreements between you and us or any of our affiliates.

#### **5.7 Lease Review Fee.**

If you request us or one of our designated affiliates to complete a Lease Review, you are required to pay us or our designated affiliate a lease review fee in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) ("Lease Review Fee") for reviewing and providing comments to your proposed lease.

#### **5.8 Lease Guarantee Fee.**

If, in order to obtain the lease agreement for the Location of your Franchised Business, the landlord requires you to obtain a lease guarantee, and we or one of our affiliates agree to serve as such guarantor, you will pay us or our affiliate a fee in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the rental obligations being guaranteed under the lease during its term up to a maximum fee of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) ("Lease Guarantee Fee"). The Lease Guarantee Fee will be due and payable upon our or our affiliate's execution of the applicable lease guarantee agreement with the landlord. Neither we nor any of our affiliates are required to serve as a guarantor of your lease for the Location of your Franchised Business; rather, the decision of whether to serve as a guarantor shall be made in our sole discretion. In the event that you request us or our affiliate to either agree to be the tenant under the lease or execute a

separate guarantee to the lease, and you pay the required Lease Guarantee Fee, you agree and acknowledge that payment of the Lease Guarantee Fee shall not, in any manner, be deemed as an insurance policy which limits your liability in connection with the Franchised Business, including any and all financial liability under the sublease or lease related to the Location. You further agree and acknowledge that our or our affiliate's agreement to act as tenant or guarantor under the lease, and your payment of the Lease Guarantee Fee to us or our affiliate, does not result in the assumption or transfer of your liability, in connection with the Franchised Business, by or to us or our affiliate.

#### **5.9 Additional Persons Training Fee.**

The training of your Management Staff, as described above, is included in the Initial Franchise Fee. If you desire to have more people attend the initial Training Program, you must pay an additional training fee of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for each such person to attend the In-Store Training and an additional Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750) for each such person to attend the New Owner Training (individually and collectively, "Additional Persons Training Fee") (see *Section 4.1*).

#### **5.10 Additional Training Fee.**

If, after attending the Training Program, you desire to, or we require that you, receive additional training, we will provide additional training time to you for a per diem fee per person per day, (currently \$750 per day) for each trainer provided by Franchisor. You must also reimburse Franchisor for the travel expenses it incurs, estimated to range from \$100 to \$1,000 per trainer. Such additional training will be at a time reasonably agreed to by you and us, and will be conducted at Franchisor's headquarters, online, or such other location as we may designate in our sole discretion. You will be solely responsible for all transportation costs and expenses, food, lodging and other personal costs and expenses incurred by you and your employees in connection with this additional training. This additional training fee may be increased from time to time, at the sole option of Franchisor's, to account for inflation, increased costs and other economic conditions.

#### **5.11 Document Administration Fee.**

A document administration fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) ("Document Administration Fee") is payable to us when we must prepare an amendment to your franchise documents (see *Section 12.3g*).

#### **5.12 Renewal Franchise Fee.**

A renewal franchise fee of fifty percent (50%) of the then-current initial franchise fee not including any discounts or reductions ("Renewal Franchise Fee") is payable to us when you renew this Agreement (see *Section 13.i*).

#### **5.13 Transfer Franchise Fee.**

- a. Not applicable.
- b. A Potential Transferee (as defined in *Section 12.1c*.) receiving this Agreement, as may be amended, in connection with a Full Transfer (as defined in *Section 12.1a.1*.), must pay to us a transfer franchise fee of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) ("Transfer Franchise Fee").

#### **5.14 Relocation Fee.**

A relocation fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) ("Relocation Fee") is payable to us when you sign the amendment to your Franchise Agreement for your relocation (see *Section 2.5*).

#### **5.15 Not Applicable.**

#### **5.16 Annual Meeting Registration Fee.**

If we hold an annual meeting ("Meeting"), the Meeting may be held at various locations throughout the United States and/or online as we may designate in our sole discretion. Because the planning and funding of the Meeting must be done well in advance and requires a substantial financial commitment, we have the right to debit your Depository Account for up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the Meeting registration fee at any time sixty (60) to ninety (90) days prior to the first day of the Meeting. This fee may be debited from your account (even if you do not attend the Meeting). You will also be solely responsible for all costs incidental to attending the Meeting. If you do not attend the Meeting, we will make available to you one (1) full set of the substantive materials that were presented at the Meeting.

#### **5.17 Late Report; Interest; Late Charge; Non-Sufficient Funds Fee; Breaching Royalties; Draft Draw Charge.**

If you fail to submit to us any financial statements, forms, reports or records required to be provided under this Agreement by its due date, including your weekly Gross Sales report for calculating your Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee, you must pay to us a late report charge of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per week or part thereof.

If any fees or assessments due under this Agreement, including the Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee, are not paid when due, interest shall accrue on the late payment (from the date payment is due until the date payment is made) at the Default Rate, which amount, plus a late charge of five percent (5%) of the unpaid amount, or One Hundred Dollars (\$100), whichever is greater, shall be added to each late payment. For any payments made by you to us under this Agreement which are returned for non-sufficient funds of a processed check, you shall be charged a non-sufficient funds fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) per occurrence. Pursuant to *Section 5.6*, for each electronic funds transfer that is attempted from the Depository Account but returned for non-sufficient funds, you shall be charged a Fifty Dollars (\$50) non-sufficient funds fee per occurrence.

Franchisor has the absolute right to charge Franchisee the greater of: three (3) times the fixed Royalty Fee; or, if on a percentage Royalty Fee, the Royalty Fee will be increased up to fifteen percent (15%) of Gross Sales, with respect to any period during which Franchisee is in breach or default of its/his/her obligations under this Agreement. The Royalty Fees paid or owing to Franchisor with respect to the period during which Franchisee is in breach or default are referred to as "Breaching Royalties." Breaching Royalties will be charged for a minimum fourteen (14) day period, regardless of the length of the actual breach or default.

If you fail to provide us any necessary information or documentation with respect to our practice of drawing drafts against your bank accounts, you must pay us a draft draw charge in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per day that that failure continues.

If, as a result of your failure to remit payments required under any provision of this Agreement, we retain an attorney or a collection agency to collect such payments, you must pay all collection costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, whether or not legal proceedings are initiated. Our rights under this *Section 5.17* are in addition to any other rights or remedies that we may have as a result of your default under this Agreement.

#### **5.18 Audit Fees.**

For the purpose of this *Section 5.18*, we have the right, at any time during business hours, and with or without prior notice to you, to inspect and audit, or cause to be inspected and audited, the business records, cash control devices, bookkeeping and accounting records, sales and income tax records and returns and other records of the Franchised Business and your entity's books and records.

You hereby grant us access to any computers utilized by you for such purposes and we will have the ability, at all times, via modem, to obtain daily and weekly sales reports and other financial records that the POS System provides. You will fully cooperate with our representatives, the Area Representative, if applicable, and independent accountants hired by us to conduct any such inspection or audit. In addition, in the event such inspection or audit is made necessary by your failure to furnish reports, supporting records or other information, as required herein, or to furnish such reports, records or information on a timely basis, or if an understatement of Gross Sales, resulting in an underpayment of the Royalty Fee or Advertising Fee for the period of any audit (which shall not be for less than one (1) month) is determined by any such audit or inspection to be two percent (2%) or greater, you will pay to us, immediately after receipt of the inspection or audit report, any additional Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee and other amounts due as a result of any such understatement, plus interest at the Default Rate from the date originally due until the date of payment and you must reimburse us for such audit or inspection, including the charges of any independent accountants, and the travel expenses, room, board and compensation of such accountants and our employees.

The remedies in this *Section 5.18* will be in addition to all other remedies and rights available to us under this Agreement or otherwise available.

#### **5.19 Technology Fees.**

We specifically reserve the right to require you to pay us or an affiliated or unaffiliated third-party we designate a fee, subject to reasonable annual and/or service enhancement increases throughout the Term, as we may develop or contract with third parties to develop centralized or technology-based methods of taking, processing, routing, and delivering orders in addition to the methods and technology we currently use or authorize (collectively "Additional Order Systems"). These may become mandatory at any time during the Term and may require you to spend money to add or replace equipment, wiring, hardware and software; to pay licensing fees, support and maintenance fees, fees paid to third parties; to incur other costs, and to sign agreements with us and with third parties. To the extent these products and services are owned by us or an affiliate or provided to you by us or an affiliate, we may charge up front and/or ongoing fees that may be included as part of the Technology Fee. However, to the extent all the direct and indirect costs to develop, test and implement an Additional Ordering System are paid from other sources, then such up-front and ongoing fees charged by us may be intended only to cover our ongoing expenses, including direct costs and reasonable allocations.

## **5.20 Third-Party Performance Measurement Evaluations.**

We reserve the right to charge you up to one-half of the cost of set programs, estimated as of the Effective Date to range from \$300 to \$600 per month, per restaurant, but subject to increases throughout the Term.

In its sole and absolute judgment, we may hire providers of independent and secret shopping or other services to: (a) visit and evaluate food safety at the Restaurant; (b) visit and dine at the Restaurant; (c) interview the customers of the Restaurant by telephone, electronically, interactive voice response, or in person; (d) summarize information from customer surveys or comment cards for the Restaurant; and (e) communicate with customers of the Restaurant by email or in writing, by direct contact, electronically, or interactive voice response for the purpose of evaluating: (i) the operations of the Restaurant; (ii) the quality of the goods and services provided to customers by the Restaurant; and (iii) whether you are in compliance with the operational and quality standards specified in the Confidential Manual. We will determine the frequency, nature and extent of the services that will be provided and the form of the reports the service providers will provide to us, a copy of which will also be provided to you.

In the event you fail a food safety evaluation, and without waiving any of the rights afforded to us herein, you must pay the full cost of any required follow-up evaluation, as well as the full cost of the original failed evaluation.

## **5.21 New Vendor Approval Fee.**

All requests for approving new or alternative vendors must be submitted in writing by you or the supplier to our Purchasing Department. Each request will be reviewed in accordance with our then-current procedures and the vendor must meet our then-current requirements, which may include that our representatives be allowed to inspect the facilities of the proposed vendor, and that samples from the proposed vendor be delivered, at no charge, either to us or to our designee for testing. A charge not to exceed the amounts incurred in connection with the inspection and the test, with such cumulative amount not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), must be paid by you and/or the vendor. If approved, in our sole discretion, we will notify you or the vendor in writing within sixty (60) days after our receipt of an approval request. If you do not receive a written notification from us of our approval or disapproval, then the request will be deemed automatically denied after the expiration of such sixty (60) day period. You must not offer or sell in any manner any of the proposed alternative vendor's products until you receive our written approval of the proposed alternative vendor.

## **5.22 Reserved.**

## **5.23 Non-participation Fee.**

You must offer and sell at the Location of the Franchised Business all products designated by us, consistent with our System Standards. In addition, you must immediately incorporate into the Franchised Business all new products and services designated by us and must fully participate in all local, regional, seasonal, promotional and other programs, initiatives and campaigns adopted by us in which we require you to participate. If you fail or refuse to fully participate in any such program, initiative or campaign, you may, in our sole discretion, be required to pay a non-participation fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per day that you are not in compliance ("Non-participation Fee").

#### **5.24 Grand Opening Celebration.**

We will provide you access to a “grand opening celebration” package that will include advertising and promotional materials for Franchisee’s Restaurant. You will spend a minimum of \$15,000 (or such other greater amount determined by us, in our sole and absolute discretion, and specified in writing by us) on the grand opening celebration for your Restaurant if the Restaurant is your first Restaurant in the market area (as determined by us). The grand opening expenditures can be applied toward the local advertising requirements set forth in above in this Agreement. We reserve the right to request written documentation from you sufficient to establish to our satisfaction that such expenditures were actually made by you. Such documentation will be provided to us within fifteen (15) days after our request.

#### **5.25 through 5.35 Not Applicable.**

### **ARTICLE 6. PROPRIETARY MARKS**

#### **6.1 Ownership and Right to Use.**

We warrant to you that:

- a. We are the owner of all right, title and interest in and to the Proprietary Marks;
- b. We have granted to you the personal, non-exclusive, limited, revocable right and license to use the Proprietary Marks in connection with the operation of your Franchised Business;
- c. We have taken and will take all steps reasonably necessary to preserve and protect our rights in the Proprietary Marks; and
- d. We will only permit you to use the Proprietary Marks in accordance with the System Standards.

#### **6.2 Covenants of Franchise Owners.**

- a. You acknowledge our ownership of the Proprietary Marks, and you agree that during the Term and after its expiration or termination, you will not directly or indirectly contest, or aid in contesting, the validity of the Proprietary Marks or our ownership of the Proprietary Marks, nor will you take any action which might impair or prejudice our ownership of the Proprietary Marks. You shall not, directly or indirectly, apply to register, register or otherwise seek to own or control any of the Proprietary Marks, or any confusingly similar mark thereto, whether in whole or in part, in any place or jurisdiction either within or outside of the United States; nor will you assist any others to do so.
- b. You agree that the license granted pursuant to this Agreement authorizes you to use the Proprietary Marks solely in connection with the Franchised Business only at the Location, and for no other purpose. You have no right to license or sublicense any aspect of the System Standards or any of the Proprietary Marks.
- c. You agree to use the Proprietary Marks only in the manner and to the extent specifically licensed by this Agreement. You further agree that any unauthorized use or

continued use of the Proprietary Marks after the termination or expiration of this Agreement will constitute irreparable harm and is subject to injunctive relief.

d. The license granted by this Agreement includes only the Proprietary Marks, now existing or which may exist in the future. This license does not include the right to use any other trademarks, service marks, trade name or trade dress owned by us or our licensor anywhere in the world. You agree that any and all goodwill associated with and identified by your use of the Proprietary Marks will inure directly and exclusively to our benefit, and that, on the expiration or termination of this Agreement, no monetary amount will be due or payable to you as a result of any goodwill associated with your ownership or operation of the Franchised Business.

### **6.3 Limitations on Franchisee's Use of Proprietary Marks.**

To develop and maintain high and uniform standards of quality and service and thereby protect our reputation and goodwill and that of the System, you agree:

a. To operate and advertise the Franchised Business only under the Proprietary Marks authorized by us;

b. To adopt and use the Proprietary Marks licensed by this Agreement solely in the manner prescribed by us;

c. That your corporate, partnership or other entity name including trade name, will not include any of the Proprietary Marks, in whole or in part, or any terms confusingly similar thereto, unless first authorized by us in writing;

d. To submit all advertising, promotional materials and all printed matter, including stationery, business cards, and any materials to be used on the Internet to us for our written approval before you use any of these items; and

e. That we may from time to time change or modify the System Standards, including modifying existing Proprietary Marks or adopting new marks. You agree, at your own expense, to adopt, use and display any such new or modified Proprietary Marks within ninety (90) days after notification from us. However, if we require you to modify or discontinue use of our proprietary information or use other information or rights in its place at any time other than upon renewal of this Agreement, and that requirement is a direct result of proceedings or litigation that determined that our and our franchisees' use of the proprietary information infringed upon a third-party's rights, we or our affiliate will bear the actual, direct, and reasonable costs of those modifications or discontinuances. The rights granted to Franchisee under this Section shall be Franchisee's sole and exclusive remedy for any infringement by any part of the System.

Upon your abandonment of the Franchised Business (whether voluntary or involuntary), termination or expiration of this Agreement, you must immediately cease to use, in any manner whatsoever, any of the Proprietary Marks or any other marks which, in whole or in part, may be confusingly similar to any of the Proprietary Marks.

### **6.4 Non-Exclusive License of Proprietary Marks.**

You understand and agree that your license to use the Proprietary Marks is non-exclusive; that we, in our sole discretion, can grant to other franchisees the right to use the Proprietary Marks and obtain the benefits of the System Standards, in addition to the licenses

and rights granted to you under this Agreement; and that we or our affiliates may develop and license other proprietary marks in conjunction with concepts other than the *Barrio Queen* concept, on any terms and conditions we deem advisable. You will have no right or interest in any such other licenses, proprietary marks or systems.

## **6.5 Notification of Infringement and Claims.**

You agree that you will notify us immediately of any apparent infringement of, or challenge to your use of any of the Proprietary Marks, or any claim by any person of any rights in any of the Proprietary Marks. You agree that you will not communicate with any person, other than us and our legal counsel, in connection with any such infringement, challenge or claim. We will have the sole discretion to take such action as we may deem appropriate to protect the Proprietary Marks and the exclusive right to control any litigation, United States Patent and Trademark Office proceeding, or other proceeding arising out of any such infringement, challenge, claim or otherwise relating to any Proprietary Marks. You agree to execute any and all instruments and documents, render such assistance, and do such acts and things as may, in the opinion of our counsel, be necessary or advisable to protect and maintain our interests in connection with any such litigation or proceeding, or to otherwise protect and maintain our interests in the Proprietary Marks.

## **ARTICLE 7. TRADE SECRETS AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**

### **7.1 Innovations.**

During the Term, you and your principals, officers, managers and employees may conceive, invent, create, design or develop various ideas, techniques, methods, processes and procedures, recipes, formulae, products, packaging or other concepts and features relating to restaurant operations, business practices or the manufacturing, production, marketing and sale of Mexican food and/or beverages, and related items now in existence or later developed, adopted, or improved in connection with the Franchised Business (individually and collectively, "Innovations"). You, without further consideration, hereby assign any and all of your rights, title and interest in the Innovations, including any intellectual property rights, to us, and also agree to cooperate with us and our counsel in the protection of the Innovations, including the perfecting of title thereto in us. In addition, you will require all of your principals, officers, managers and employees to sign an agreement in the form set forth in our System Standards and incorporated herein by reference ("Confidentiality Agreement"), and shall be liable to us for obligating your principals, officers, managers and employees to assign all of their rights, title and interest to the Innovations to us and requiring your principals, officers, managers and employees to cooperate in obtaining, protecting, maintaining and enforcing our right, title and interest in the Innovations.

### **7.2 Confidentiality Agreement.**

a. In connection with the operation of the Franchised Business, you will from time to time receive, have access to, or learn certain information and materials that are proprietary to us or our affiliate. You and any person signing this Agreement under the heading "Personal Acceptance of *Sections 7.1, 7.2, 14.6 and 14.8*" agree that you will keep confidential, and will not use for your own purposes, nor supply or divulge to any other person, any of our Trade Secrets, including our methods of operation, processes, techniques, formulae and procedures, information a reasonable person would believe to be confidential and any other proprietary information regardless of whether such is expressly marked as confidential ("Confidential Information"). You acknowledge that much of the information imparted to you by us is

confidential, constitutes Trade Secrets, is unique to us, and remains our sole exclusive property. Our Confidential Information includes, without limitation, the following:

1. The Confidential Manual and any amendments thereto;
2. Ingredients, recipes, and methods of preparation of food products;
3. Methods of operation of *Barrio Queen* restaurants;
4. Information about products, services, or procedures before they become public knowledge;
5. Information which relates in any manner to our business or the System Standards, whether oral or reduced to writing, and which is not generally known to, or readily ascertainable by, other persons who might derive economic benefit from its disclosure or use; and
6. Any other information which may be imparted to you from time to time and designated by us as confidential.

b. You and any person signing this Agreement under the heading "Personal Acceptance of *Sections 7.1, 7.2, 14.6 and 14.8*" acknowledge and agree that the Confidential Information and any business goodwill of the Franchised Business is our sole and exclusive property, and that you will preserve the confidentiality thereof. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, all items, records or documentation recording or incorporating any Confidential Information, including any copies thereof, will be immediately turned over by you to us or our authorized representative.

c. You agree to take all steps necessary, at your own expense, to protect the Confidential Information, including our Trade Secrets, and to adopt and implement all reasonable procedures prescribed by us from time to time to prevent the unauthorized use or disclosure of any of the Confidential Information. We require that all of your executive officers, agents, directors, shareholders, trustees, beneficiaries, partners and managers who may or are likely to obtain knowledge concerning the Proprietary Information (and who do not sign this Agreement under the heading "Personal Acceptance of *Sections 7.1, 7.2, 14.6 and 14.8*") sign the Confidentiality Agreement binding such person to preserve the confidentiality of the Confidential Information as part of the terms and conditions of such person's employment or association with you. You must obtain a Confidentiality Agreement signed by any such person prior to or at the same time that you begin employment of, or association with, that person. This will be a continuing obligation on your part throughout the Term. You must keep each original signed Confidentiality Agreement and provide us with a copy of each Confidentiality Agreement when requested by us or our authorized representative.

d. Notwithstanding the above, Confidential Information shall not include information which you can reasonably prove: (i) entered the public domain through no breach by you or your affiliate of any duty of confidentiality, or (ii) you received our prior express written consent to disclose in the manner in which you disclosed it.

e. If anyone under a Confidentiality Agreement is legally compelled or required by a regulatory body to disclose any Confidential Information, he/she/it will notify us as soon as

possible and will use his/her/its best efforts to obtain, and give us an opportunity to obtain, appropriate assurances of confidential treatment.

f. The requirements under this *Section 7.2* will remain in full force and effect during the Term and after termination or expiration of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 8. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES AND INDEMNIFICATION**

### **8.1 Relationship of the Parties.**

You and we agree that this Agreement does not create any fiduciary or employment relationship between you, or any of your employees, and us, that you are an independent contractor, and that nothing in this Agreement is intended to make either you or us a general or special agent, legal representative, subsidiary, joint venture, partner, employee or servant of the other for any purpose. You shall not enter into any agreement on behalf of or otherwise bind us for any purpose.

Should it ever be asserted that Franchisor is the employer, joint employer or co-employer of any of your or your affiliate's employees in any private or government investigation, action, proceeding, arbitration, or other setting, you irrevocably agree to assist Franchisor in defending said allegation, including (if necessary) appearing at any venue requested by Franchisor to testify on our behalf (and, as may be necessary, submitting itself to depositions, other appearances and/or preparing affidavits dismissive of any allegation that Franchisor is the employer, joint employer or co-employer of any of your employees).

### **8.2 Indemnification of Franchisor.**

You agree to indemnify, defend and hold us and our affiliates (including our parent and subsidiary companies, current, past and future predecessors, successors and assigns), and each of our shareholders, owners, directors, officers, members, managers, partners, joint venturers, attorneys, employees, contractors, agents, representatives, guarantors, insurers, spouses, heirs, executors, trustees and estates (collectively with us, "Indemnified Parties") harmless for, from and against any and all claims, liabilities, causes of action, suits, debts, duties, accounts, covenants, contracts, agreements, promises, taxes, demands, obligations, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, damages, judgments, and proceedings, of every kind and nature whatsoever, whether actual or threatened, in law or equity, or otherwise, under local, state or federal law including, without limitation the ADA, or the law of any other applicable jurisdiction (individually and collectively, "Claims") suffered or incurred by any of the Indemnified Parties arising out of or relating to your construction, ownership, marketing, Promotions (as defined in *Article 10*), operation, including your failure to comply with PCI DSS or any law, statute, regulation, order, rule, or ordinance, or management of the Franchised Business, except for Claims held to have resulted solely from our gross negligence or willful misconduct. Notwithstanding the foregoing, we will have the right, at our option, to defend any Claim, but you must reimburse us upon demand for the costs and expenses of such defense. You shall immediately give us notice of any demand, investigation, written inquiry, action, suit, proceeding, or claim in any way related to us or the *Barrio Queen* brand.

### **8.3 Indemnification of Franchisee.**

We agree to indemnify, defend and hold you and your affiliates, and their shareholders, directors, officers, members, managers, partners, employees, agents, successors and assignees harmless for, from and against any and all Claims, arising out of any Claim of infringement or unfair competition in connection with your authorized use of the Proprietary Marks or Confidential Information, provided that such use is in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. However, if we require you to modify or discontinue use of our Proprietary Marks or Confidential Information or use other information or rights in its place at any time other than upon renewal of this Agreement, and that requirement is a direct result of proceedings or litigation that determined that our and our franchisees' use of the Proprietary Marks or Confidential Information infringed upon a third-party's rights, we will bear the cost of those modifications or discontinuances as set forth in this Agreement.

### **8.4 Special Power of Attorney.**

You agree to cooperate with and assist us as we may request from time to time to obtain, protect, maintain or enforce our intellectual property and Proprietary Marks, including executing documents and appearing as a witness. You hereby appoint us as your attorney-of-fact and hereby grant us an irrevocable Special Power of Attorney, coupled with an interest, with full power and authority for the purpose of executing documents or taking such action as necessary or appropriate as you might or could do if personally present, hereby ratifying all that we, as your attorney-in-fact, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Special Power of Attorney to obtain, protect, maintain or enforce our intellectual property and Proprietary Marks if we are, for any reason, unable to obtain your cooperation or assistance. The Special Power of Attorney granted by this *Section 8.4*, shall survive your dissolution, death, incompetence or disability and the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 9. OPERATING STANDARDS AND DUTIES OF FRANCHISE OWNER**

### **9.1 Compliance with System Standards and Confidential Manual.**

You understand and acknowledge that every detail of the operation of the Franchised Business is important in order to develop and maintain high and uniform standards of quality, cleanliness, appearance, service, facilities and techniques; to increase the demand for the System; and to protect our reputation and goodwill and that of other franchisees. You also acknowledge that the operation of the Franchised Business is your sole responsibility, and that neither we nor our affiliates have any responsibility to obtain customers for you. The System Standards will constitute provisions of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein.

### **9.2 Authorized Products and Services.**

a. You agree that you will not, without our prior written approval, offer at the Location any menu items, beverages, products or services that are not authorized by us for the Franchised Business, as set forth in the System Standards.

b. You have complete discretion in establishing the minimum price you charge for your products. Although we may suggest pricing strategy, you will have the final pricing decision.

c. Notwithstanding the terms of *Section 9.2b.*, we may conduct periodic promotional campaigns during which a specified product or products are promoted at a specified price. During the promotional period, you may not charge your customers more than the specified promotional price, although you may charge less than the promotional price.

d. We may conduct new marketing, research and development, branding and operational program tests, which will generally be conducted with experienced, existing franchisees and may include incentives and other rights that are not available to all franchisees.

e. You hereby consent to third-party vendors, suppliers and distributors sharing with us any and all information, reports, invoices and related documentation covering and otherwise detailing your purchases for the Franchised Business, and to us sharing your contact information with them when we reasonably believe they may offer you a desired benefit.

f. You are required to accept debit and credit cards (including Visa®, MASTERCARD® and AMERICAN EXPRESS®) and as we see fit Gift/Loyalty Cards from consumers at the Franchised Business. Prior to the opening of your Franchised Business, you are required to acquire, and maintain during the Term, an approved debit, credit and Gift/Loyalty Card processing system ("Card Processing System") to use during the operation of the Franchised Business. Additionally, you must utilize our approved third-party payment card processor, as identified in the System Standards, for processing all Card Processing System transactions.

### **9.3 Specifications and Standards for Supplies; Approved Suppliers; Rollouts.**

a. You must purchase or otherwise acquire certain proprietary or required equipment and supplies utilized in the Franchised Business only from our designated approved distributors or suppliers. If, during the Term, we change designated approved distributors or suppliers for any of the proprietary or required equipment and supplies utilized in the Franchised Business, you shall change to the new designated approved distributor or supplier within sixty (60) days after written notification of such change from us.

You acknowledge Franchisor and/or its affiliates has the right to receive commissions, volume discounts, purchase discounts, performance payments, bonuses, rebates, marketing and advertising allowances, co-op advertising, administrative fees, enhancements, price discounts, economic benefits and/or other payments ("Payments") based upon the actual purchases of the foods, beverages, and other products by Franchisor, its affiliates, area developers and franchisees from suppliers. Any such Payments made to Franchisor may be retained by Franchisor as it deems appropriate, in its sole discretion. All Payments received from a supplier for a designated purpose (such as participation at an annual convention, etc.) will be spent in accordance with the supplier's designated purpose.

b. If you desire to purchase or otherwise acquire any equipment, supplies or inventory items required by the System Standards but not previously approved by us, or from sources not previously approved by us, you must submit to us sufficient specifications, photographs, drawings and other information sufficient to allow us to determine whether such equipment, supplies or inventory items meet our System Standards. We may require that our representatives be allowed to inspect the facilities of the proposed supplier and revoke its approval upon the supplier's failure to meet any of our then-current minimum System Standards. We may also require that samples from the proposed supplier be delivered, at no charge to us, either to us or to our designee for testing. A charge not to exceed the reasonable cost and

expense of the inspection and the actual cost and expense of the test must be paid to us either by you or by the proposed supplier. We will notify you within sixty (60) days after your request of our approval or disapproval of the proposed product or supplier, with such determination to be made at our sole discretion. If you do not receive a written notification from us of our approval or disapproval, then the request will be deemed automatically denied after the expiration of such sixty (60) day period. You acknowledge and agree that our approval of any item or supplier of equipment, supplies or inventory not previously approved by us will not, in and of itself, make the supplier of that item an approved supplier for other franchise owners in the System. We may, in our sole discretion, at any time and from time to time, re-inspect the facilities and products of any approved supplier and revoke its approval upon the supplier's failure to meet any of our then-current System Standards. If you receive a notice of revocation from us, you must immediately stop selling disapproved products and purchasing from the disapproved supplier.

c. We will provide to you a list of all recommended and required items of equipment, fixtures, supplies, smallwares and interior decor. This list will be included in the System Standards.

d. At any time and from time to time, we may in our sole option engage in new product rollouts to add to or change the menu items offered for sale in the Franchised Business and the ingredients or supplier of ingredients utilized in the preparation of the menu items sold in the Franchised Business ("Rollout"). If we engage in a Rollout, you shall participate in the changes that are the subject of such Rollout, including offering the new menu items, changing the menu items, changing to the new supplier of the ingredients utilized in the preparation of the menu items, and changing to the new ingredients utilized in the preparation of the menu items. If we engage in a Rollout, we will notify you of the details of the Rollout and provide you sixty (60) days from said notification to take the applicable actions required by the Rollout.

e. We may require that you join and make required purchases/leases through a purchasing cooperative or other entity designated by us. Such entity may adopt its own by-laws, rules, regulations and procedures, subject to our prior review and approval, which may include required provisions intended to meet applicable legal and regulatory principles. Your failure to timely pay amounts due to, or comply with the by-laws, rules, regulations and procedures of such cooperative is a breach of this Agreement. We will have the right, but not the obligation, to offset against amounts we owe to you the amount of your unpaid cooperative obligations.

#### **9.4 Compliance with Legal Requirements and Good Business Practices.**

You must, at your sole expense, operate the Franchised Business in full compliance with all applicable Federal, state and local statutes, laws, ordinances and regulations, including, without limitation, health and safety regulations, food and drug laws, disability laws, labor and employment laws and data privacy laws, as may be amended, supplemented or enacted from time to time. You must pay all costs and expenses incurred by, and in the conduct of, the Franchised Business, including all rent, salaries, taxes (excluding our income taxes), disbursements, license or permit fees, insurance premiums, traveling expenses and any other business expenses. If you receive any demand, action, suit or proceeding, or the issuance of any order, writ, injunction, award or decree of any court, agency or other governmental instrumentality relating to your Franchised Business, you must immediately notify us, and in no event, later than three (3) days after your receipt. Any such notice must be accompanied by a copy of the demand, complaint, order, writ, injunction, award, decree or other similar document.

You must, in all dealings with your employees, customers, suppliers, the public and us adhere to the highest standards of honesty, integrity, fair dealing and ethical conduct. You agree to refrain from any business practice that may be injurious to the System or the goodwill associated with the Proprietary Marks.

**9.5 Maintenance of Insurance.**

At all times during the Term, you must maintain in full force and effect at least the minimum types and amounts of insurance coverage that we require, under one (1) or more policies of insurance (each of which shall be primary coverage and shall not be contributory or secondary to any other coverage maintained by us), insured under the particular name of the Franchisee and for the particular address of the Franchised Business. You understand and acknowledge that you remain fully liable for any and all claims in connection with the operation of the Franchised Business arising during the Term of this Agreement, including without limitation, for any time period during which you may be in the process of obtaining a valid and complete certificate of insurance or is otherwise out of compliance. We do not waive and hereby reserve your obligations under this Agreement, including without limitation your insurance obligations.

Such insurance policies must be issued by insurers acceptable to us having an A.M. Best's financial strength rating of at minimum "A-VIII," and grant us authority to obtain copies of your certificate of insurance directly from the carrier or your agent/broker. The particular requirements of our minimum insurance coverage will be made available to you throughout your term. Currently, the general liability insurance required by this Agreement must: (i) name BQ Concepts, L.L.C. as the certificate holder; (ii) name BQ Concepts, L.L.C., BBQ Holdings, Inc. and MTY Franchising USA, Inc. and their parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, and employees as additional insureds; (iii) contain a waiver by the insurance carrier of all subrogation rights against us and our affiliates and our affiliates' respective officers, directors and employees for casualty losses; (iv) indicate the address of the Franchised Business being insured; and (v) provide that we will receive a copy, via an endorsement, thirty (30) days' prior notice of cancellation of any such policy. Additional minimum insurance coverage requirements (subject to increase or otherwise change in our sole discretion) are as follows:

TYPE OF COVERAGE	LIMITS/SPECIFICATIONS
General Liability	\$2,000,000 Bodily Injury/Property Damage Per Occurrence / \$5,000,000 Aggregate
Liquor Liability	\$2,000,000 Per Occurrence
Building Improvements and Betterments	100% of Full Replacement Cost – No Coinsurance (minimum of \$100,000)
Business Personal Property	100% of Full Replacement Cost – No Coinsurance – Special Form or equivalent (minimum of \$100,000)
Spoilage	\$5,000
Flood, Earthquake and Volcanic Eruption	Subject to Territory Limitations – required if in

TYPE OF COVERAGE	LIMITS/SPECIFICATIONS
	a designated Flood Zone
Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance	As required by law (or if none required by the state, then in comparable insurance as we require)
Hired and Non-Owned Automobile Liability	\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit per accident
Umbrella	\$3,000,000 Per Occurrence

You need to evaluate if your particular business will require greater coverage or other types of insurance. For example, we strongly recommend that you consult with an insurance broker to discuss whether your particular lease/situation requires and/or should obtain additional common types of insurance (including without limitation, employment practices liability, umbrella insurance, and cyber liability/data breach insurance coverage). Such insurance may significantly increase your premiums, but may also save you money in the long run.

You are responsible for maintaining insurance coverage and limits as required by us, at minimum, pursuant to this *Section 9.5*, provided, if your landlord requires additional coverage, higher limits, or any other requirements not required by us, then you are responsible for maintaining such additional items as well. You must always keep the required insurance coverage in force at all times during the operation of the Franchised Business, and you must comply with any changes we make periodically to our insurance requirements. Upon 30 days' notice to you, we may require you to increase and/or otherwise change the minimum coverage of the insurance referred to above, including to reflect identification of special risks, changes in law or standards of liability, higher damage awards or other relevant changes in circumstances.

Subject to *Section 3.1*, before you may open your Franchised Business, annually thereafter at least ten (10) days prior to renewal of your insurance coverage, and at any other time on our request, you must provide us with certificates of insurance or copies of insurance policies showing that you are in compliance with our insurance requirements, as well as proof that you have paid the premiums you owe for the insurance we require. You will pay your insurance premiums to your insurance broker or to the insurance company issuing the policy. We or our affiliate may, at our option and in addition to our other rights and remedies under this Agreement, obtain such insurance coverage on your behalf, and you must promptly execute any applications or other forms or instruments required to obtain any such insurance and pay to us, on demand, any costs, expenses and premiums (in whole or part) incurred by us. Your obligation to obtain and maintain the insurance described above will not be limited in any way by reason of any insurance maintained by us, nor will your performance of such obligations relieve you of any obligations under *Section 8.2*.

## **9.6 Management of the Franchised Business.**

You are directly responsible for all aspects of operating the Franchised Business, and you agree that you will, at all times, operate the Franchised Business and use your best efforts to enhance your Franchised Business and the System. The Franchised Business must be personally managed and directly operated by your Operating Partner.

## **9.7 Inspections by Franchisor.**

For the purpose of this *Section 9.7*, you must make available to us or our authorized representatives such financial and other information concerning the Franchised Business, and you must permit us or our authorized representatives to have full and free access to such information at your Franchised Business Location during regular business hours without prior notice. We and our authorized representatives will have the right to communicate freely with your employees, and make extracts from, and copies of, all such information. Our authorized representative may make announced or unannounced inspections of your Franchised Business to ensure compliance with all of the requirements of this Agreement.

## **9.8 Personal Guaranty; Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement.**

If you are an individual and married, your spouse must execute and deliver to us a Guaranty of Franchise Agreement and a Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement at the same time that you sign the Agreement unless your spouse is also signing the Agreement as an individual.

If you are a corporation, limited liability company, or other business entity, each of your shareholders, members, or other owners, whether direct or indirect (and their respective spouses, if married) must execute and deliver to us a Guaranty of Franchise Agreement and a Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement at the same time you sign this Agreement.

In the event any person who has not previously signed a Guaranty of Franchise Agreement or a Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement becomes your spouse or shareholder, member, or other owner, direct or indirect or a spouse of such shareholders, members, or other owner, at any time after the execution of this Agreement, you must cause such person(s) to immediately execute and deliver a Guaranty of Franchise Agreement and a Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement to us.

Failure to provide a Guaranty of Franchise Agreement or a Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement to us may, in our sole discretion, be grounds for termination of this Agreement as set forth in *Section 14.2a*.

## **9.9 Not Applicable.**

# **ARTICLE 10. ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION**

## **10.1 Advertising by Franchisor.**

We (or at our election a third-party which may be an affiliate of ours) will administer the Advertising Fund that will include your Advertising Fee and those of other franchise owners in the System. If an affiliate of ours administers the Advertising Fund or places advertising in connection with the System, such affiliate may be paid a fee that will not exceed the fee that would be payable to unrelated third-parties for comparable services. Unless required by applicable law, we will have no obligation to create a trust account, escrow account or other special account for the Advertising Fund, and the monies comprising the Advertising Fund may be placed in our general account. We may also reserve the Advertising Fee for use in a subsequent year.

We will direct all advertising and promotional programs. We will have sole discretion over all creative concepts, materials and media used in such programs and the placement and allocation of such programs. The Advertising Fund will be used for marketing, advertising, production and media expenses to promote the *Barrio Queen* trade name, System, products and services. We are entitled to deduct, free of charge, the following from the Advertising Fund: reimbursement of expenses, overhead, and employee salaries for services provided; and rent for office space provided to the Advertising Fund. We are not required to use any specific amounts from the Advertising Fund in your market. However, we in our sole discretion, may use some amounts contributed by you to any Advertising Fund, if any (see *Section 5.3*), in the same geographic area in which your Franchised Business is located.

## **10.2 Advertising by Franchisee.**

In addition to your Advertising Fee, if applicable, and your grand opening promotional advertising program required under *Section 5.24*, you agree to pay for a regular (white pages) and classified (yellow pages) telephone directory advertisement in the main directory distributed in the area where your Franchised Business is located, in such directory categories as we specify, utilizing forms of listing and classified directory advertisements approved by us.

Your own local marketing and advertising plan should be developed to maximize your particular customer base. You should not rely upon a marketing program or plan by us as the sole means of obtaining customers. All marketing and advertising materials must be reviewed by Franchisor's or Franchisor's affiliate's marketing department for look and feel. The marketing department's review is not for determining compliance with federal, state and local laws.

All advertising by you in any medium must be conducted in a professional manner and must conform to the System Standards. We may make available to you, from time to time, advertising, promotional plans and materials for purchase.

Under no circumstances may you use, without limitation, the name, image, or voice of a celebrity, public figure, character or other person in connection with the Proprietary Marks or the Franchised Business without our prior written consent. We retain the sole and exclusive right to use, without limitation, the name, services or image of any celebrity, public figure, character or other person in advertising, endorsing or recommending the System.

## **ARTICLE 11. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES AND REPORTS**

### **11.1 Maintenance of Records.**

You shall keep full, complete, and accurate books and accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and in the form and manner indicated below or as from time to time further required by us. You agree to submit reports and data to us electronically if we advise you to do so. You agree:

- a. to submit to us electronically the weekly Gross Sales as set forth in *Section 5.6*;
- b. to submit to us, on or before the thirtieth (30th) day of each month, commencing with the opening of the Franchised Business, in a format and method approved by us (including through a third-party vendor that franchisee may be required to pay for), a profit and loss statement of the Franchised Business for the preceding calendar month prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

c. to submit to us, within twenty one (21) days after the end of each calendar year, commencing with the opening of the Franchised Business, in a format approved by us, a profit and loss statement and balance sheet (including a statement of retained earnings or partnership account) for the preceding calendar year;

d. to submit to us, at the times required, such other periodic forms, reports and information as may from time to time be required by us;

e. to preserve, in the English language and for the time periods set forth below, all accounting records and supporting documents related to the Franchised Business (individually and collectively, "Records"), including:

1. daily cash reports;
2. cash receipts journal and general ledger;
3. cash disbursements journal and weekly payroll register;
4. monthly bank statements, daily deposit slips and canceled checks;
5. all tax returns, including your personal returns and those of your officers, shareholders, partners and members;
6. suppliers invoices (paid and unpaid);
7. dated cash register tapes (detailed and summary);
8. semi-annual balance sheets and monthly profit and loss statements;
9. daily production, throwaway and finishing records and weekly inventories;
10. records of promotion and coupon redemptions;
11. records of all outside sales; and
12. such other records as we may from time to time request.

f. to record all sales on cash registers approved by us, as specified in the Confidential Manual;

g. to file all of your federal and state tax returns on a timely basis and to provide copies of them to us. We may, where applicable, require that tax returns from all of your shareholders, members or partners be provided to us, if you are other than an individual;

h. During the Term, you shall preserve the Records for at least the current fiscal year and for the three (3) immediately preceding fiscal years. For three (3) years after the date of any transfer of an interest in this Agreement, the transferor of such interest will preserve the Records for its last three (3) fiscal years of operation under this Agreement. For three (3) years after the expiration of the Term (or after any earlier termination), you shall preserve the Records for the last three (3) fiscal years of operation of the Franchised Business; and

i. In connection with our efforts to attract additional franchise owners to the System, we will have the right to use (without identifying you, except as required or allowed by law) any financial statements, sales reports, profit and loss statements or balance sheets

provided by you and, in connection therewith, you authorize us to disclose any information contained on such financial reports as may be required by any federal or state registration or disclosure law.

## **11.2 Audit by Franchisor.**

We will have the right, at any time during business hours, and with or without prior notice to you, to inspect and audit, or cause to be inspected and audited, the Records and cash control devices of the Franchised Business, and your corporate, partnership or limited liability company books and records (if you are a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other entity). You agree that we may access any computers utilized by you for such purposes.

You will fully cooperate with our authorized representatives and independent accountants hired by us to conduct any such inspection or audit. In the event any such inspection or audit discloses an understatement of your Gross Sales for any period in question, you will pay to us, immediately after receipt of the inspection or audit report, any additional Royalty Fee or Advertising Fee due as a result of any such understatement, plus interest at the Default Rate from the date originally due until the date such understatement is paid in full.

In addition, in the event such inspection or audit is made necessary by your failure to timely furnish Records, or if an understatement of the Royalty Fee or Advertising Fee for the period of any audit (which period shall not be for less than one (1) month) is determined by any such audit or inspection to be two percent (2%) or greater, you must reimburse us all amounts incurred in connection with such audit or inspection including our employee costs and expenses, any independent accountants' and attorneys' fees, transportation, room, and meal expenses.

The remedies in this *Section 11.2* will be in addition to all our other remedies and rights under this Agreement or under applicable law.

## **ARTICLE 12. TRANSFER**

*Sections 12.1* through *12.4* apply to all transfers, except transfers by us, which are described in *Section 12.5*.

### **12.1 Prior Consent of Franchisor.**

a. As used in this Agreement, "Transfer" means any voluntary, involuntary (including by operation of law), direct or indirect assignment, sale, gift or other transfer by you, including:

1. "Full Transfer," which is any act or circumstance, except those set forth in *Section 12.1.a.2.*, by which fifty percent (50%) or more of the ownership or control is shifted from any individual or corporation, partnership or other business entity (individually and collectively, "Entity") to another, including:

(i) Transfer of this Agreement or the Franchised Business, or any right or interest granted by this Agreement;

(ii) Transfer of an interest in you, if you are an Entity;

(iii) Merger, consolidation or issuance of additional ownership interests or redemption of ownership interests in you, if you are an Entity; or

(iv) Transfer of an interest in any other Entity holding an interest in this Agreement or you, if you are an Entity.

2. "Affiliate Transfer," which includes:

(i) Transfer in a separation or divorce, regardless of how much of the ownership or control is shifted from any individual or Entity to another;

(ii) Transfer of this Agreement or the Franchised Business, or any right or interest granted by this Agreement from your name as an individual(s) to your Entity name in which you are the sole owner(s) of the Entity;

(iii) Transfer of this Agreement or the Franchised Business, or any right or interest granted by this Agreement, from your Entity name in which you are the sole owner(s) to your name as an individual(s);

(iv) Transfer of this Agreement or the Franchised Business, or any right or interest granted by this Agreement from one Entity name to another Entity name in which the owners of the entities are the same;

(v) Removing an owner from the Franchisee (unless the person has a fifty percent (50%) or more ownership interest);

(vi) Adding an owner to the Franchisee (unless the person has a fifty percent (50%) or more ownership interest); or

(vii) Transfer by which less than fifty percent (50%) of the ownership or control is shifted from any individual or entity to another for any act or circumstance listed in *Section 12.1.a.1.*

b. We are entering into this Agreement based upon our knowledge of and faith in your ability. Therefore, the Franchised Business and all the rights granted by this Agreement are personal to you and you may not Transfer without our prior written consent. Any attempted Transfer without our prior written consent will be null and void, and will give us the right to terminate this Agreement and your rights under it, in addition to any remedies which we may have for the breach of this covenant by reason of an attempted Transfer.

c. We shall not unreasonably withhold or delay our consent to a Transfer, so long as it is shown to our satisfaction that the potential transferee ("Potential Transferee") can perform a franchisee's obligations under the then-current form of franchise agreement and all other agreements, legal instruments and documents required of new franchisees.

## **12.2 Advance Notice of Proposed Terms and Right of First Refusal.**

a. If you, or any of your shareholders, members or partners, have received and desire to accept a signed bona fide written offer from a third-party to Transfer, you shall notify us and provide us with a complete copy of the offer (letter of intent) which must include the name, address and telephone number for every Potential Transferee. You must also include information as to the identity of all who will own an interest in this Agreement or in the Franchised Business after the completion of the Transfer, their respective interests, and the proposed terms and conditions of sale and payment.

b. We shall have the right and option, exercisable within thirty (30) days after the date we receive a copy of the offer, to purchase the interest proposed to be transferred, at the price and upon the same terms and conditions specified in the notice.

c. If we do not exercise our option, and the terms of the unaccepted offer are altered, you must, in each such instance, notify us of the changed offer; and we will again have thirty (30) days to exercise our right to purchase on the altered terms. If we do not exercise our option, then the Transfer may take place on the terms and price set forth in the notice; provided: (i) we give our written consent; (ii) the Transfer takes place no later than six (6) months from receipt of our written refusal to exercise our option to purchase; and (iii) all the conditions set forth in *Section 12.3* are satisfied.

### **12.3 Requirement for Consent to Transfer.**

If a Transfer is proposed and we do not exercise our right of first refusal pursuant to *Section 12.2*, then we will consent to the Transfer, provided that:

a. All your obligations under this Agreement are fully paid and satisfied, including the Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee; you are not in default under any provisions of this Agreement or any other agreement, legal instrument or document with us or any of our affiliates; and you enter into written agreements with us, including (except where prohibited by law) a general release by you of all claims against us;

b. Potential Transferee provides to us a completed application and financial documents, is financially acceptable, is not associated with any of our competitors, is of good moral character and reputation, and meets our criteria, which includes: work experience and aptitude; ability to devote time and best efforts to the Franchised Business; equity interest in the Franchised Business; ability to speak and read English sufficient in our opinion to communicate with employees, customers and suppliers and to satisfactorily complete our training; no conflicting interests; and other criteria and conditions that we apply to new franchisees;

c. Potential Transferee provides us with copies of all governing documents of Potential Transferee (e.g., certificate of incorporation or organization, by-laws, stock certificates, operating agreement, membership certificates (if any)) which must be reasonably satisfactory to us in our sole discretion;

d. You provide to us a copy of the purchase and sale agreement, if a Full Transfer, or other documentation evidencing the Transfer, if an Affiliate Transfer, and following our analysis of the terms and conditions of the proposed Transfer, we, in our sole discretion, conclude that such terms and conditions will not interfere with the financial feasibility of the future operation of the Franchised Business;

e. Potential Transferee enters into all agreements, legal instruments and other documents, whether our then-current agreements, legal instruments and documents or a transfer of this Agreement and related legal instruments and documents, as determined by us (individually and collectively, "Transfer Documents"). The terms of the Transfer Documents may vary materially from the current agreements used by us, including the payment of a higher Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee;

f. Not applicable;

g. Potential Transferee pays to us the transfer franchise fee set forth in the Transfer Documents, if a Full Transfer; or Potential Transferee pays us the Document Administration Fee, if an Affiliate Transfer; Franchisee shall be liable to the Franchisor for the transfer franchise fee or Document Administration Fee in the event the Potential Transferee fails to pay such fee that is owing in full;

h. Not applicable;

i. Potential Transferee successfully completes the training program required by the Transfer Documents, if a Full Transfer;

j. Potential Transferee agrees to complete all remodeling and improvements as required by us, and must upgrade the POS System to the then-current required POS System, within the time period specified by us, if a Full Transfer;

k. You and Potential Transferee agree not to assert any security interest, lien, right or claim now or in the future, in the Franchised Business. Any security interest, lien, claim or right asserted with respect to any personal property at the Location must not include any after-acquired property and must be subject, junior and subordinate to any security interest, lien, right or claim now or in the future, asserted by us, our successors or assigns; and

l. You agree to complete and sign a letter of agency, letter of authorization, or equivalent and provide it to Potential Transferee so that Potential Transferee may keep the existing telephone number when the store is transferred to Potential Transferee.

#### **12.4 Death or Incapacity of Individual Franchisee; Change in Entity.**

a. Death or incapacity of Franchisee when Franchisee is an individual:

(i) In the event of your death or incapacity, your legal representative may, for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of death or incapacitation, continue to operate the Franchised Business, provided that the operation is conducted in accordance with this Agreement and any other agreements with us.

(ii) If your representative desires to continue the operation of the Franchised Business beyond the ninety (90) day period, then, prior to the expiration of this period, your legal representative must apply in writing for the right to transfer the Franchised Business to the person or persons (whether spouse, heir, devisee, purchaser, or any other person), as the legal representative may specify. The application for transfer will be treated in the same manner as any other proposed Transfer under this Agreement.

(iii) If your legal representative does not comply with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, or does not propose a Potential Transferee acceptable to us under the standards set forth in this Agreement, all rights licensed to you under this Agreement will terminate immediately and automatically revert to us. We shall have the right and option, in our sole discretion, exercisable upon such termination, to purchase all removable furniture, fixtures, signs, equipment and other chattels, but not leasehold improvements, at a price to be agreed upon by the parties or, if no agreement as to price is reached by the parties, at such price as may be determined by a qualified appraiser, approved by both parties, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld. We shall give notice of our intent to exercise the option no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to termination.

b. Death or incapacity of any shareholder, partner, or member in Franchisee when Franchisee is a business entity:

(i) In the event of the death or incapacity of any of your shareholders, partners, or members, the surviving shareholders, partners, or members may, for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of death or incapacitation, continue to operate the Franchised Business, provided that the operation is conducted in accordance with this Agreement and any other agreements with us.

(ii) If your shareholders, partners or members desire to continue the operation of the Franchised Business beyond the ninety (90) day period, then, prior to the expiration of this period, your shareholders, partners, or members must apply jointly with all surviving shareholders, partners or members in writing, for the right to transfer the Franchised Business (or the interest of the deceased or incapacitated shareholder, partner, or member in the Franchised Business), to the person or business entity as the surviving shareholders, partners, or members may specify. The application for transfer will be treated in the same manner as any other proposed Transfer under this Agreement.

(iii) If all surviving shareholders, partners or members do not comply with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, or do not propose a Potential Transferee acceptable to us under the standards set forth in this Agreement, all rights licensed to you under this Agreement will terminate immediately and automatically revert to us. We shall have the right and option, in our sole discretion, exercisable upon such termination, to purchase all removable furniture, fixtures, signs, equipment and other chattels, but not leasehold improvements, at a price to be agreed upon by the parties or, if no agreement as to price is reached by the parties, at such price as may be determined by a qualified appraiser, approved by both parties, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld. We shall give notice of our intent to exercise the option no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to termination.

## **12.5 Assignment by Franchisor.**

You agree and affirm that we may, without your prior consent, sell our business, our assets, or our System, in whole or in part, to a third-party; may issue a public offering of our securities; may engage in private placement of some or all of our securities; may merge with or acquire other corporations, or be acquired by another corporation; and may undertake a refinancing, recapitalization, leveraged buyout or other economic or financial restructuring. You further agree and affirm that we have the right, now and in the future, without your prior consent, to purchase, merge, acquire or affiliate with an existing competitive or non-competitive franchise network, chain or any other business regardless of the location of such franchise network, chain or business, which you acknowledge may be proximate to your Franchised Business, and to operate, franchise or license such franchise networks, chains or businesses operating under the Proprietary Marks or any other marks following our purchase, merger, acquisition or affiliation. With regard to any of the above sales, assignments and dispositions, you expressly and specifically waive any claims, demands or damages against us arising from or related to the loss of your rights to use the System as authorized under this Agreement.

This Agreement will inure to the benefit of our successors and assigns. In conjunction with one (1) or more of the transactions contemplated above, or as otherwise determined by us, we have the right to assign our rights and obligations under this Agreement to any person or entity, without your prior consent. Upon such assignment, we will be relieved of all obligations or liabilities then existing or thereafter able to be asserted under this Agreement.

## **12.6 Restrictions on Security Interests and Subfranchising.**

Except as otherwise set forth in this *Section 12.6*, you shall not have any rights to pledge, encumber, hypothecate or otherwise give any third-party a security interest in this Agreement in any manner whatsoever, nor subfranchise or otherwise transfer, or attempt to subfranchise or transfer the Franchised Business, in whole or in part, so long as it is operated as the Franchised Business, without our express prior written permission, which permission may be withheld for any reason whatsoever in our sole discretion. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, you shall have the right to pledge your accounts receivable, net of the Royalty Fee, Advertising Fee, and rent, without our prior written consent for the sole purpose of obtaining financing for the operation of the Franchised Business, provided you are in full compliance with this Agreement and any other agreement, arrangement or understanding with us.

## **ARTICLE 13. RENEWAL**

Subject to the terms and conditions described below, you will have the right to renew your license to operate the Franchised Business for an additional term of ten (10) years. In the event you desire to renew your license, you must give us notice to that effect at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the expiration date of the Term. In addition to giving the notice of renewal referred to above in a timely manner, in order to have the right to renew the license to operate the Franchised Business for an additional term, you must also meet each of the following requirements:

a. You must not then be in default under this Agreement or any other agreement, legal instrument or document with us or any of our affiliates, and no event shall have occurred that, with the giving of notice, the passage of time, or both, would constitute a default under this Agreement, including all financial obligations to us;

b. You must be in complete compliance with the terms of this Agreement, including all financial obligations to us, and the then-current Confidential Manual;

c. You must not have received more than three (3) notices of default or breach of this Agreement during the Term, nor more than two (2) notices of default or breach during the five (5) years immediately preceding the effective date of the proposed renewal;

d. You must have the existing right to maintain possession of the Location or you must have secured and developed a suitable substitute location that meets our then-current minimum site requirements (such confirmation will be provided to you by us in writing);

e. You must sign a general release provided by us;

f. You and we must execute all agreements, legal instruments and other documents (individually and collectively, "Renewal Documents") then used by us in the renewal of franchises and then being required of new franchise owners in connection with the System. The Renewal Documents will supersede this Agreement, but will not terminate your liability to perform any obligations which you have not yet performed under this Agreement, or which survive the termination of this Agreement; nor will the Renewal Documents terminate or supersede any Guaranty of Franchise Agreement, Confidentiality Agreement, or Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement executed pursuant to this Agreement. The terms of the

Renewal Documents may vary materially from the current agreements used by us, including the payment of a higher Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee;

g. The equipment, fixtures and signage used in connection with the operation of the Franchised Business must either meet our then-existing System specifications and standards, or you must agree, within a timeframe required by us, to replace or refurbish such items, and otherwise modify the methods of operation of the Franchised Business at your cost and expense, in order to comply with our System specifications and standards then applicable to new franchise owners;

h. You agree to complete all remodeling and improvements as required by us, and must upgrade the POS System to the then-current required POS System, within the time period specified by us; and

i. You shall have paid to us the Renewal Franchise Fee as required under *Section 5.12*.

If you do not meet any of the requirements for renewal, we will give you a notice to that effect which will specify the requirements not met. The notice will be given to you within sixty (60) days after you deliver to us your notice of intent to renew.

## **ARTICLE 14. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION**

### **14.1 Default; Termination.**

a. You will be in default under this Agreement:

(i) If: (a) you become insolvent or make an assignment for the benefit of creditors; (b) you file a petition in bankruptcy, or if such a petition is filed against and consented to by you, and such petition is not dismissed within thirty (30) days from the filing date of such petition; (c) you are adjudicated bankrupt; (d) a bill in equity or other proceeding for the appointment of your receiver or other custodian for your business or assets is filed and is consented to by you or is not dismissed within thirty (30) days from the filing date of such bill or other proceeding; (e) a receiver or other custodian is appointed; (f) proceedings for composition with creditors under any state or federal law is instituted by or against you; (g) the real or personal property of the Franchised Business is sold at levy thereupon by any sheriff, marshal or constable, or sold by a secured party under any state's Commercial Code;

(ii) If you fail to pay, perform, observe or comply with any of your duties and obligations under this Agreement or the Confidential Manual, including failure to provide a fully-executed copy of the lease to us when due and failure to pay when due, any sum due to us under this Agreement (including the Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee) or to any Advertising Fund (inclusive of any Association); or if you breach any of your obligations under any lease, sublease, mortgage, equipment agreement, promissory note, vendor account, conditional sales contract or other contract arising from, or in connection with, the Franchised Business, to which you are a party or by which you are bound, whether or not we are a party thereto;

(iii) If your lease or sublease for the Location of the Franchised Business is either: (a) in default and you fail to cure such default as provided in the lease or sublease; (b) is terminated for reason of default by you; or (c) the Location is lost as a result of your failure to comply with the lease or sublease;

(iv) If you fail, within thirty (30) days of the entry of a final judgment against you in an amount exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000), to discharge, vacate or reverse the judgment or to stay its execution pending appeal, or to discharge any judgment which is not vacated or reversed within thirty (30) days after expiration of the stay of execution;

(v) If we determine that a serious health or safety problem exists at the Franchised Business, in which case, we may require you to immediately correct the problem or cease operating until the problem is corrected;

(vi) If you, or any owner, co-owner or principal of the Franchised Business, is convicted of a felony, a crime involving moral turpitude, or any other crime or offense that is reasonably likely to adversely affect the System, the goodwill associated therewith, or our interest therein;

(vii) Except for any reason provided in *Section 5.2*, if you abandon the Franchised Business, which abandonment shall conclusively be deemed established if the Franchised Business is closed for more than three (3) consecutive days;

(viii) Except for any reason provided in *Section 5.2*, if you close or relocate the Franchised Business, without our express advance written consent;

(ix) If you fail to maintain an independent contractor relationship with us;

(x) If you either negligently or knowingly inaccurately report, or fail to report, any information in your franchise application;

(xi) If you or any owner, co-owner or principal of the Franchised Business commits an act, or permits an act to be committed, that violates any federal, state or local law that adversely impacts the Franchised Business;

(xii) If you fail to participate in any Rollout detailed in *Section 9.3*;

(xiii) If you violate any of the provisions of *Sections 2.3, 3.2, 9.2, 9.3 or 9.4* including the requirement that you: (a) sell or offer for sale only those products and services authorized by us; (b) purchase such authorized products and services only from suppliers or service providers who are approved in writing by us; and (c) utilize or switch to any of our designated approved suppliers, including a supplier who has entered into a national or regional master supplier agreement with us;

(xiv) If you transfer or attempt to transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement or any other property or assets to any third-party in violation of the provisions of *Article 12*;

(xv) If you or any of your owners, officers, directors, managers, members, or partners (as applicable): (a) become subject to U.S. Executive Order 13224 or are involved in any activity that violates the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act or any other anti-corruption, bribery or any other laws, orders or governmental notices affecting your ability to conduct business in or with the United States, as may be amended and whether in effect as of the Effective Date or at any time during the Term, (b) are identified on the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control Specialty Designated National and Blocked Persons

list, or (c) receive any funding from any country that is subject to an embargo by the United States, any foreign government or government official, political party; or

(xvi) If you intentionally made any false representations and warranties under *Section 17.1*.

b. Cross-default: A default by you under this Agreement will be deemed a default of all agreements between: (i) you and your principals in his or her individual capacity or any other entity in which your principals are owners, members, managers, shareholders or partners (individually and collectively, "Franchisee Entity"); and (ii) us or any of our affiliates or predecessors (individually and collectively, "Franchisor Entity"). A Franchisee Entity's default of any other agreement, legal instrument or other document between the Franchisee Entity and a Franchisor Entity will be deemed a default under this Agreement. A default by any guarantor of your obligations under this Agreement or any agreement, legal instrument or document between a Franchisee Entity and a Franchisor Entity will be deemed a default of this Agreement.

c. Termination: If you fail to cure any default to our satisfaction, within the applicable period following notice from us, if applicable, or otherwise breach this Agreement, we may, in addition to all other remedies at law or in equity or as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, immediately terminate this Agreement. This termination will be effective immediately upon the giving of notice pursuant to *Article 15*.

d. Cross-termination: If this Agreement is terminated as a result of your default of this Agreement or any other agreement related to the Franchised Business, we may, at our option, elect to terminate any or all other agreements, legal instruments or documents between a Franchisee Entity and a Franchisor Entity. If any agreement, legal instrument or document between a Franchisee Entity and a Franchisor Entity is terminated as a result of a default by the Franchisee Entity, we may, at our sole discretion, elect to terminate this Agreement. It is agreed that an incurable or uncured default under this Agreement or any other agreement, legal instrument or document between a Franchisee Entity and a Franchisor Entity will be grounds for termination of this Agreement or any other agreement, legal instrument or document between a Franchisee Entity and a Franchisor Entity, without additional notice or opportunity to cure.

## **14.2 Opportunity to Cure.**

a. Fourteen-Day Cure Period - Except as otherwise provided in this *Section 14.2*, you will have the right to cure your default under this Agreement within fourteen (14) days after notice of default is given by us pursuant to *Article 15*. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following lesser periods will apply under the circumstances described:

b. Seven-Day Cure Period - A seven (7) day cure period will apply if you fail, refuse, or neglect to pay when due, any monies owing to us (including the Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee), or otherwise to any Advertising Fund (inclusive of any Association), or if you fail to maintain the insurance coverage set forth in this Agreement;

c. 48-Hour Cure Period - A forty-eight (48) hour cure period will apply (1) if you are in default of *Section 3.4* or (2) if you fail to participate in any limited time product offering, value offering, contest, promotion or charity event. You must initiate your participation in such offering, contest, promotion or event within forty-eight (48) hours and fully participate in such offering, contest, promotion or event as soon as reasonably possible, in our sole discretion, thereafter;

d. 24-Hour Cure Period - A twenty-four (24) hour cure period will apply to your violation of any law, regulation, order or our standards relating to health, sanitation or safety; or, except as provided in *Section 5.2*, if you cease to operate the Franchised Business for a period of forty-eight (48) hours without our prior written consent. In addition, a twenty-four (24) hour cure period will apply if you post on any Site or direct others to any site or page, post, blog or other social media site where there are posted any defamatory or offensive comments about: other franchisees; the *Barrio Queen* brand; other brands franchised by us or one of our affiliates; your or other franchisees' customers; any of our, your or franchisees' vendors; us or any of our affiliates; or any of our, your or franchisees' competitors;

e. Immediate Cure Period (less than 24 hours) – An immediate cure period (less than twenty-four (24) hours) will apply if you post any content to a Site in which the content includes any inappropriate public displays of affection, our or others' confidential information or materials, violations of health or safety standards, foul or obscene language, or any images of or information about any persons from whom you did not obtain prior written consent;

f. No Cure Period - No cure period will be available: (1) if you are in default of *Sections 3.1, 7.2, 9.4, 14.1a.(i), 14.1a.(iii), 14.1a.(vi), 14.1a.(vii), 14.1a.(viii), 14.1a.(xiv), 14.1a.(xv), or 14.6*; (2) if you intentionally underreport weekly Gross Sales, falsify financial data, fail to promptly provide upon our request financial data and records specified in this Agreement, or otherwise commit an act of fraud with respect to your rights or obligations under this Agreement; (3) if you repeatedly fail to comply with the provisions of this Agreement, whether or not subsequently cured; (4) if you, having twice previously cured a default of this Agreement, commit the default again; (5) if you made any false representations and warranties under *Sections 17.1f., 17.1g., 17.1m. or 17.1n.*; (6) if you engage in trademark misuse or otherwise materially misuse or make an unauthorized use of any of the components of the System or commit any other act which does, or can reasonably be expected to, materially impair the goodwill or reputation associated with any aspect of the System; or you have not purchased or leased a site for the Location within ninety (90) days after the Effective Date of this Agreement;

g. Statutory Cure Period - If a statute in the state or municipality in which the Franchised Business is located requires application of that state or municipal law, and that statute requires a cure period for the applicable default which is longer than any cure period specified in this *Article 14*, the statutory cure period will apply.

### **14.3 Our Right to Take Over Management.**

We have the right (but not the obligation), under the circumstances described below, to enter the Franchised Business and assume the Franchised Business' management for any period of time we feel is appropriate. If we assume the Franchised Business' management, you must pay us, in addition to the Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee, six percent (6%) of the Gross Sales, plus our direct out-of-pocket cost and expenses, for the period of time we assume the Franchised Business' management. If we assume the Franchised Business' management, you acknowledge that our duty is limited to using our reasonable efforts, and we will not be liable to you or your owners for any debts, losses or obligations the Franchised Business incurs, or to any of your creditors for any supplies or services the Franchised Business purchases. We may assume the Franchised Business' management if you abandon the Franchised Business or if you fail to comply with any provision of this Agreement and did not cure the failure within the time period we specify in our notice to you. You agree to complete and sign a letter of agency, letter of authorization, or equivalent and provide it to us upon our request if we assume the Franchised Business' management so that we may keep the existing telephone, facsimile,

alarm, and credit card machine numbers (as applicable) in operation under our phone service provider. You also agree to keep the phone, water, gas, electric service (as applicable) turned on and active for one (1) week after we assume the Franchised Business's management to allow us to switch the services over to us or our affiliate. Our exercise of our management rights under this *Section 14.3* will not affect our right to terminate this Agreement.

#### **14.4 Remedies.**

a. Interest, Costs and Damages - If you fail to remit when due any payments required under this Agreement, you agree to pay, in addition to the unpaid amounts, all of our collection costs and expenses, expert fees, reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs and expenses, including all fees, costs and expenses of court, including all appeals, with interest on the unpaid amounts at the Default Rate or the highest permissible rate. If you fail to cure a default, following notice, within the applicable time period set forth in *Section 14.2*, or if this Agreement is terminated as a result of your default, you shall pay to us all damages of any kind and nature whatsoever and all collection costs and expenses, expert fees, reasonable attorneys' fees, and costs and expenses, including all fees, costs and expenses of court, including all appeals, together with interest at the Default Rate or the highest permissible rate. If you fail to report Gross Sales in accordance with *Sections 5.2* and *5.6*, we may estimate your Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee based on prior reports, and may sue for and obtain judgment for such estimates unless you prove, prior to the entry of any default order or judgment, that your Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee are different than the estimates.

b. Waiver of Punitive Damages - Both we and you waive, to the full extent permitted by law, any right we or you otherwise may have had to claim, pursue, demand or receive any exemplary or punitive damages arising out of or related in any way to this Agreement and its addenda, amendments, appendices, exhibits and attachments.

c. If you breach any of the terms of this Agreement, including if you are in default of this Agreement, we may enforce our rights by injunction, specific performance, or any other remedy available under this Agreement, at law or in equity, including termination. These remedies are cumulative and not exclusive and we may use all remedies available. In addition, we may elect to terminate this Agreement and all your rights under it as set forth in *Section 14.5*.

d. If you breach any of the terms of this Agreement, including if you are in default of this Agreement, we have the right to have a receiver appointed to take possession, manage and control the assets of the Franchised Business, collect the profits, and pay the net income for the operation of the Franchised Business as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. The right to appoint a receiver will be available regardless of whether waste or danger of loss or destruction of the assets exists.

#### **14.5 Effect of Termination or Expiration.**

Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, we can advise all suppliers of *Barrio Queen* proprietary food items and other supplies bearing any of the Proprietary Marks or service marks to cease delivering the items and products to you.

Upon your abandonment of the Franchised Business (whether voluntary or involuntary), any termination of this Agreement (whether pursuant to *Sections 14.1*, *14.2*, *14.4*, or otherwise),

or upon expiration of the Term, you must immediately cease to hold yourself out to the public as a franchise owner of the System, and you must comply with the following:

a. Immediately pay to us or any affiliate of ours all sums owing from you to us or such affiliate, including the Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee, for any period prior to the date of termination, the applicable Early Termination Damages (as defined in Section 14.9 below), and all amounts owed for services, supplies or other items purchased by you from us or any affiliate of ours, or that were financed by us or any affiliate of ours, or which we or any affiliate of ours loaned to you, together with any interest or late fees accrued thereon, together with all other sums due us under this Agreement, and all damages of any kind or nature whatsoever that may be allowed by law;

b. Immediately cease to use, in any manner whatsoever, including in all advertising, the Proprietary Marks, any Trade Secrets, any Confidential Information, any benefits of the System or any part thereof, any methods associated with the System, any forms, recipes, Confidential Manual, slogans, signs, sign posts, marks, symbols, or devices used in connection with the operation of the Franchised Business; and you must deliver or destroy all of the above-mentioned materials, including any materials containing or referencing any of the foregoing, to us as directed by us. If we do not recover any such items, such items shall be valued at their then-current replacement cost, for purposes of determining the damages owing by you to us for failure to return such items, if we pursue a damage claim as a result thereof;

c. Immediately discontinue all advertising as a franchisee of the System, and thereafter refrain from any advertising that would indicate that you are or ever were a franchisee or licensee of ours, or otherwise were affiliated with us or the System;

d. Immediately take such steps as may be necessary or appropriate to:

(i) delete your listing in all telephone directories, if applicable, and terminate any other listings that indicate that you are or were a franchisee or licensee of ours, or otherwise were affiliated with us or the System; and

(ii) transfer to our designee or us all telephone numbers used by you in connection with the Franchised Business. You acknowledge that between you and us, we have the sole right and interest in all telephone numbers and directory listings associated with any Proprietary Marks, and you authorize us and appoint us and any officer or agent of ours, as your attorney-in-fact, to direct the telephone company and all listings agencies to accept such direction, or this Agreement, as conclusive evidence of our exclusive rights in such telephone numbers and directory listings and our authority to direct their transfer;

e. Immediately take such action as may be required to cancel all fictitious or assumed names, amend any entity name, or dissolve any entity that contains any Proprietary Mark, in whole or in part, regardless of whether the entity name was authorized by us, and amend or cancel any and all equivalent registrations relating to your use of any Proprietary Mark. You acknowledge that between you and us, we have the sole right and interest in all such fictitious or assumed names, entity name, and equivalent registrations, and you authorize us and appoint us and any officer or agent of ours as your attorney-in-fact, to effect the termination or cancellation of such fictitious or assumed names or equivalent registrations should you fail or refuse to do so, and the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies may accept your direction or this Agreement as conclusive evidence of our exclusive rights in such

fictitious or assumed names or equivalent registrations, and our authority to direct their termination or cancellation;

f. Comply with the confidentiality requirements and the covenant against competition in this Agreement for the specified period. You acknowledge that you, or (if an entity) your authorized representative, has carefully reviewed the confidentiality requirements and the covenant against competition in this Agreement; and that you have agreed to be bound by all the requirements and covenants; and

g. Maintain at a place made known to us all books, records and reports required under this Agreement for a period of not less than three (3) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Agreement, to allow us to make a final inspection of your books and records for the purpose of verifying that all amounts owing have been paid.

If you fail to do any of the foregoing, we may pursue any remedy available at law or in equity against: (i) you; (ii) any or all guarantors of your obligations under this Agreement; and (iii) you and any or all guarantors of your obligations under this Agreement.

h. Right of First Refusal. We have the right, but not the obligation, to purchase from you any assets or property (but not leasehold improvements) used in the operation of the Franchised Business for an amount equal to the Value (as defined below), as of the expiration date or termination date, as applicable ("RoFR"). If we are required, by law, regulation or court order, to purchase the equipment and other tangible assets used in connection with the Franchised Business, the purchase price will be equal to the Value. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Value" means, subject to applicable law, **the lesser of**: (i) an amount equal to the original cost for such assets, less depreciation computed using a two hundred percent (200%) declining balance method over a five (5) year period with a salvage value equal to the original cost divided by the greater of: five (5), or the total age in years (including a fraction thereof); or (ii) Franchisee's actual initial cost of acquiring such assets, if pre-owned, depreciated by twenty percent (20%) per year (including a fraction thereof); or (iii) the fair market value of such assets. If all, or any portion of, the assets that are being purchased by us or our authorized representative are subject to lien(s), we or our authorized representative may, in our sole and absolute discretion, pay, on Franchisee's behalf, the lienholder(s) that portion of the purchase price for the assets (which may be the entire purchase price) that is necessary to obtain the release of those assets from the lien(s), in lieu of paying you those funds. Further, we may offset any amounts payable to you pursuant to this *Section 14.5.h*, or otherwise pursuant to this Agreement, against any unpaid amounts payable to us or our affiliates pursuant to this Agreement or any agreement executed in connection with this Agreement.

In the event Franchisor exercises this RoFR, Franchisor will send to Franchisee a written notice whereby Franchisee shall be required to sell and turnover us such assets for an amount equal to the Value within thirty (30) days. If you fail to comply with this section, then you will be in breach of the Agreement and shall owe damages in the cumulative amount of the amount of the replacement cost of such assets (including installation costs) minus the Value. For the avoidance of doubt, and for example purposes, in the event that we purchase such assets and some are missing or broken beyond repair, you shall owe damages in the amount of the replacement cost of those missing or broken assets minus the Value of those assets.

#### **14.6 Covenant Not to Compete; Conflicting Interests.**

a. During the Term and for a period of two (2) years after your abandonment of the Franchised Business, expiration of this Agreement, or termination of this Agreement (whether voluntary or involuntary), you shall not engage in any Competing Business (as defined in *Section 14.6c.*) with any *Barrio Queen* restaurant, nor shall you have any Conflicting Interest (as defined in *Section 14.6d.*) in a Competing Business. The provisions of this Agreement bind you in any capacity, including as a franchisee, sole proprietor, partner, limited partner, member, employer, franchisor, shareholder, officer, director or employee.

b. During the Term, and for a period of two (2) years after your abandonment of the Franchised Business, expiration of this Agreement, or termination of this Agreement (whether voluntary or involuntary), you shall not divert or attempt to divert any business, customers, or potential customers of the System to any Competing Business, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise. In addition, you shall not at any time do or perform any act, directly or indirectly, which harms the goodwill or reputation of us or the System.

c. For purposes of this *Section 14.6*, "Competing Business" means a business which is primarily engaged in the sale of Mexican food and/or beverages, products prepared or served with such as an ingredient, and all variations thereof, within a geographical area consisting of: (1) during the Term, anywhere else; and (2) after abandonment, expiration or termination of this Agreement, within a ten (10) mile radius from the Location or location of any *Barrio Queen* restaurant of ours, our third-party licensees or our third-party franchisees. The term "*Barrio Queen* restaurant" includes not only the restaurants now in existence, but also those established at a later date. The term of this covenant will be extended by any time consumed in litigation to enforce it in both trial and appellate courts. If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the restrictions in this paragraph are excessive in time, geographic scope, or otherwise, the court may reduce the restriction to the level that provides the maximum restriction allowed by law.

d. For purposes of this *Section 14.6*, "Conflicting Interest" means an interest by which you, or your executive officers, directors and shareholders (if you are a corporation), or your partners (if you are a partnership), or your members (if you are a limited liability company), or your designated manager, directly or indirectly, have a controlling interest in, lend money to, consult with or otherwise assist any Competing Business. If any of the persons named above do not sign this Agreement under the heading "*Personal Acceptance of Sections 7.1, 7.2, 14.6 and 14.8,*" then you agree to obtain the execution by such person of a written agreement setting forth the foregoing in a form acceptable to us.

#### **14.7 Continuing Obligations.**

All your obligations that expressly survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement, including *Sections 14.5* and *14.6*, or by the implicit nature thereof require performance after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, will continue in full force and effect (subsequent to, and notwithstanding, your abandonment of the Franchised Business (whether voluntary or involuntary) the expiration of the Term, or termination of this Agreement), until they are satisfied in full or by their nature expire. The indemnities and obligations set forth in *Article 8* will continue in full force and effect subsequent to, and notwithstanding, the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

#### **14.8 Remedies.**

You acknowledge and agree that the restrictions contained in this Agreement, including in this *Article 14*, are fair and reasonable and necessary for the protection of our legitimate business interests and you intend and agree that such restrictions be enforceable and enforced to their fullest extent. You further understand and agree that, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, your breach of your obligations under this *Article 14*, will cause us irreparable harm for which recovery of monetary damages alone would not be an adequate remedy. Both parties shall be entitled to obtain timely injunctive relief, including a temporary restraining order, preliminary and permanent injunctions, to protect their rights under this Agreement, in addition to and not exclusive of any and all other remedies available to each party.

#### **14.9 Early Termination Damages.**

If you discontinue operating your Franchised Business before this Agreement expires, with or without obtaining our prior written consent, or in the event of a termination of this Agreement arising from or related to your default and breach of its provisions, you will become obligated to pay Franchisor early termination damages ("Early Termination Damages"). The Early Termination Damages shall be considered damages and not a penalty, are not in lieu of other damages, and your payment of these damages shall not constitute a release of any other obligation owed to us. Franchisor, Franchisee, each individual signing on behalf of Franchisee, and each guarantor guaranteeing Franchisee's obligations hereunder, hereby acknowledge and agree that Franchisor's losses due to Franchisee's unilateral closure of the Franchised Business or termination of this Agreement would be highly difficult or impossible to calculate with reasonable certainty and, therefore, have agreed at the outset of this Agreement that the Early Termination Damages, and the formula for calculating these damages, constitutes a reasonable, good faith forecast of Franchisor's estimated losses and damages due to the premature closure of the Franchised Business or termination of this Agreement.

The amount of the Early Termination Damages is calculated as follows:

- a. Compute the average monthly Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee due for any consecutive twelve (12) month period within the forty-eight (48) months immediately preceding the date we receive notification of the closure, or if you failed to timely notify us of the closure then the date the Franchise Business closed, or, if the Franchised Business has been open for less than twelve (12) months, the average monthly Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee due since the opening of the Franchised Business ("Monthly Average");
- b. Multiply the Monthly Average by the number of months remaining in the Term;  
and
- c. Divide the resulting total computed in b. above by two (2).

For example purposes only: If the average monthly Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee were collectively \$1,000 and there were five years (60 months) remaining in the Term, the Early Termination Damages would be \$30,000, calculated as follows:  $\$1,000 \times 60 \text{ months} = \$60,000 \div 2 = \$30,000$ .

If you unilaterally terminate this Agreement prior to the end of the Term, you must give us at least ninety (90) days prior notice of the early termination ("Early Termination Notice").

Within ten (10) days after our receipt of your Early Termination Notice, we will calculate the Early Termination Damages, which will be due and payable thirty (30) days prior to the closure of your Franchised Business. In the event of a termination arising from or related to your default under this Agreement, or if you do not: (i) provide us with the Early Termination Notice at least ninety (90) days prior to the early termination of your Franchised Business and this Agreement; (ii) remain open for at least ninety (90) days after providing us with the Early Termination Notice; and (iii) pay the Early Termination Damages in full at least thirty (30) days prior to closing of the Franchised Business, the Early Termination Damages due may, in our sole discretion, be increased as follows: it will be calculated by multiplying the Monthly Average by the number of months remaining in the Term, and will not be divided by two (2).

If you have not paid your Royalty Fee and/or Advertising Fee for any period(s) within the forty-eight (48) months prior to notifying us of your early termination, or if you have not reported your Gross Sales for any period(s) within the forty-eight (48) months prior to notifying us of your intended early termination, we will estimate the Royalty Fee and Advertising Fee based upon prior reports to calculate the Monthly Average.

**ARTICLE 15. NOTICES**

Unless otherwise provided in this *Article 15*, all notices specified by this Agreement or required by law must be in writing and given by personal delivery, sent by carrier (i.e., FedEx®, UPS®, etc.), U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested. All notices to us must be given at the address set forth below or to such other address as we may designate in writing from time to time in accordance with this *Article 15*. All notices to you may be given at the address set forth below, at the address of the Franchised Business, at any of your franchised restaurants, at your residence (if an individual), or at the residence of your principal shareholder(s), partner(s), or member(s) (if a business entity). Notices will be conclusively deemed to be given, delivered, and effective when sent pre-paid and actually left in the custody of an adult agent, employee or resident at a place of business or residence if given by personal delivery; or if given by carrier, twenty-four (24) hours after deposited with carrier, or if by U.S. certified mail, three (3) days after deposited with the U.S. Postal Service. You have an obligation to promptly notify us pursuant to this *Article 15* whenever your mailing address, phone number or email address change. Notwithstanding the foregoing, we may give you written notice via email to an email address you provide us regarding all notices specified by this Agreement or required by law, with such email notification to be deemed received by you twenty-four (24) hours after we send it, unless you otherwise earlier acknowledge receipt.

If to Franchisor: BQ Concepts, L.L.C.  
Attn: Legal Department  
12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 100  
Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343-4164

If to Franchisee: FRANCHISEE ENTITY, a[n] \_\_\_\_\_  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## **ARTICLE 16. CONSTRUCTION AND ENFORCEMENT; MISCELLANEOUS**

### **16.1 Independent Contractors.**

The relationship between you and us is that of independent contractors. You are in no way to be deemed our partner, joint venturer, agent, employee, or servant. You have no authority to bind us to any contractual obligation or incur any liability for or on our behalf. You shall identify yourself as an independent owner of the Franchised Business in all dealings with customers, lessors, contractors, suppliers, public officials, employees, and others.

### **16.2 Severability and Substitution of Provisions.**

Except as provided to the contrary in this Agreement, each article, section, term and provision of this Agreement, and any portion thereof, will be considered severable, and if, for any reason, any such portion of this Agreement is held to be invalid, contrary to, or in conflict with any applicable present or future law or regulation, or as a result of a final, non-appealable ruling issued by any court, agency or tribunal with competent jurisdiction in a proceeding to which we are a party, that regulation or ruling will not impair the operation of, or have any other effect upon, such other portions of this Agreement as may otherwise remain valid, and such other portions will continue to be given full force and effect and bind the parties to this Agreement. If the severed provision is material to this Agreement, we shall promptly provide a substitute provision to replace the invalid severed provision consistent with then-current law and the original intent of the parties.

If any applicable and binding law or rule of any jurisdiction requires a greater prior notice of the termination of, or refusal to renew, this Agreement than is required under this Agreement, or the taking of some other action not required under this Agreement, or if under any applicable law, regulation, or court ruling of any jurisdiction, any provision of this Agreement or any specification, standard or operating procedure prescribed by us is invalid or unenforceable, the prior notice or other action required by such law, regulation, or court ruling will be substituted for the comparable provisions of this Agreement, and we will have the right, in our sole discretion, to modify such invalid or unenforceable provision, specification, standard or operating procedure to the extent required to be valid and enforceable. Such modifications to this Agreement shall be effective only in such jurisdiction, unless we elect to give them greater applicability, and otherwise shall be enforced as originally made and entered into in all other jurisdictions.

### **16.3 Dispute Resolution.**

a. Except as otherwise provided herein, any dispute, claim or controversy arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the breach hereof, the rights and obligations of the parties hereto or the relationship between the parties, or the entry, making, interpretation, or performance of either party under this Agreement ("Dispute"), which cannot be resolved by mediation under Section 16.3d. or is not subject to mediation under the terms of this Agreement, shall be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") before a single arbitrator in accordance with its Commercial Arbitration Rules as modified below, and pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §1 et seq.

b. Except to the extent that the United States Trademark Act of 1946, as amended (15 U.S.C. § 1051 *et seq.*), the laws of the State where the Franchised Business is located govern all rights and obligations of the parties under this Agreement without regard to conflict of law, and any arbitration shall take place before a sole arbitrator in the County of the State where

the Franchised Business is located. The parties agree that the arbitrator shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in the United States and must have a minimum of five (5) years of experience in franchise law. Judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction. The arbitrator shall, in the award, allocate all of the costs and expenses of the arbitration, including the fees of the arbitrator and the reasonable attorneys' fees of the prevailing party, against the party who did not prevail. This agreement to arbitrate shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement. The parties agree that any arbitration shall be solely between them (including any affiliates) and shall not include as a party, by consolidation, joinder, or in any other manner, any other person or entity, unless both parties to this Agreement consent in writing. Both parties shall have the absolute right to refuse such consent. The parties expressly waive any right to bring or participate in any class or other consolidated, joined or multi-party arbitration claim or proceeding, whether or not permissible under the AAA Commercial Arbitration Rules, including any claim brought on their behalf by an association of which it, he or she is a member. At the request of either party, the arbitration shall be conducted in a manner that maintains the confidentiality of the proceedings.

c. The arbitrator will issue a reasoned award, with findings of fact and conclusions of law. Actions to enforce an express obligation to pay monies may be brought under the Expedited Procedures of the AAA's Commercial Arbitration Rules. Discovery shall be conducted according to the AAA Commercial Arbitration Rules.

d. Prior to the commencement of an arbitration proceeding, a party must notify the other party of its intent to commence arbitration by providing written notice to the other party that describes the facts and subject matter of the Dispute at least sixty (60) days prior to commencing arbitration with the AAA. During the sixty (60) days after a written notice of intent to arbitrate is received by either party, the parties must first mediate the Dispute with a mutually agreed upon private mediator. At the request of any party, the mediation will be confidential. The mediation shall be conducted in the County of the State where the Franchised Business is located, unless the parties mutually agree to a different location. The parties to the mediation will share equally in its costs and expenses, except those costs and expenses incurred separately by each party, including counsel fees and expenses. The mediation process will be deemed "Completed" when the parties agree that it has been completed, the mediator declares that any impasse exists, or sixty (60) days have elapsed since the date of the initiating party's notice to the other party that it is initiating the mediation process, whichever occurs first.

e. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of Sections 16.3a., 16.3b., 16.3c. and 16.3d. do not apply to a Dispute where: (i) we bring an action for an express obligation to pay monies, declaratory relief, preliminary or permanent equitable relief, any action for damage to our goodwill, the Confidential Information, the Proprietary Marks or for fraudulent conduct by you; or (ii) the delay resulting from the dispute resolution process set forth in section 16.3 may endanger or adversely affect the public (for example, unhealthy, unsafe or unsanitary conditions would continue to exist), or may cause irreparable harm to Franchisor or its affiliates. For such Disputes, we may bring an action in any federal or state court having jurisdiction, whether for monetary damages, temporary and permanent injunctive relief or specific performance in addition to, and not exclusive of, any other remedies available to us. You hereby consent to and waive any objection or defense and agree not to contest venue, forum non conveniens or jurisdiction of such court. THE PARTIES AGREE THAT ALL DISPUTES SUBMITTED TO THE COURT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE TRIED TO THE COURT SITTING WITHOUT A JURY, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY STATE OR FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY RIGHTS OR PROVISIONS.

f. Disputes concerning the validity or scope of arbitration, including whether the Dispute is subject to arbitration, are beyond the authority of the arbitrator and will be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §1 et seq., as amended from time to time.

g. To the extent Law permits, any Dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement, whether in arbitration or in court, will be conducted only on an individual basis and not in a class, consolidated or representative action. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or the AAA Rules, disputes regarding the interpretation, applicability, or enforceability of this class waiver may be resolved only by a court and not by an arbitrator. If this waiver of class or consolidated actions is deemed invalid or unenforceable, neither party is entitled to arbitration.

#### **16.4 Statute of Limitations and Limitation on Franchisor Liability.**

a. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, the parties agree that any claims under, arising out of, or related to, this Agreement must be brought within two (2) years of the date on which the underlying cause of action accrued, and the parties hereby waive any right to bring any such action after such two (2)-year period, except for the collection of any unpaid Royalty Fee, Advertising Fee, and any other amount due to us or our affiliate.

**b. YOU HEREBY WAIVE THE RIGHT TO SEEK OR COLLECT PUNITIVE, MULTIPLE, CONSEQUENTIAL AND SPECIAL DAMAGES IN ANY FORUM, INCLUDING ARBITRATION. YOU HEREBY FURTHER WAIVE THE RIGHT, IF ANY, OF ANY ASSOCIATION OR MEMBERSHIP GROUP TO ASSERT CLAIMS ON YOUR BEHALF IN ANY ACTION.**

**c. YOU HEREBY WAIVE THE RIGHT TO ANY DAMAGES IN CONNECTION WITH OR RESULTING FROM THE WRONGFUL ISSUANCE OF AN INJUNCTION.**

d. The parties agree that the maximum damages that you may recover in connection with a wrongful termination of your franchise and this Agreement will be an amount equal to the product of:

(i) the annual net profit (as defined below) multiplied by the lessor of:

(a) The number of full years existing between the date on which the franchise and this agreement were wrongfully terminated and the date on which the Term would have otherwise expired; or

(b) Three.

For purposes of this Agreement, the term "net profit" means an amount equal to the net profits of your Franchised Business, as reflected on your tax return filed with the Internal Revenue Service prior to such termination; provided, however, that if such tax return reflects the operations of your Franchised Business for a period less than one (1) year, such net profits will be annualized based upon the net profits reflected in such tax return.

#### **16.5 No Guarantee of Franchisee's Success.**

You have been informed of and acknowledge the highly competitive nature of the business involved, and agree that the successful operation of your Franchised Business will depend in part, upon your best efforts, capabilities, management, and efficient operation; as well as the general economic trend and other market conditions.

#### **16.6 Existence of Various Forms of Franchise Agreements.**

You acknowledge that our present and future franchisees operate under a number of forms of franchise agreements and consequently, our obligations and rights with respect to our various franchisees may differ materially in certain instances. The existence of different forms or versions of the franchise agreement does not entitle you to benefit from any such difference; nor does it operate to alter or amend the agreement of the parties set forth in this Agreement.

#### **16.7 Franchise Owner May Not Withhold Payments.**

You agree that you will not, on grounds of alleged or actual nonperformance or breach by us of any of our obligations under this Agreement, withhold payment of any Royalty Fee, Advertising Fee, amounts due to us or any of our affiliates for goods or services purchased by you, or any other amounts due to us or any of our affiliates.

#### **16.8 Remedies Are Cumulative.**

The rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement are cumulative and not exclusive, and no exercise or enforcement by either party of any right or remedy under this Agreement shall preclude the exercise or enforcement by such party of any other right or remedy under this Agreement or otherwise available at law or in equity to such party.

#### **16.9 Interpretation.**

All the terms and provisions of this Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the parties. However, nothing in this *Section 16.9* may be construed as our consent to the Transfer of this Agreement or any rights by you.

#### **16.10 Waiver.**

Our failure to insist upon the strict performance of any term, covenant or condition contained in this Agreement will not constitute or be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of our right to enforce thereafter any such term, covenant or condition and such term, covenant or condition will continue in full force and effect. For example, Franchisor's acceptance of any payments made by Franchisee after a breach of this Agreement shall not be, nor be construed as, a waiver by Franchisor of any breach by Franchisee of any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement.

#### **16.11 Litigation Expense.**

If an action at law or suit in equity is brought to establish, obtain or enforce any right by either of the parties to this Agreement, the prevailing party in the suit or action, in the trial and appellate courts, will be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses and disbursements incurred in such suit or action.

#### **16.12 No Third-Party Beneficiaries.**

This Agreement is not intended to benefit any other person or entity except the named parties hereto and no other person or entity shall be entitled to any rights hereunder by virtue of so-called “third-party beneficiary rights” or otherwise.

#### **16.13 Binding Effect; Modification.**

This Agreement is binding upon the parties to this Agreement and their respective executors, administrators, personal representatives, heirs, permitted assigns and successors in interest. No amendment, change, or modification of this Agreement shall be binding on any party unless executed in writing by you and us.

#### **16.14 Entire Agreement; Nature and Scope; Construction.**

This Agreement, all exhibits, attachments, addendums, and amendments, constitute the entire understanding and agreement between the parties, and there are no other oral or written understandings or agreements between us and you relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. If required to be signed, any state specific addendums are incorporated herein by reference. Any representation not specifically contained in this Agreement made prior to entering into this Agreement does not survive subsequent to the execution of this Agreement. We and you have entered into this Agreement for the sole purpose of authorizing you to use the System licensed by this Agreement in the operation of the Franchised Business during the Term in which those specific items designated by us for sale and use in such locations are offered for sale and use in individual, face-to-face transactions with patrons visiting the Franchised Business (and equivalent telephone, online, or mail transactions accepted as a convenience to that customer group). All consideration being furnished by us to you during the course of performance of this Agreement has been determined based on the limited rights and other limitations expressed herein. No other rights have been bargained for or paid for. This provision is intended to define the nature and extent of the parties' mutual contractual intent, there being no mutual intent to enter into contract relations, whether by agreement or by implication, other than as set forth in this Agreement. The parties further acknowledge that these limitations are intended to achieve the highest possible degree of certainty in the definition of the contract being formed, in recognition of the fact that uncertainty creates economic risks for both parties which, if not addressed as provided in this Agreement, would affect the economic terms of this bargain.

Nothing in this Agreement or in any related agreement is intended to disclaim the representations we made in the Disclosure Document. Nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor shall be deemed, to confer any rights or remedies upon any person or legal entity not a party hereto.

#### **16.15 Terminology.**

In addition to the terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement, the following terms defined below are incorporated in this Agreement by reference and shall be deemed to include all persons who succeed to the interest of the original, where applicable:

The term “affiliate” means any person who, directly or indirectly through one (1) or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with any person;

The term “Dollars” means United States Dollars and all amounts due under this Agreement shall be paid in United States currency;

The use of the terms “includes” and “including” in any provision of this Agreement followed by specific examples used shall not be construed to limit application of the provision to only the specific examples used;

The term “person” means any natural person, corporation, partnership, trust, other entity, association or form of organization;

The term “will” and “shall” shall be synonymous, and shall be mandatory and not discretionary, unless otherwise specifically provided herein; and

Any references to articles or sections refer to articles and sections in this Agreement unless specified otherwise.

#### **16.16 Counterparts.**

This Agreement may be executed in one (1) or more original counterparts, and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to be one (1) original Agreement. The signatures required for execution may be transmitted to the other party via facsimile or a scanned .pdf file sent via email and such signature shall be deemed a duplicate original, shall be effective upon receipt by the other party, may be admitted in evidence and shall fully bind the party and person making such signature. A fully-executed copy of this Agreement shall be of the same force and effect as the original.

#### **16.17 Offerings.**

If you are a corporation, partnership or other entity, and if you intend to offer securities, partnership interests or other ownership interests in you through any public or private offering, you shall not use any Proprietary Marks in such public or private offering, except to reflect your franchise relationship with us; nor shall you misrepresent your relationship with us by any statement or omission of an essential statement. You shall indemnify and hold us harmless from any liability in connection with such offering. Nothing in the foregoing shall modify the provisions of *Article 12*, and no such offering shall be made without first complying with any applicable provisions of *Article 12*.

#### **16.18 Time.**

Time is of the essence of each and every provision of this Agreement.

#### **16.19 Force Majeure.**

Neither of the parties will be liable for loss or damage or be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement if the failure to perform the party’s obligations results from: (a) transportation shortages, inadequate supply of equipment, merchandise, supplies, labor, material or energy, or the voluntary foregoing of the right to acquire or use any of the foregoing in order to accommodate or comply with the orders, requests, regulations, recommendations or instructions of any government or any department or agency thereof, or (b) acts of God, and in each case being unforeseeable forces which Franchisee could not by the exercise of due diligence have avoided; provided however that Franchisee must: (i) immediately upon the start

of the above-mentioned act, provide written notice to Franchisor that it expressly enacts its rights granted under this Section, and (ii) use all commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate the effect of the event of Force Majeure upon its performance and to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement. Any delay resulting from any of these causes will extend performance accordingly or excuse performance, in whole or in part, as may be reasonable, except that no such cause will excuse payments of amounts owed at the time of such occurrence or payment of the Royalty Fee and all other amounts due to us and our affiliates thereafter, or permit Franchisee to permanently close the Franchised Business.

#### **16.20 Plurals and Captions.**

Words in the singular number include the plural when the context requires (and vice-versa). The table of contents and the captions are inserted only for convenience and are not a part of this Agreement or a limitation of the scope of the particular article or section to which each refers.

#### **16.21 Joint and Several Liability.**

If you consist of two (2) or more individuals, whether in the form of separate individuals or a business entity controlled by the individuals, then each individual and each business entity will be jointly and severally liable under the provisions of this Agreement.

#### **16.22 Trademark Notice.**

All trademarks referenced in this Agreement are those of their respective owners.

#### **16.23 No Accord or Satisfaction.**

If you pay, or we otherwise receive, a lesser amount than the full amount provided for under this Agreement for any payment due hereunder, such payment or receipt may, in our sole discretion, be applied against the earliest amount due us. In addition, if interest or late fees are owed, we may, in our sole discretion, apply any amounts paid to the late fees and interest before such amounts are applied to the principal amount owed. We may accept any check or other payment in any amount without prejudice to our right to recover the entire balance of the amount due or to pursue any other right or remedy. No endorsement or statement by you on any check or payment or in any letter accompanying any check or payment or elsewhere shall constitute or be construed as an accord or satisfaction.

### **ARTICLE 17. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND REPRESENTATIONS OF FRANCHISEE**

#### **17.1 Certain Representations and Warranties of Franchisee.**

You represent and warrant that the following statements are true and complete as of the Effective Date:

a. You do not seek to obtain the Franchised Business for speculative or investment purposes and have no present intention to sell or transfer or attempt to sell or transfer the Franchised Business except as previously approved by Franchisor and subject and conditioned to Article 12 of this Agreement.

b. You understand and acknowledge the value to the System of uniform and ethical standards of quality, appearance and service described in and required by the Confidential

Manual and the necessity of operating the Franchised Business under the System Standards. You represent that you have the capabilities, professionally, financially and otherwise, to comply with our System Standards.

c. If you are a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other form of entity, you are duly incorporated, organized, or formed and are qualified to do business in the state and any other applicable jurisdiction within which the Franchised Business is located, and you are and shall remain duly organized and in good standing during the Term.

d. You represent and warrant that: (i) if you are an individual, you are; or (ii) if you are an entity, that each of your owners, shareholders, partners, and members are, a United States citizen or a lawful resident alien of the United States.

e. All financial and other information that you have provided to us or otherwise made available to us in connection with your application for this franchise is true, complete, accurate, and not intentionally misleading.

f. The execution of this Agreement by you will not constitute or violate any other agreement or commitment to which you are a party.

g. Any individual executing this Agreement on your behalf is duly authorized to do so and the Agreement shall constitute your valid and binding obligation and, if applicable, all of your partners, members, or shareholders, if you are a partnership, limited liability company, or corporation.

h. You have, or if you are a partnership, corporation or other entity, your partners or principals have, carefully read this Agreement and all other related documents to be executed by you concurrently or in conjunction with the execution hereof; that you have obtained, or had the opportunity to obtain, the advice of counsel in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement; that you understand the nature of this Agreement and that you intend to comply with and be bound by this Agreement.

i. You have read and understand the information and disclosures made in the Disclosure Document provided to you as acknowledged in *Section 17.3e*. You understand and acknowledge that: (i) estimates for initial start-up expenses are estimates only and there can be additional start-up expenses; and (ii) your sales may differ substantially from any sales provided in Item 19 of the Disclosure Document, and there is no assurance that your sales will meet or exceed any sales listed in Item 19 of the Disclosure Document. You have had the opportunity to and have consulted or elected not to consult with your attorney, accountant and business advisors before entering into this Agreement.

j. You understand and agree that, while not applicable in every case, our past experience indicates that owner-operated restaurants generally perform better than absentee owners with hired managers. The food business is a personal business and is dependent upon your business skill and judgment. This includes your choice of employees. Your skill in hiring the right people to work in your Franchised Business is very important in determining whether people decide to purchase menu items from your Franchised Business or from another restaurant in the same vicinity.

k. You understand and agree that ownership of a franchise and the Franchised Business carries certain risks. These risks include the loss of your initial investment, other

continued financial losses such as rent payments due under lease obligations and other contractual obligations, the loss of your time and energy in starting up and running your Franchised Business, and loss of earnings and investment income from your investment in the Franchised Business. You understand and agree that the Franchised Business may make money and may lose money and are entering this business venture with this express understanding. You are not relying upon anything which is not contained within this Agreement or the Disclosure Document in determining and deciding to become a franchisee.

l. Notwithstanding the foregoing, you understand and agree that the System must not remain static if it is to meet (without limitation) presently unforeseen changes in technology, competitive circumstances, demographics, populations, consumer trends, social trends and other market place variables, and if it is to best serve the interests of us, you and all other franchisees. Accordingly, you expressly understand and agree that we may from time to time change the components of the System, including altering the products, programs, services, methods, standards, forms, policies and procedures of that System; abandoning the System altogether in favor of another system in connection with a merger, acquisition or other business combination or for other reasons; adding to, deleting from or modifying those products, programs and services which your Franchised Business is authorized and required to offer, modifying or substituting entirely the equipment, signage, trade dress, décor, color schemes and uniform System Standards and specifications and all other unit constructions, design, appearance and operation attributes which you are required to observe under this Agreement; and, abandoning, changing, improving, modifying or substituting the Proprietary Marks. You expressly agree to comply with any such modifications, changes, additions, deletions, substitutions and alterations. You shall accept, use and effectuate any such changes or modifications to, or substitution of, the System as if they were part of the System at the time that this Agreement was executed. Except as provided herein, we shall not be liable to you for any expenses, losses or damages sustained by you as a result of any of the modifications contemplated hereby.

m. You represent that neither you nor any of your affiliates, officers, directors, managers, members, or partners (as applicable) or funding sources are subject to U.S. Executive Order 13224, identified on the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control Specially Designated National and Blocked Persons list, or any terrorist list or other blocked persons list. In addition, you represent that you have not received funding from, nor are you owned, controlled, or acting on behalf of the government of any country that is subject to an embargo by the United States, any foreign government official, political party or international organization, and that no foreign government or government official, political party or international organization has any financial interest in the Franchised Business or any monies earned by the Franchised Business.

n. You represent, warrant and agree that you, your officers, directors, managers, members, or partners (as applicable) will each at all times conduct themselves in an ethical manner and avoid any activity that might result in a violation of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Anti-Terrorism Laws, or any other applicable anti-corruption or bribery laws.

## **17.2 Additional Information Respecting Franchisee.**

a. You have delivered to us or will deliver concurrent herewith, complete and accurate copies of all of your organizational documents, including all partnership agreements, certificates of partnership, articles of organization, operating agreements, articles or certificates of incorporation, by-laws and shareholder agreements, including all amendments, side letters

and other items modifying such documents.

b. Reserved.

### 17.3 Acknowledgements of Franchisee.

a. You acknowledge that you have conducted an independent investigation of the business venture contemplated by this Agreement and recognize that this business venture involves substantial business risks and will largely depend upon your ability. Other than the financial performance representation contained in Item 19 of the Disclosure Document, if any, we expressly disclaim making, and you acknowledge that you have not received or relied on, any warranty or guarantee, express or implied, as to the potential volume, profits, or success of the Franchised Business contemplated by this Agreement.

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b. You hereby certify that none of our employees, no other person speaking on our behalf, and no Area Representative, if applicable, have: (i) made any oral, written, visual, or other representation, agreement, commitment, claim, or statement that stated or suggested any level or range of actual or potential sales, costs, income, expenses, profits, cash flow, or otherwise other than any financial performance representation contained in Item 19 of the Disclosure Document; or (ii) made any oral, written, visual, or other representation, agreement, commitment, claim, or statement from which any level or range of actual or potential sales, costs, income, expenses, profits, cash flow, or otherwise might be ascertained, related to a *Barrio Queen* franchise, that is different from, contrary to, or not contained in the *Barrio Queen* Disclosure Document; or (iii) made any representation, agreement, commitment, claim or statement to you that is different from, contrary to, or not contained in, the *Barrio Queen* Disclosure Document. You acknowledge and agree that we do not make or endorse, nor do we allow any of our employees or other persons speaking on our behalf to make or endorse, any additional oral, written, visual, or other representation, agreement, commitment, claim, or statement that states or suggests any level or range of actual or potential sales, costs, income, expenses, profits, cash flow, or otherwise with respect to a *Barrio Queen* franchise other than any financial performance representation contained in Item 19 of the Disclosure Document.

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c. You acknowledge that you have received, read and understand this Agreement and the related exhibits, attachments and agreements and that we have afforded you sufficient time and opportunity to consult with advisors selected by you about the potential benefits and risks of entering into this Agreement.

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d. You understand that this Agreement, including any amendments and exhibits, contains the entire agreement between the parties concerning the Franchised Business, and that any prior oral or written statements that are not set out in this Agreement, including any amendments, exhibits and attachments will not be binding. You acknowledge and agree that we do not permit any representations, agreements, commitments, claims, or statements or approve any changes in this Agreement or any of the amendments, exhibits and attachments to this Agreement, except by means of a written amendment or addendum signed by all parties to this Agreement. You acknowledge that nothing in this Agreement or in any related agreement is

intended to disclaim the representations we made in the Disclosure Document.

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e. You acknowledge receipt of our Disclosure Document fourteen (14) days prior to the execution of this Agreement or your payment of any monies to us or our agent (or sooner if required by applicable state law).

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f. You acknowledge that, other than what was previously disclosed to you in our Disclosure Document to which you acknowledge receipt thereof, you have not: (1) received any financial statements for us or any of our parent or affiliated companies; or (2) relied on the financial condition of us or of any of our parent or affiliated companies when making the decision to purchase the Franchised Business.

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g. You acknowledge, as detailed in *Section 2.3*, that you must, at your own cost and expense, use only our designated and approved Design Architect for the design of your Franchised Business.

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h. You acknowledge that the following is your Area Representative (if applicable):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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i. If an Area Representative is identified in *Section 17.3h.*, you make the following representations with respect to the Area Representative:

(i) You have met or spoken to only \_\_\_\_\_, the Area Representative;

(ii) Other than any financial performance representation contained in Item 19 of the Disclosure Document, at no time did the Area Representative make any promises or statements, or projections or forecasts, or estimates or warranties or representations or other statement or agreement concerning profits or expenses or costs or actual or projected sales of any kind directly or by implication about *Barrio Queen* restaurants or about the Franchised Business that we desire to develop under this Agreement or about obtaining the confirmed Location or about any other matter other than what is contained in the *Barrio Queen* Disclosure Document or *Barrio Queen* restaurant brochure.

(iii) You acknowledge that you have not received any written materials from us or the Area Representative except for the *Barrio Queen* brochure and Disclosure Document; and

If there are any exceptions to Sections 17.3i.(i) – (iii), identify the item number and list the exception here:

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j. You acknowledge there have been no other inducements made with any person or entity, including the Identified Area Representative, encouraging you to purchase the Franchised Business, such as a “side deal” or other promise or agreement not included in the Agreement.

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k. You acknowledge and understand that *Article 6* covers the use of the *Barrio Queen* trademark and prohibition on registration of our Proprietary Marks. You acknowledge the ownership of the Proprietary Marks by us, and you agree that during the Term and after its expiration or termination, you will not, directly or indirectly, apply to register, register or otherwise seek to use or control or in any way use “*Barrio Queen*”, or any other of our proprietary marks, or any confusingly similar form or variation, in any place or jurisdiction either within or outside the United States; nor will you assist any others to do so. You further agree that your corporate, partnership or other entity name will not include any of the Proprietary Marks or phrases similar thereto as a part thereof. Furthermore, you acknowledge and understand that you are prohibited from filing applications for the registration of our trade names used in connection with your Franchised Business.

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l. You acknowledge and understand that in the event you have registered a trade name or entity name containing our trademarks, you will be required to immediately discontinue all further use of the trademark, all Proprietary Marks and any other marks or names confusingly similar thereto in your entity name. Furthermore, you will take such action as may be required to amend your entity name and affirmatively cancel or terminate and dissolve all fictitious or assumed names or other registrations that contain our Proprietary Marks. In the event you do not comply and execute any and all instruments and documents necessary to protect and maintain our interests in the Proprietary Marks, we will then have power of attorney to execute any documents necessary to protect and maintain our interests in the Proprietary Marks.

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**ARTICLE 18. SUBMISSION OF AGREEMENT**

The submission of this Agreement to you does not constitute an offer and this Agreement shall become effective only upon the execution thereof by the parties. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT BE BINDING ON US UNLESS AND UNTIL IT SHALL HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AND SIGNED BY FRANCHISOR.

**[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each party hereto, by and through its respective representative with full rights, power and authority to enter into and bind his or her respective party without further consent or approval of any kind, has duly executed and delivered this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

**FRANCHISEE:** \_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Name, Title]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Name, Title]

**FRANCHISOR:** BQ Concepts, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Name, Title]

**Operating Partner:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

**PERSONAL ACCEPTANCE OF SECTIONS 7.1, 7.2, 14.6, AND 14.8**

Each of the undersigned individually and personally accepts and agrees to be bound by the provisions of Sections 7.1, 7.2, 14.6, and 14.8 of the foregoing Franchise Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, an  
individual  
(signature) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, an  
individual  
(signature) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, an  
individual  
(signature) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, an  
individual  
(signature) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT E**

**TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**Guaranty of Franchise Agreement**

## GUARANTY OF FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

This GUARANTY OF FRANCHISE AGREEMENT ("Guaranty") is entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_ by each of the undersigned ([individually and collectively, ]"Guarantor") in favor of BQ CONCEPTS, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company ("Franchisor"). To the extent this Guaranty contains terms and conditions that differ from those contained in the Franchise Agreement (as defined in Recital A below), this Guaranty shall control. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Guaranty will have the same meanings ascribed to such terms in the Franchise Agreement.

### Recitals

A. Franchisor and \_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ ("Franchisee") entered into a Franchise Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_[, as amended,] (collectively "Franchise Agreement") for a *Barrio Queen* restaurant located at \_\_\_\_\_ ("Location").

B. Guarantor is a shareholder, partner, member, or other person or entity interested in effecting the grant or transfer of the Franchise Agreement.

C. Without this Guaranty, Franchisor cannot be assured that there are sufficient assets to operate the franchise or to protect Franchisor in the event of a default by Franchisee.

D. Franchisor is willing to enter into the Franchise Agreement only if Guarantor personally guarantees faithful performance of all the terms of the Franchise Agreement.

E. Guarantor acknowledges Guarantor received and read the Franchise Agreement and agrees to be bound to the obligations in this Guaranty with regard to the Franchise Agreement.

### Agreement

1. In consideration of the above recitals, Guarantor personally guarantees, for the benefit of Franchisor, its parent, subsidiaries, affiliates and successors and assigns, the prompt and complete performance of all the covenants and conditions contained in the foregoing Franchise Agreement.

2. This Guaranty is effective until all terms of the Franchise Agreement have been fully and completely performed by Franchisee and shall continue through the entire Term of the Franchise Agreement as may be renewed or extended. No release of Franchisee or discharge of Franchisee under bankruptcy law, or any other law, shall impair or effect the obligations of Guarantor to Franchisor hereunder.

3. Franchisor is not required to proceed first against the Franchisee, but may proceed first against the Guarantor alone or concurrent with proceeding against Franchisee. The obligations of Guarantor hereunder are absolute and unconditional.

4. Franchisee and Franchisor may from time to time alter or modify the Franchise Agreement between themselves, possibly changing or increasing the extent of Guarantor's obligation under this Guaranty. Guarantor consents to any and all modifications or amendments of the Franchise Agreement and the documents and Confidential Manual referred to in the Franchise Agreement, without requiring notice to Guarantor or Guarantor's consent.

5. Guarantor agrees specifically to be bound by the confidentiality requirements and the covenant against competition in the Franchise Agreement.

6. Guarantor waives notice of acceptance of this Guaranty and notice of non-performance or non-payment by Franchisee of any of its obligations or liabilities under the Franchise Agreement.

7. A default by Guarantor under this Guaranty will be deemed a default under all Franchise Agreements guaranteed by the Guarantor.

8. Guarantor agrees to pay all attorneys' fees, costs and expenses (including any and all Royalty Fees and Advertising Fees and associated interest on such amounts, that are determined to be owing to Franchisor due to underreporting by Franchisee) incurred by Franchisor in enforcing this Guaranty, whether or not suit or action is filed, and if suit or action is filed, then through trial and all appeals, and also in any proceedings or matter in Bankruptcy Court; Guarantor assumes all liability for all losses, costs, attorneys' fees, and expenses that Franchisor incurs as a result of a default by Franchisee, including those fees and expenses incurred in a bankruptcy proceeding involving Franchisee.

9. Guarantor hereby agrees that upon notice of default or upon an uncured default of the Franchise Agreement or any other agreement between Guarantor (or a legal entity thereof) and Franchisor or its affiliates, and with no prior notice, Guarantor consents to Franchisor's (or any of its affiliate's or third-party contractor's) acquisition and use of non-business consumer credit reports on Guarantor in order to evaluate as necessary the financial condition of Guarantor as principal, member, manager, franchisee, and/or guarantor in connection with the collection of monetary obligations as contemplated by the Franchise Agreement, this Guaranty, a promissory note, or any other agreements between Guarantor (or a legal entity thereof), and Franchisor or its affiliates. Guarantor as an individual or individuals hereby knowingly consent to the use of such credit reports consistent with the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act as contained in 15 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq.

10. This Guaranty is personal to Guarantor and the obligations and duties imposed herein may not be delegated or assigned; provided, however, that this Guaranty shall be binding upon the successors, assigns, heirs, estate, trustee(s) and personal representative(s) of Guarantor. This Guaranty shall inure to the benefit of Franchisor, its affiliates, successors and assigns.

11. In the event that any one or more provisions contained herein shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof and this Guaranty shall be construed to bind Guarantor to the maximum extent permitted by law that is subsumed within the terms of such provision as though it were separately articulated herein.

12. This Guaranty shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the State of Arizona, which laws shall prevail in the event of any conflict of law. Any appropriate state or federal court located in Maricopa County, Arizona has exclusive jurisdiction over any case or controversy arising under or in connection with this Agreement and is the proper forum in which to adjudicate the case or controversy, and the parties hereto irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of any such court. THE PARTIES AGREE THAT ALL DISPUTES ADMITTED TO THE COURT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION 12 SHALL BE TRIED TO THE COURT SITTING WITHOUT A JURY, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY STATE OR FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY RIGHTS OR PROVISIONS.

13. If Guarantor consists of two (2) or more persons, then each person will be jointly and severally liable under the provisions of this Guaranty.

14. [The undersigned \_\_\_\_\_ [include name(s) here of each of the undersigned who is not married] each represents that he/she is not married as of the Effective Date.]

15. Guarantor acknowledges that (i) it is a condition to the granting of the Franchise Agreement to Franchisee that Guarantor shall execute and deliver this Guaranty to Franchisor, (ii) that Franchisor has entered into the Franchise Agreement in reliance upon the agreement of Guarantor to do so, and (iii) that, as owner of the Franchisee, Guarantor has received adequate consideration to support its execution of this Guaranty. This Guaranty does not grant or create in Guarantor any interests, rights or privileges in any franchise or Franchise Agreement.

16. This Guaranty may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original copy of this Guaranty and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to constitute one and the same Guaranty.

17. Words in the singular number include the plural when the context requires (and vice-versa), and defined terms include the possessive when the context requires (and vice-versa).

**GUARANTOR:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name], an individual

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name], an individual

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name], an individual

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name], an individual

**EXHIBIT F**

**TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT  
Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement**

## NON-DISCLOSURE AND NON-COMPETITION AGREEMENT

This NON-DISCLOSURE AND NON-COMPETITION AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_ ("Effective Date"), by and between BQ Concepts, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company, having an office located at 12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 100, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343-4164 ("Franchisor") and the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ an individual, having an address of \_\_\_\_\_, Franchisor and the undersigned may also be referred to in this Agreement individually as "Party" and collectively as "Parties."

### Recitals

A. Franchisor is in the business of licensing franchise systems in the quick service restaurant market and is the owner and/or licensee of certain proprietary, confidential and/or trade secret information related to its business.

B. The undersigned is the spouse of the franchisee or spouse of an employee, officer, director, member, manager, partner or owner of an interest in the equity or voting interests of [Franchisee], the "Franchisee" under and signatory to, that certain "Franchise Agreement" dated \_\_\_\_\_ entered into with Franchisor granting Franchisee the right to operate one *Barrio Queen* restaurant ("Franchised Business") on the terms and conditions stated therein.

C. The undersigned acknowledges that, in order to induce Franchisor to enter into the Franchise Agreement, Franchisee must cause those persons as listed in Recital B to execute this Agreement for the benefit of Franchisor.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the representations, terms, covenants, conditions and agreements set forth in this Agreement and intending to be legally bound, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

### Agreement

1. **Definition of Confidential Information.** "Confidential Information" includes, without limitation, knowledge and information which Franchisee knows, or should reasonably know, which Franchisor regards as confidential concerning: (i) formulation, ingredients, raw materials, recipes, and food preparation processes for proprietary products, non-proprietary products, collateral logo merchandise or other items or services that Franchisor permits Franchisee to sell at or from the Franchised Business; (ii) Franchisor's supply relationships, inventory requirements and control procedures; (iii) pricing, sales, profit performance or other results of operations of any and all *Barrio Queen* restaurants, including the Franchised Business; (iv) demographic data for determining sites and territories; (v) the results of customer surveys and promotional programs; and (vi) in general, business methods, trade secrets, specifications, customer data, cost data, procedures, information systems and knowledge about the operation of *Barrio Queen* restaurants or the *Barrio Queen* System, whether it is now known or exists or is acquired or created in the future, and whether or not the information is included in the Confidential Manual or Franchisor expressly designates the information as confidential. Confidential Information does not include information which the undersigned can demonstrate came to his or her attention independent of entering into this Agreement and information that Franchisor agrees is, or has become, generally known in the public domain, except where

public knowledge is the result of the undersigned's wrongful disclosure (whether or not deliberate or inadvertent).

## 2. **Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information.**

a. The undersigned agrees not to possess, obtain, or seek to obtain, either directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information from any person or other source, unless authorized in writing by Franchisor. If the undersigned does possess, or comes to possess, any Confidential Information, the undersigned shall immediately notify Franchisor of that fact and return the Confidential Information, and all copies and portions thereof, to Franchisor.

b. The undersigned agrees not to disclose, duplicate, sell, reveal, divulge, publish, furnish or communicate, either directly or indirectly, any Confidential Information to any other person, firm or entity, unless authorized in writing by Franchisor.

c. The undersigned agrees not to use any Confidential Information for his or her own personal gain or to further the purposes of others, whether or not the Confidential Information has been conceived, originated, discovered or developed, in whole or in part, by the undersigned or represents the undersigned's work product. To the extent the undersigned has assisted in the preparation of any information that Franchisor considers Confidential Information or has prepared or created such information by himself or herself, the undersigned hereby assigns any rights that he or she may have in such information as creator to Franchisor, including all ideas made or conceived by the undersigned.

d. The undersigned acknowledges that the use, publication or duplication of the Confidential Information for any purpose not authorized by this Agreement constitutes an unfair method of competition by the undersigned.

e. The provisions of this Section 2 shall apply forever, surviving the expiration or termination of all contracts between Franchisor and Franchisee.

f. The provisions concerning non-disclosure of Confidential Information shall not apply if disclosure of Confidential Information is legally compelled in a judicial or administrative proceeding, provided the undersigned shall have used his or her best efforts, and shall have afforded Franchisor the opportunity, to obtain an appropriate protective order or other assurance satisfactory to Franchisor of confidential treatment for the information required to be disclosed. If the undersigned is required to disclose Confidential Information, whether in whole or in part, to any third party pursuant to a subpoena or a court or agency order, the undersigned agrees to only disclose the minimum amount of Confidential Information required to be disclosed.

## 3. **Agreements Regarding Competition.**

a. For as long as Franchisee is a party to any franchise agreement with Franchisor, the undersigned agrees that he or she shall not, directly or indirectly, own (neither beneficially nor of record), engage in or render services to, whether as an investor, partner, lender, director, officer, manager, employee, consultant, representative or agent, any Competing Business (as defined in *Section 3.f* below); provided, however, the restrictions stated in this paragraph shall not apply to the undersigned after two (2) years from the date that the undersigned ceases to be a spouse of the Franchisee or spouse of an employee, officer, director, member, manager, partner or owner of an interest in the equity or voting interests of Franchisee or otherwise associated in any capacity with Franchisee.

b. For a period of two (2) years after expiration or termination of the last franchise agreement between Franchisee and Franchisor, it shall be a breach of this Agreement for the undersigned to directly or indirectly, own, engage in or render services to, whether as an investor, partner, lender, director, officer, manager, employee, consultant, representative or agent, any Competitive Business; provided, however, the restrictions stated in this paragraph shall not apply to the undersigned after two (2) years from the date that the undersigned ceases to be a spouse of the Franchisee or spouse of an employee, officer, director, member, manager, partner or owner of an interest in the equity or voting interests of Franchisee or otherwise associated in any capacity with Franchisee.

c. The undersigned may engage in any activities not expressly prohibited by this Agreement. However, in connection with permitted activities, the undersigned shall not (i) use the Confidential Information or any of *Barrio Queen* intellectual property including without limitation, any and all rights currently existing or that may come into being which Franchisor or Franchisor's affiliates now own or later acquire in *Barrio Queen* trademarks, proprietary products and/or Confidential Information arising under any patent, trade secret, copyright, trade dress, design protection, database protection, trademark, or similar laws of the United States or any other country in which Franchisor or its affiliates operate (collectively "Barrio Queen Intellectual Property"); (ii) engage in any conduct or activity which suggests or implies that Franchisor endorses, or authorizes, the undersigned's activities; or (iii) induce any person to engage in conduct prohibited by this Agreement.

d. The undersigned acknowledges that the covenants regarding competition are independent of the other covenants and provisions of this Agreement. If any provision regarding competition is void or unenforceable under any applicable law, but would be enforceable as written or as modified under the laws of the state in which the Franchised Business is located (the "Local Laws"), the parties agree that the Local Laws shall govern any dispute concerning or involving the construction, interpretation, validity or enforcement of the provisions regarding competition. Franchisee expressly authorizes Franchisor to conform the scope of any void or unenforceable covenant in order to conform it to the Local Laws.

e. For purposes of this *Section 3*, "Barrio Queen System" means, collectively, all of the distinctive business methods, proprietary products, Confidential Information and *Barrio Queen* Intellectual Property which Franchisor now or in the future authorizes or requires Franchisee to use as a condition of the Franchise Agreement, as Franchisor may modify in its sole discretion at any time.

f. For purposes of this *Section 3*, "Competing Business" means a business which is primarily engaged in the sale of Mexican food within a geographical area consisting of: (1) for as long as Franchisee is a party to any Franchise Agreement with Franchisor, anywhere including the location of the Franchised Business; and (2) after expiration or termination of the last franchise agreement between Franchisee and Franchisor, within a ten (10) mile radius from the location of the Franchised Business or location of any *Barrio Queen* restaurant of Franchisor, Franchisor's third-party licensees or Franchisor's third-party franchisees. The term "*Barrio Queen* restaurant" includes not only the restaurants now in existence, but also those established at a later date. The term of this covenant will be extended by any time consumed in litigation to enforce it in both trial and appellate courts. If a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the restrictions in this paragraph are excessive in time, geographic scope, or otherwise, the court may reduce the restriction to the level that provides the maximum restriction allowed by law.

g. For purposes of this *Section 3*, “Confidential Manual” refers collectively to all of the confidential operations manuals, recipe manuals, operations guides and other instructions loaned or delivered to the Franchisee during the term of the Franchise Agreement, which may be memorialized in written or electronic format, now existing and hereinafter developed, and which may be modified periodically to reflect changes in the *Barrio Queen* System.

4. **Interference.**

The undersigned agrees not to, directly or indirectly, for himself or herself or on behalf of any other person: divert, or attempt to divert, any business or customer of any *Barrio Queen* restaurant to any competitor by direct or indirect inducement or perform any act which directly or indirectly could, or may, injure or prejudice the goodwill and reputation of *Barrio Queen* Intellectual Property or *Barrio Queen* System.

5. **Irreparable Harm to Franchisor.**

The undersigned understands and agrees that if the undersigned breaches or threatens to breach any of his or her obligations under this Agreement, Franchisor will be irreparably harmed and an award of monetary damages alone would be inadequate. Therefore, the undersigned agrees that Franchisor shall be entitled to seek equitable relief, including, without limitation, temporary, preliminary and permanent injunctive relief and specific performance for any actual or threatened breach by the undersigned, his or her affiliates or their respective officers, directors, shareholders, employees or agents. The remedies provided under this *Section 5* shall be in addition to and not exclusive of any other right or remedy available to Franchisor under this Agreement or otherwise, including, without limitation, an award of attorneys’ fees, expert witness fees and costs incurred by Franchisor or its affiliates in connection with any dispute arising from or related to this Agreement.

6. **Validity; Conformity With Applicable Law.**

Wherever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in a manner as to be valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement shall be invalid or prohibited thereunder, the provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of the prohibition or invalidity without invalidating the remainder of this Agreement.

7. **Miscellaneous.**

a. *Waiver.* Any waiver granted to the undersigned by Franchisor excusing or reducing any obligation or restriction imposed under this Agreement shall be evidenced by a writing executed by Franchisor in order to be effective and shall only be effective to the extent specifically allowed in such writing. No waiver granted by Franchisor shall constitute a continuing waiver. Any waiver granted by Franchisor shall be without prejudice to any other rights Franchisor may have. The rights and remedies granted to Franchisor are cumulative. No delay on the part of Franchisor in exercising any right or remedy shall preclude Franchisor from fully exercising such right or remedy or any other right or remedy.

b. *Entire Agreement; Amendment.* This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement made by the undersigned pertaining to the subject matter hereof, fully superseding any and all prior agreements or understandings that may exist between the undersigned and the Franchisor pertaining to such subject matter. No amendment, change, modification or variance to or from the

terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement shall be binding on the undersigned unless it is set forth in writing and duly executed by the undersigned and Franchisor.

c. This Agreement shall be binding on the undersigned's heirs, executors, successors and assigns as though originally executed by such persons.

d. *Notices.* All notices permitted or required under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered by personal delivery, courier, such as FedEx® or UPS®, or by U.S. Mail, sent certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the address set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement, with a courtesy copy sent via email or facsimile (to the address set forth on the signature page below) for the respective Party to be noticed, which address may be amended from time to time pursuant to the terms of this *Section 7.d*. Notices provided under this *Section 7.d* shall be deemed received upon personal delivery or delivery by courier and within five (5) days after deposit in the U.S. Mail.

e. *Governing Law and Venue.* This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Arizona without reference to conflict of laws principles. Except for actions seeking injunctive relief (which may be brought in any appropriate jurisdiction) suit under this Agreement shall only be brought in the state or federal courts located in Maricopa County, Arizona. This choice of jurisdiction and venue is intended by the Parties to be mandatory and not permissive in nature, and to preclude the possibility of litigation between the Parties with respect to, or arising out of, this Agreement in any jurisdiction other than as specified in this *Section 7.e*. Each Party waives any right it may have to assert the doctrine of forum non conveniens or similar doctrine or to object to the jurisdiction and venue with respect to any proceeding brought in accordance with this *Section 7.e*.

f. *No Assignment.* The undersigned shall not assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement without Franchisor's prior written consent, which may be withheld in Franchisor's sole discretion. Any assignment made in violation of this *Section 7.f* shall be void.

g. *Counterparts; Facsimile Signatures.* This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original document as against the Party whose signature appears thereon, and all of which shall together constitute one and the same Agreement. The signatures required for execution may be transmitted to the other Party via facsimile or email and such signature shall be deemed a duplicate original, shall be effective upon receipt by the other Party, may be admitted in evidence and shall fully bind the Party and person making such signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives with full rights, power and authority to enter into and bind the respective Party and to perform all obligations under this Agreement.

[NAME]

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Name], an individual

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

Address: [Street Address]  
[City, State Zip]

Phone: (xxx) xxx-xxxx

Email: xxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx

**EXHIBIT G**

**TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**Collateral Assignment and Irrevocable Special Power of Attorney**

**COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT AND  
IRREVOCABLE SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**

This COLLATERAL ASSIGNMENT AND IRREVOCABLE SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY ("Assignment") is entered into on \_\_\_\_\_ ("Effective Date") in accordance with the terms of that certain Franchise Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ [, as amended] ("Franchise Agreement") by and between \_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ ("Franchisee") and BQ CONCEPTS, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company ("Franchisor"), executed concurrently with this Assignment and under which Franchisor granted Franchisee the right to own and operate a *Barrio Queen* restaurant located at \_\_\_\_\_ ("Restaurant").

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, Franchisee hereby assigns to Franchisor, its affiliates, subsidiaries, successors and assigns, all of Franchisee's right, title and interest in and to: (i) the "Telephone Numbers and Listings" which include those certain telephone numbers and regular, yellow-pages, special, classified or other telephone directory listings used at any time in connection with the operation of the Restaurant; (ii) any website page or social media addresses and accounts, including, but not limited to, a Facebook® page, Instagram® account, or Twitter® account that contains any term or any mark confusingly similar to a trademark or other intellectual property owned or licensed by Franchisor; and (iii) any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other entity name or trade name filed or formed by Franchisee that contains any trademark or other intellectual property owned or licensed by Franchisor (each an "Entity Name"). This Assignment is for collateral purposes only, and except as specified herein, Franchisor shall have no liability or obligation of any kind whatsoever arising from or in connection with this Assignment unless Franchisor shall notify the (i) telephone company and/or the listing agencies with which Franchisee has placed telephone directory listings (all such entities are collectively referred to herein as the "Telephone Company"); (ii) webmaster/webhost for the website or social media account; and (iii) Secretary of State, Corporation Commission or other state government agency that handles the filing of entity formation documents, to effectuate the assignment pursuant to the terms hereof.

Franchisee hereby appoints Franchisor as his/her/its attorney-of-fact and grants Franchisor an irrevocable Special Power of Attorney, coupled with an interest, with full power and authority for the purpose of executing documents or taking such action as necessary or appropriate as Franchisee might or could do if personally present, hereby ratifying all that Franchisor, as Franchisee's attorney-in-fact, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Special Power of Attorney to obtain, protect, maintain or enforce Franchisor's intellectual property rights if Franchisor is, for any reason, unable to obtain Franchisee's cooperation or assistance. The Special Power of Attorney granted by this Assignment, shall survive the dissolution, death, incompetence or disability of Franchisee and the termination or expiration of the Franchise Agreement or this Assignment.

Upon (i) termination of the Franchise Agreement for any reason, or (ii) expiration of the Franchise Agreement without renewal or extension, Franchisor shall have the right and is hereby empowered to effectuate the assignment of the Telephone Numbers and Listings, website and/or social media account, and Entity Name. In such event Franchisee shall have no further right, title or interest in the Telephone Numbers and Listings or the website and/or social media account, and shall remain liable to the Telephone Company for all past due fees and charges owing to the Telephone Company on or before the effective date of the assignment hereunder.

Franchisee agrees and acknowledges that as between Franchisor and Franchisee, Franchisor shall have the sole right to and interest in the Telephone Numbers and Listings,

website and/or social media accounts and Entity Name upon termination or expiration of the Franchise Agreement. Franchisee appoints Franchisor as Franchisee's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to direct the Telephone Company, webmaster/webhost, and state government agency to assign same to Franchisor and execute such documents and take such actions as may be necessary to effectuate the assignment. Upon such event Franchisee shall immediately instruct the (i) Telephone Company to assign the Telephone Numbers and Listings to Franchisor; the webmaster/webhost to assign the website and/or social media account to Franchisor; and (iii) state government agency to allow Franchisor to file the necessary documents to change the Entity Name. If Franchisee fails to promptly direct the (i) Telephone Company to assign the Telephone Numbers and Listings to Franchisor; (ii) webmaster/webhost to assign the website or social media account(s) to Franchisor; and/or (iii) file the necessary documents with the appropriate state government agency to remove Franchisor's trademarks or other intellectual property from the Franchisee's Entity Name, Franchisor shall direct the appropriate parties to effectuate the assignment contemplated hereunder to Franchisor.

The parties agree that the Telephone Company, webmaster/webhost, and appropriate state government agency may accept Franchisor's written direction, the Franchise Agreement or this Assignment as conclusive proof of Franchisor's exclusive rights in and to the Telephone Numbers and Listings, website and/or social media accounts, and Franchisor's authority to file the necessary documents to remove Franchisor's trademark or other intellectual property from the Entity Name and that such assignment shall be made automatically and effective immediately upon Telephone Company's, webmaster's/webhost's or state government agency's receipt of such notice from Franchisor or Franchisee. The parties further agree that if the Telephone Company, webmaster/webhost, or state government agency requires that the parties execute an assignment form or other documentation at the time of termination or expiration of the Franchise Agreement Franchisor's execution of such forms or documentation on behalf of Franchisee shall effectuate Franchisee's consent and agreement to the assignment. The parties agree that at any time after the date hereof they will perform such acts and execute and deliver such documents as may be necessary to assist in or accomplish the assignment described herein upon termination or expiration of the Franchise Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party hereto, by and through its respective representative with full rights, power and authority to enter into and bind his or her respective party, without further consent or approval of any kind, has duly executed and delivered this Assignment as of the Effective Date.

**ASSIGNOR (Franchisee):**

\_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Name, Title]

Acknowledged by:

**ASSIGNEE (Franchisor):**

BQ CONCEPTS, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Name, Title]

**EXHIBIT H**

**TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**Required Lease Terms  
(Lease Addendum to Lease Agreement)**

## **REQUIRED LEASE TERMS**

**The Terms and Conditions in the attached Lease Addendum to Lease Agreement (“Lease Addendum”) must be included in the Franchisee’s Lease for the location of the Franchised Business via execution of the attached Lease Addendum or through modifications to the actual Lease**

**LEASE ADDENDUM TO LEASE AGREEMENT**

(“Lease Addendum”)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

between

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
(Landlord Name) (Tenant Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of “Premises”)

**1. Use of Premises.**

During the term of the Lease, the Premises may be used only for the operation of a restaurant under the *Barrio Queen* system, trademarks, trade names, and logos, which specialize in the sale of authentic Southern Mexican food and beverages, and any other items sold under the *Barrio Queen* system. Landlord consents to Tenant’s use of such trademarks, trade names, logos, tag lines, signs, décor items, color schemes, and related components of the *Barrio Queen* franchise system as BQ Concepts, L.L.C., franchisor of the *Barrio Queen* brand (“Franchisor”), or any of its affiliates, may prescribe for *Barrio Queen* franchisees and which may be altered or changed by Franchisor from time to time.

**2. Assignment and Notices.**

a. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Lease, Tenant shall have the right to assign the Lease and all amendments thereto, as applicable, including this Lease Addendum (collectively, “Lease”), and all rights hereunder to Franchisor or any of its affiliates, or to a third-party *Barrio Queen* franchisee approved by Franchisor upon the expiration or termination of the current franchise agreement by and between Franchisor and Tenant (“Franchise Agreement”), without obtaining Landlord’s consent and without the imposition of any assignment fee or similar charge. Landlord shall not accelerate the rent owed hereunder in connection with such assignment(s), so long as Franchisor, its affiliate(s) or its third-party franchisee(s) assumes in writing the obligations of Tenant under the Lease. Nothing in this Section 2.a shall serve to extend the term of the Lease or provide Franchisor any occupancy rights, options to renew or other rights not expressly set forth to Tenant in the Lease.

b. Landlord agrees to furnish Franchisor with copies of any and all letters and notices to Tenant pertaining to the Lease and the Premises at the same time that such letters and notices are sent to Tenant. Landlord further agrees that, if it intends to terminate the Lease, the Landlord will give Franchisor the same advance written notice of such intent as provided to Tenant, specifying in such notice all defaults that are the cause of the proposed termination. Franchisor shall have the right to cure, at its sole option, any such default within the time periods granted to Tenant under the Lease. If neither Tenant nor Franchisor cures all such defaults within said time periods (or such longer cure periods as may be specifically permitted by the Lease), then the Landlord may terminate the Lease, re-enter the Premises and/or exercise all other rights as set forth in the Lease.

c. Prior to the expiration or termination of the Lease, Franchisor shall have the right to enter the Premises to make any reasonable modifications or reasonable alterations

necessary to protect Franchisor's interest in the *Barrio Queen* brand and its trademarks, trade names, logos, tag lines, signs, décor items, color schemes, and related components of the *Barrio Queen* franchise system, or to cure any default under the Lease, and Landlord and Tenant agree that Franchisor shall not be liable for trespass or any other crimes or tort.

**3. Notices.**

All notices and demands required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sent by personal delivery, expedited delivery service, certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, first-class postage prepaid, email or facsimile (provided that the sender confirm the facsimile by sending an original confirmation copy by certified transmission), to the respective parties at the following addresses unless and until a different address has been designated by written notice to the other parties.

If directed to Tenant, the notice shall be addressed to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_  
Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If directed to Landlord, the notice shall be addressed to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_  
Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If directed to Franchisor, the notice shall be addressed to:

BQ Concepts, L.L.C.  
9311 E. Via De Ventura  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258  
Attn: Real Estate Department  
Facsimile: (480) 362-4792  
Email: [leases@kahalamgmt.com](mailto:leases@kahalamgmt.com)

Any notices sent by personal delivery shall be deemed given upon receipt. Any notices given by email or facsimile shall be deemed given on the business day of transmission, provided confirmation is made as provided above. Any notice sent by expedited delivery service or registered or certified mail shall be deemed given three (3) business days after the time of mailing. Any change in the foregoing addresses shall be effected by giving fifteen (15) days' written notice of such change to the other parties.

4. **Amendments.**

Landlord and Tenant will not amend, renew, extend or otherwise modify the Lease in any manner which would materially affect any of the provisions in this Lease Addendum without Franchisor's prior written consent.

5. **Right of First Refusal.**

Landlord and Tenant agree that should Landlord and Tenant desire to terminate the Lease prior to the scheduled expiration date, Landlord will notify Franchisor of the proposed termination not less than thirty (30) days in advance of the proposed termination date. Franchisor shall have a right of first refusal to assume the Lease whereby Tenant will assign the Lease to Franchisor and Franchisor will assume all rights and obligations of Tenant under the Lease.

6. **Miscellaneous.**

The terms and conditions of this Lease Addendum will supersede any conflicting terms of the Lease. Any capitalized term not specifically defined in this Lease Addendum shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Lease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, by and through their respective representatives authorized to enter into and bind each respective party without further consent or authorization, have duly executed and delivered this Lease Addendum in duplicate as of the date set forth above.

**LANDLORD:**

\_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**TENANT:**

\_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

**EXHIBIT I**

**TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**Pre-Authorized Electronic Funds Transfer Form**

## ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT) AUTHORIZATION

### FRANCHISEE INFORMATION

Franchisee Name	Store No.	Franchisee Phone No.
Franchisee Mailing Address (street, city, state, zip)		
Contact Name, Address and Phone number (if different than above)		
Employer Identification Number (if applicable)	Principal's Name and Social Security Number	

### BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Bank Name	Bank Account Number	Bank Routing Number [:           ]: 9 Characters
Bank Mailing Address (street, city, state, zip)		
Bank Phone Number		

### PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Franchisee hereby authorizes BQ Concepts, L.L.C., its affiliates or agents ("Payee"), to initiate withdrawals from the Bank Account indicated on this form, and hereby authorizes the Bank to honor and debit the Bank Account for electronic funds transfers or drafts drawn on the Bank Account and payable to Payee. The amount of such charge shall be set forth in a notice from the Payee presented to the Bank on the day(s) of the week set forth in Franchisee's franchise agreement, promissory note and security agreement, gift card participation agreement (or similar agreement for the gift card program), and any other agreement Franchisee signs that authorizes Payee, its affiliate or agent to debit Franchisee's account for the fees, which may be modified by Payee for the payment of royalty fees, advertising fees, POS support fees, gift card and e-gifting program fees and funds flow, and any other fees, charges and other amounts payable to Payee for any services Payee, its affiliates or agents provide or facilitate. Franchisee agrees to execute such additional documents as may be reasonably requested by Payee or the Bank to evidence the interest of this EFT Authorization. This authority shall remain in full force and effect until Payee has received written notification from Franchisee in such time and manner as to afford Payee and the Bank to act on such notice. Franchisee understands that the termination of this authorization does not relieve Franchisee of its obligations to make payments to Payee. Payee may assign its rights and obligations under this EFT Authorization to Payee's affiliates or agents. Payee may change its designated affiliates or agents at Payee's discretion.

Signature:	Date:
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**NOTE: FRANCHISEE MUST ATTACH A VOIDED OR COMPLETED CHECK RELATING TO THE BANK ACCOUNT.**

**ATTACH VOIDED OR COMPLETED CHECK HERE**

# ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT) AUTHORIZATION

## Voided Check Requirements

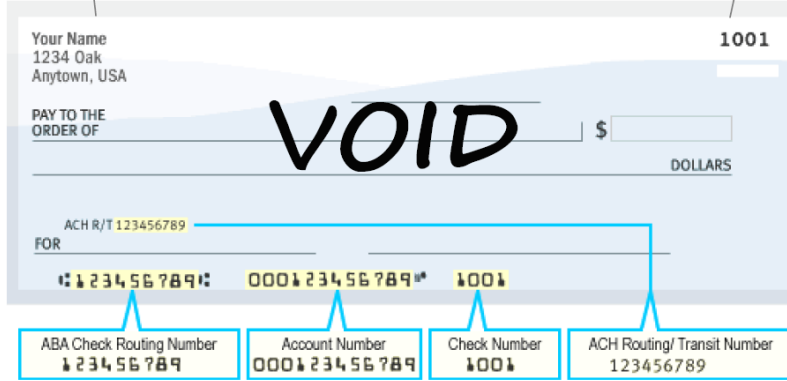
Starter checks may not be used.

### DBA or Legal Name

The DBA name or legal name of the business must be preprinted, included on the check and match the merchant account.

### Check Number

Check number must be present on the top right and bottom of the check.



## Bank Letter Requirements

### Bank Letter Requirements

#### DBA or Legal Name

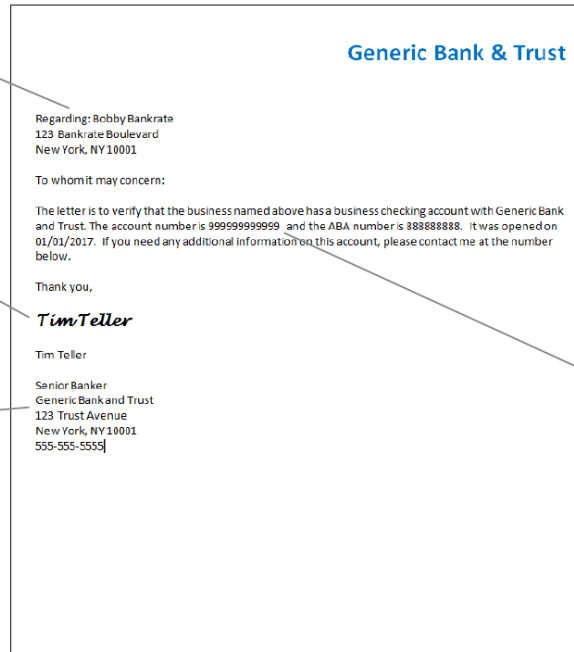
The DBA name or legal name of the business must be included on the letter and match the merchant account.

#### Banker Signature

The banker must sign the letter.

#### Contact Information

The bank officer name and phone number should be included in the letter.



#### Bank Letterhead

The letter must be printed on official bank letterhead.

#### Routing & Account #

Ensure complete ABA (routing #) and DDA (account #) is included.

**EXHIBIT J**  
**TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**Form of General Release**

## GENERAL RELEASE

(“General Release”)

In exchange for BQ Concepts, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company (“Franchisor”) agreeing to renew the franchise agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ by and between \_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ (“Franchisee”) and Franchisor (including any amendments or modifications thereto) for *Barrio Queen* Store No. \_\_\_\_\_ (“Franchise Agreement”), Franchisee and each of its current, past and future predecessors, successors and assigns, and each of its and the foregoing entities’ respective parents, subsidiaries, shareholders, members, managers, owners, partners, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, successors, assigns, guarantors, insurers, spouses, heirs, executors, trustees and estates, if any, of any and all such entities (collectively with Franchisee, “Franchisee Releasers”), hereby irrevocably and unconditionally release, remise and forever discharge Franchisor and each of its current, past and future predecessors, successors and assigns, and of its and the foregoing entities respective parents, subsidiaries, shareholders, members, managers, owners, partners, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, successors, assigns, guarantors, insurers, spouses, heirs, executors, trustees, and estates, if any, of any and all such entities (collectively with Franchisor “Franchisor Releasees”), from any and all claims, demands, causes of action suits, debts, duties, accounts, covenants, contracts, agreements, promises, damages, judgments, taxes, liabilities and obligations, both contingent and fixed, known and unknown, now existing or hereafter, of every kind and nature whatsoever, in law or equity, or otherwise, under local state, or federal law including, without limitation the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”), or the law, rule, or ordinance of any other applicable jurisdiction, that any of the Franchisee Releasers have against any of the Franchisor Releasees, including, without limitation, those arising from, in connection with or relating to: (i) the Franchise Agreement (“Store”); (ii) the development, operation, leasing or subleasing of the Store; and (iii) the offering and sale of the franchise for the Store; arising from an act, omission, conduct or activity occurring before and including the signature date(s) below (collectively, the “Released Claims”).

If the store is located in California or if a Franchisee Releasing Party is a resident of California, then the following shall apply:

**It is expressly acknowledged by each of the undersigned that any and all rights or benefits granted under Section 1542 of the California Civil Code are hereby expressly waived.**

**Such statute reads as follows:**

“Section 1542.

**A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, and that if known by him or her would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.”**

The Franchisee Releasers acknowledge and represent that they have consulted with legal counsel, or had the opportunity to consult with legal counsel, before executing this General Release, and that they understand its meaning, including the effect of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, and expressly consent that this General Release shall be given full force and effect according to each and all of its express terms and provisions, including, without limitation, those relating to the General Release of unknown and unsuspected claims, demands, and causes of action.

If any of the provisions of this General Release are held invalid for any reasons, the remainder of this General Release will not be affected and will remain in full force and effect.

**[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]**

**FRANCHISEE RELEASORS:**

FRANCHISEE ENTITY,  
a/an \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT K**

**TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**List of Franchise Owners**

**Barrio Queen Franchise List as of November 30, 2023**

The name of the current franchisee, store address and telephone numbers of the stores are listed below:

**NONE**

The name of the franchisees who left the system the prior fiscal year, store address and telephone numbers of the stores are listed below:

**NONE**

**EXHIBIT L**

**TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**List of Corporate Owned Barrio Queen Restaurants**

**As of November 30, 2024**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>	<b>Work Phone</b>
<b>1*</b>	388 N. Gilbert Road	Gilbert	AZ	85234	(480) 634-5025
<b>2*</b>	7114 E. Stetson Drive, Suite 105	Scottsdale	AZ	85251	(480) 656-4197
<b>3*</b>	21001 N. Tatum Blvd., Ste. 98	Scottsdale	AZ	85050	(480) 466-7445
<b>4*</b>	21156 S. Ellsworth Loop	Queen Creek	AZ	85142	(480) 825-7931
<b>5*</b>	31 S. McClintock Drive	Tempe	AZ	85251	(480) 912-4052
<b>6*</b>	7640 W. Bell Road	Glendale	AZ	85308	(602) 287-8226
<b>7*</b>	10455 W. McDowell Road	Avondale	AZ	85392	(623) 257-3900
<b>8</b>	13434 N. Prasada Parkway	Surprise	AZ	85388	

\*Each of the above listed restaurants were built, initially opened and operated by Franchisor's unaffiliated predecessor prior to March of 2023, as further detailed in Item 1 of this Disclosure Document.

**EXHIBIT M**

**TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**STATE EFFECTIVE DATES**

**BARRIO QUEEN**  
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The following states have franchise laws that require that the Franchise Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the state, or be exempt from registration:

California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

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

California	March 28, 2025
Hawaii	Not Registered
Illinois	March 28, 2025
Indiana	March 28, 2025
Maryland	Not Registered
Michigan	Pending
Minnesota	Pending
New York	March 28, 2025
North Dakota	Pending
Rhode Island	Not Registered
South Dakota	Pending
Virginia	Pending
Washington	Pending
Wisconsin	Pending

Other states may require registration, filing, or exemption of a franchise under other laws, such as those that regulate the offer and sale of business opportunities or seller-assisted marketing plans.

**EXHIBIT N**  
**TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**  
**Receipts**

## RECEIPT #1

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 BQ Concepts, LLC offers you a franchise, it must provide this disclosure document to you 14 calendar-days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make a payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale.

**[New York requires that we give you this disclosure document at the earlier of the first personal meeting or 10 business days before the execution of the franchise or other agreement or the payment of any consideration that relates to the franchise relationship.]**

**[Michigan requires that we give you this disclosure document at least 10 business days before the execution of any binding franchise or other agreement or the payment of any consideration, whichever occurs first.]**

If BQ Concepts, LLC does not deliver this disclosure document on time or if it contains a false or misleading statement, or a material omission, a violation of federal law and state law may have occurred and should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580 and the state agency listed on Exhibit B.

The franchisor is BQ Concepts, LLC, with a primary office located at 12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 100, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343-4164, (952) 294-1300. The franchise seller for this offering is \_\_\_\_\_, (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_.

Issuance date: March 28, 2025.

BQ Concepts, LLC authorizes the respective state agencies identified on Exhibit C to receive service of process for it in the particular state.

I received a Barrio Queen Disclosure Document dated March 28, 2025, that included the following Exhibits:

A	State Addenda and Agency Documents	M	State Effective Dates
B	Financial Statements	N	Receipts
C	Performance Guaranty		
D	Franchise Agreement (and state specific addenda, if applicable)		
E	Guaranty of Franchise Agreement		
F	Non-Disclosure and Non-Competition Agreement		
G	Collateral Assignment and Irrevocable Special Power of Attorney		
H	Required Lease Terms (Lease Addendum to Lease Agreement)		
I	Pre-Authorized Electronic Funds Transfer Form		
J	General Release for Renewal of Franchise Agreement		
K	List of Franchisees		
L	List of Company-Owned Restaurants		

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Prospective Franchisee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

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