

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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You will operate a business engaged in selling various specialty grilled cheese products, poutine products, beverages, and associated merchandise under the MELTwich trademarks. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a MELTwich food court outlet ranges from \$263,750 to \$523,400, which includes \$231,000 to \$450,000 that must be paid to us or an affiliate if you purchase our turnkey package or includes \$45,000 that must be paid to us or an affiliate if you do not purchase our turnkey package. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a MELTwich fast casual outlet ranges from \$338,750 to \$753,400, which includes \$306,000 to \$680,000 that must be paid to us or an affiliate if you purchase our turnkey package or includes \$45,000 that must be paid to us or an affiliate if you do not purchase our turnkey package. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a MELTwich hybrid outlet ranges from \$442,000 to \$1,556,000, which includes \$407,500 to \$985,000 that must be paid to us or an affiliate. The total investment necessary to begin the operation of a MELTwich franchise multi-unit development business ranges from \$324,750 to \$728,400 for a required minimum of 3 MELTwich outlets to be developed, which includes \$291,000 to \$655,000 that must be paid to us or an affiliate.

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

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

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this disclosure document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise", which can help you understand how to use this disclosure document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at [www.ftc.gov](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. You can find their names and contact information in Item 20 or Exhibit E.
<b>How much will I need to invest?</b>	Items 5 and 6 list fees you will be paying to the franchisor or at the franchisor’s direction. Item 7 lists the initial investment to open. Item 8 describes the suppliers you must use.
<b>Does the franchisor have the financial ability to provide support to my business?</b>	Item 21 or Exhibit C 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 MELTwich business in my area?</b>	Item 12 and the “territory” provisions in the franchise agreement describe whether the franchisor and other franchisees can compete with you.
<b>Does the franchisor have a troubled legal history?</b>	Items 3 and 4 tell you whether the franchisor or its management have been involved in material litigation or bankruptcy proceedings.
<b>What’s it like to be an MELTwich franchisee?</b>	Item 20 or Exhibit E lists current and former franchisees. You can contact them to ask about their experiences.
<b>What else should I know?</b>	These questions are only a few things you should look for. Review all 23 Items and all Exhibits in this disclosure document to better understand this franchise opportunity. See the table of contents.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Some States Require Registration**

Your state may have a franchise law, or other law, that requires franchisors to register before offering or selling franchises in the state. Registration does not mean that the state recommends the franchise or has verified the information in this document. To find out if your state has a registration requirement, or to contact your state, use the agency information in Exhibit 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 resolve disputes with the franchisor by mediation, arbitration and/or litigation only in Delaware. 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 Delaware than in your own state.
2. **Short Operating History.** The franchisor is at an early stage of development and has a limited operating history. This franchise is likely to be a riskier investment than a franchise in a system with a longer operating history.
3. **Spousal Risk Factor.** 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. The guarantee will place both you and your spouse's marital and personal assets, perhaps including your house, at risk if your franchise fails.
4. **General Financial Condition.** The franchisor's financial condition, as reflected in its financial statements (see Item 21), calls into question the franchisor's financial ability to provide services and support to you.
5. **Unregistered Trademark.** The primary logo that you will use in your business is not federally registered. If the Franchisor's ability to use this trademark in your area is challenged, you may have to identify your business and its products/services by a different name. This change can be expensive and may reduce brand recognition of the products and services you offer.

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.

## **DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY NORTH CAROLINA**

The State of North Carolina has not reviewed and does not approve, recommend, endorse or sponsor any business opportunity. The information contained in this disclosure has not been verified by the State. If you have any questions about this investment, see an attorney before you sign a contract or agreement.

If the seller fails to deliver the product(s), equipment or supplies necessary to begin substantial operation of the business within 45 days of the delivery date stated in your contract, you may notify the seller in writing and demand that the contract be cancelled.

## **DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY GEORGIA LAW**

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

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

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

We were formed as a corporation in the State of Delaware on August 17, 2022. Our principal business address is 2200 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305 and our telephone number is 289-275-4158. We do business under our company name, “MELTwich” and its associated logos and designs (the “Marks”). We have registered our principal service marks on Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. We do not own or operate any businesses of the type you will be operating. We have not offered franchises in any other line of business. We only offer franchises which operate under the “MELTwich” Mark. We began offering franchises in October 2022.

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

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

We are wholly owned by our parent company, 1000286511 Ontario, Inc., an Ontario, Canada corporation, formed on August 16, 2022. Its principal business address is 1 Staveband Road North, Suite 200, Mississauga, Ontario L5G 2T3.

Our predecessor is MELTwich America, Inc., a Delaware corporation formed on August 3, 2020. Its principal business address was 2200 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305. MELTwich America, Inc., offered franchises for MELTwich outlets and area representative businesses from July 2021 until we assumed its franchise agreements and area representative agreements in September 2022. MELTwich America, Inc. has not offered franchises in any other lines of business previously.

We have an affiliated company, MELTwich Hospitality Group Inc., an Ontario, Canada corporation with a principal business address of 1 Stavebank Road North, Suite 200, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L5G 2T3. Meltwich Hospitality Group, Inc. was incorporated as Melt Grilled Cheese Restaurants Ltd. In December 2012, but the name was changed on April 11, 2016. Meltwich Hospitality Group, Inc. does not operate any affiliate-owned MELTwich outlets which are similar to the franchise offered by this Disclosure Document. MELTwich Hospitality Group Inc. has also licensed the use of the Marks to us, and has offered MELTwich franchises since its inception. As of the date of this disclosure document, MELTwich Hospitality Group, Inc., had 45 MELTwich franchises in Canada.

We have operated, through our affiliate(s), MELTwich outlets similar to the franchise offered by this Disclosure Document in Canada since 2012. We or our affiliates may operate other MELTwich concepts, including additional MELTwich outlets, in the future.

### **The Franchise Offered:**

We grant franchises for the right to operate a business offering various specialty grilled cheese products, poutine products, beverages and related merchandise under the “MELTwich” Marks, using our distinctive operating procedures and standards in limited protected territory and from a single location (the “Franchised Business”).

The distinguishing characteristics of the Franchised Business includes our distinctive interior and exterior design, décor, color schemes, graphics, fixtures and furniture, our proprietary products and recipes, operation methods, customer services standards, advertising and marketing specifications, and other standards, specifications, techniques, and procedures that we designate for developing, operating, and managing MELTwich outlets, all of which we may change, improve, and further develop (collectively, our “System”).

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

### **Market and Competition:**

The market for your MELTwich Franchised Business consists of the general public who seek prepared food in a fast-casual setting. Our franchises are located in or adjacent to a major shopping mall, retail strip, shopping center, college university, food court or, in the alternative, in an urban storefront, and range between 350 to 700 square feet for a food court location, and 1,000 to 1,500 square feet for a fast casual location.

The quick-serve restaurant industry is highly competitive. You will compete with businesses, including national, regional and local businesses, offering products and services similar to those offered by your MELTwich Franchised Business including other quick-serve restaurants, sit-down restaurants, and supermarkets and other establishments that offer prepared food for on- or off-premises consumption. There are many other quick-serve food and beverage franchises, as well as independent businesses throughout the United States that may offer similar products and services to those offered by your Franchised Business. The market for our products and services may experience seasonal variations, and may be affected by economic conditions.

### **Industry Specific Regulations:**

At all times during the operation of your MELTwich Franchised Business, you must obtain a ServSafe® Food Handler certification and comply with all laws and regulations for proper food storage, preparation, and service.

If you elect to offer alcoholic beverages at the Franchised Business, and we consent to such offerings, you must obtain all required licenses to permit sales, service and consumption of alcohol at your Franchised Business location.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and state and local health departments administer and enforce laws and regulations that govern food preparation and serve and foodservice establishment sanitary conditions. State and local agencies inspect foodservice establishments to ensure that they comply with these laws and regulations. Some state and local authorities have adopted, or are considering adopting, laws or regulations that could affect: the content or make-up of food served at your MELTwich outlet, such as the level of trans fat contained in a food item; general requirements or restrictions on advertising containing false or misleading claims, or health and nutrient claims on menus or otherwise, such as “low calorie” or “fat free”; and the posting of calorie and other nutritional information on menus.

You must comply with all local, state and federal laws and regulations that apply to the operation of your MELTwich Franchised Business, including, among others, business operations, land use, insurance, discrimination, employment, health, sanitation and workplace safety laws. Your advertising

of the Franchised Business is regulated by the Federal Trade Commission. There may be federal, state and local laws which affect your Franchised Business in addition to those listed here.

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

**ITEM 2: BUSINESS EXPERIENCE**

**President & Chief Operating Officer: Thomas Mavrou**

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Start/End Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Location</b>
MELTwich USA, Inc.	September 2022 to Present	President & COO	Wilmington, DE
MELTwich America, Inc.	August 2020 to September 2022	President & COO	Wilmington, DE
MELTwich Hospitality Group, Inc.	December 2012 to Present	President & COO	Toronto, ON

**Director & Chief Executive Officer: Barbara Kiss**

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Start/End Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Location</b>
MELTwich USA, Inc.	September 2022 to Present	Director & CEO	Wilmington, DE
MELTwich America, Inc.	August 2020 to September 2022	Director & CEO	Wilmington, DE
MELTwich Hospitality Group, Inc.	December 2012 to Present	Director & CEO	Toronto, ON

**Vice President of Revenue: Ryan Hillis**

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Start/End Date</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Location</b>
MELTwich USA, Inc.	September 2022 to Present	Vice President of Revenue	Wilmington, DE
MELTwich America, Inc.	August 2020 to September 2022	Vice President of Revenue	Wilmington, DE
MELTwich Hospitality Group, Inc.	June 2020 to Present	Vice President of Revenue	Toronto, ON

**ITEM 3: LITIGATION**

On May 1, 2015, the former franchisee at 300 Richmond Street West, Unit 101, Toronto, namely 1933311 Ontario Inc. and Reginald Okogwu, commenced a claim in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice at 393 University Avenue, Toronto, Court File No. CV-15-527298 against Melt Grilled Cheese Restaurant Ltd., Melt Richmond Inc., Thomas Mavrou and Barbara Kiss. The claim alleged misrepresentations and a failure to disclose the franchisee with a Disclosure Document, and alleged damages of approximately CAD \$90,000.00. The plaintiff ceased pursuing this claim in 2018.

Other than indicated immediately above, no litigation information is required to be disclosed in this Item.

**ITEM 4: BANKRUPTCY**

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

**ITEM 5: INITIAL FEES**

We will charge you an initial franchise fee (“Initial Franchise Fee”) when you sign the Franchise Agreement. The Initial Franchise Fee is Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00). This payment is fully earned by us and due in lump sum when you sign the Franchise Agreement. The Initial Franchise Fee is not refundable under any circumstance.

We will charge you a development fee (“Development Fee”) when you sign the Multi-Unit Development Agreement. The Development Fee is an amount equal to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for each MELTwich outlet you are to develop under the Multi-Unit Development Agreement. The Development Fee is not refundable under any circumstance. We will grant you a credit of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) against the Initial Franchise Fee payable for each Franchise Agreement you sign under the Multi-Unit Development Agreement.

From time to time, we may offer special incentive programs as part of our franchise development activities. We reserve the right to offer, modify or withdraw any incentive program without notice to you. We do not currently offer any discounts.

At our option, we may construct and equip your Franchised Business, and sell same to you on a turnkey basis. This turnkey package includes the build-out and finishing of the approved location and the purchase and installation of items such as signage, counters, seating, point-of-sale-equipment and kitchen appliances and equipment. It also includes the procurement of all licenses and permits required for the buildout. We do not provide, and the turnkey package does not include, among other things, site location and selection, lease negotiations, rent or security deposit payments, utility deposits, insurance, office equipment and supplies, grand opening advertising, employee hiring, food and beverage inventories, or operating permits or licenses. The specific cost of a turnkey package depends on the size, condition and location of the approved location and will be determined concurrently with the designation of the approved location. The cost of the turnkey package may range from approximately \$300,000 to approximately \$500,000. In addition to the purchase price, you will be required to pay to us a site development fee of fifteen percent (15%) of the purchase price.

We also provide supervision of the buildout and finishing process to those franchisees who do not purchase a turnkey package, for the purpose of expediting the buildout process and ensuring that the approved location once finished conforms to our specifications. We will charge you a Construction Supervision Fee of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for this service.

Prior to opening your Franchised Business, we will require you to purchase your initial inventory, POS Systems, Furniture/Fixtures and Signage from our approved suppliers. These purchases may range from approximately \$90,000 to approximately \$200,000. We will commonly act as a liaison between you and our suppliers and will not apply any mark up or fees to any invoices for these products.

## SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS TO FRANCHISOR, AFFILIATE OR APPROVED SUPPLIER

### Food Court Outlet

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Initial Franchise Fee	\$30,000
Construction Supervision Fee	\$15,000
<b>Total to Franchisor</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
Leasehold Improvements, Construction and/or Remodeling <sup>4</sup>	\$75,000-\$250,000
Furniture/Fixtures	\$90,000-\$120,000
Signage	\$5,000-\$15,000
POS	\$6,000-\$10,000
Opening Inventory	\$10,000
<b>Total to Suppliers</b>	<b>\$186,000-\$405,000</b>

### Fast Casual Outlet

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Initial Franchise Fee	\$30,000
Construction Supervision Fee	\$15,000
<b>Total to Franchisor</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
Leasehold Improvements, Construction and/or Remodeling <sup>4</sup>	\$150,000-\$400,000
Furniture/Fixtures	\$90,000-\$200,000
Signage	\$5,000-\$15,000
POS	\$6,000-\$10,000
Opening Inventory	\$10,000
<b>Total to Suppliers</b>	<b>\$261,000-\$635,000</b>

### Hybrid Outlet

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Initial Franchise Fee	\$30,000
Construction Supervision Fee	\$15,000
<b>Total to Franchisor</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>
Leasehold Improvements, Construction and/or Remodeling <sup>4</sup>	\$250,000-\$700,000
Furniture/Fixtures	\$90,000-\$200,000
Signage	\$5,000-\$15,000
POS	\$7,500-\$15,000
Opening Inventory	\$10,000
<b>Total to Suppliers</b>	<b>\$362,500-\$940,000</b>

Multi-Unit Development Agreement (3 unit minimum)

<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Development Fee	\$90,000
Construction Supervision Fee	\$15,000
<b>Total to Franchisor</b>	<b>\$105,000</b>
Leasehold Improvements, Construction and/or Remodeling <sup>4</sup>	\$75,000-\$315,000
Furniture/Fixtures	\$90,000-\$200,000
Signage	\$5,000-\$15,000
POS	\$6,000-\$10,000
Opening Inventory	\$10,000
<b>Total to Suppliers</b>	<b>\$186,000-\$550,000</b>

**ITEM 6: OTHER FEES**

<b>Type of Fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Continuing Royalty Fee	6% of weekly Gross Revenue	Weekly on Thursday for Gross Revenues of the prior week (Monday through Sunday).	Payable to us. See footnote 1.
Required Minimum Expenditure for Local Marketing and Advertising	Currently not assessed	As incurred.	Payable to third-party suppliers. All advertising must be approved by us. See Item 11. See footnote 2.
Brand Development Fund Contribution	2% of weekly Gross Revenues	Weekly on Thursday for Gross Revenues of the prior week (Monday through Sunday).	Payable directly to the Brand Development Fund. See footnote 3.
Advertising Cooperative	Currently not assessed	As determined by cooperative.	No cooperatives have been established as of the date of this Disclosure Document. You are required to join an advertising cooperative if one is formed. Cooperatives will be comprised of all franchised MELTwich outlets in a designated geographic area. Our affiliate-owned outlets may participate in an advertising cooperative, in our sole discretion. See footnote 4.

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Late Charge	\$100	As incurred	If you fail to pay us the Continuing Royalty Fee, Marketing Fund Fee, or if you fail to submit your Gross Sales report when due, we may charge you \$100 for each late submission in addition to interest charges explained below.
Interest Charge	1.5% per month from due date, or maximum allowed by law	As incurred	If you fail to pay us any amount when due, we may charge you interest on the unpaid balance until the payment is received.
Non-Sufficient Funds Fee	\$100	As incurred	If your check is returned or an electronic funds transfer from your bank account is denied for insufficient funds, for each occurrence we may charge you an Insufficient Funds Fee.
Successor Agreement Fee	Fifty percent (50%) of the then-current Initial Franchise Fee	Before signing the Successor agreement	Payable to us. See Item 17.
Transfer Fee	\$10,000 plus our costs and expenses incurred in approving the transfer.	Before we approve the transfer	Payable to us. See Item 17
Multi-Unit Development Agreement Transfer Fee	50% of the then-current initial franchise fee for each remaining unit to be developed under the Multi-Unit Development Agreement.	Before we approve the transfer	Payable to us.
Initial Training Fee	No charge for initial training of up to two individuals. You pay all travel and other related expenses incurred by all trainees. The current fee to train additional personnel, who attend the same training session as	Before training	Initial training takes place in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. See Item 11.

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
	you, is \$3,500 per person.		
Additional Training	\$3,500, plus travel and other expenses	As incurred.	See footnote 5.
Remedial Training Fee	Our then-current trainer per diem rate plus expenses. Our current per diem rate is \$500 per person per day, plus travel and other expenses.	As incurred.	We may impose this fee, payable to us, if you request additional training at your premises from time-to-time, or if you are operating below our standards and we require you to have additional training. You must also pay all costs of our trainer, which include but are not limited to, airfare, transportation, hotel and meals.
Interim Management Support Fee	Our then-current per diem rate for on-site management, plus expenses. Our current rate is 20% of Gross Revenues, plus travel and other expenses.	As incurred.	We may impose this fee (in addition to all regularly occurring fees such as the Continuing Royalty Fee and Marketing Fund Contributions), payable to us, if we provide on-site management of your Franchised Business.
Examination of Books and Records	Actual cost of examination plus related expenses.	As incurred.	We have the right under the Franchise Agreement to examine your books, records and tax returns pertaining to the Franchised Business. If an examination reveals that you have understated any Gross Revenue report by two percent (2%) or more, you must pay to us the cost of the audit and all travel and related expenses, in addition to repaying monies owed and interest on the monies owed.
Evaluation Fee	Actual cost of inspection and testing of a proposed item or vendor.	As incurred.	Payable to us. See footnote 6.

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Quality Review Services	Actual cost of quality review	As incurred	Payable to third-party providers. See footnote 7.
POS/Software/Applications Fees	\$135/month	As incurred.	You must pay any and all regularly recurring fees for software and applications license and access fees, help desk fees, or user-based fees for a franchise portal or a benchmarking platform. Payable to third-party providers.
Liquidated Damages	Royalty Fees and Brand Development Fund Contributions for balance of Term.	Upon termination of the Franchise Agreement due to your default.	You must pay us the average Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution payable by you for the 12 months prior to your default multiplied by the number of months remaining in the term of your Franchise Agreement.
Indemnification	Amount of loss or damages plus costs	As incurred.	See footnote 8.
Reimbursement of Cost and Expenses for Non-compliance	Actual costs and expenses, plus 10%	As incurred.	See footnote 9.
Reimbursement of legal fees and expenses	Our costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, incurred for your failure to pay amounts when due or failure to comply in any way with the Franchise Agreement.	As Incurred	Payable to us.
Confidential Operating Manual Replacement Fee	\$100, or our then-current fee	As incurred	Paid to us

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Internal Systems Fee	Up to \$200 per month. Currently \$135.	Monthly on together with the first payment of the Royalty Fee and Brand Development Fund Contribution of each month.	We reserve the right to impose a fee for new or improved technology for the benefit of the System and the Franchised Business, including but not limited to, assigned phone numbers and email addresses, a franchise portal, benchmarking platform or other operations or communications systems.
Reimbursement of insurance costs and fee	Amount paid by us for your insurance obligations	As incurred	You must reimburse us for any insurance costs and other fees we incur due to your failure to meet the insurance obligations required by the Franchise Agreement.
Taxes	Amount of taxes	When incurred.	You must reimburse us for any taxes that we must pay to any taxing authority on account of either the operation of your Franchised Business or payments that you make to us, including, but not limited to any sales taxes or income taxes imposed by any authority.
Third-Party Delivery Services	20% of each order delivered	When incurred	If you choose or are required to make us of third-party delivery services, you will be responsible for the payment of their fees. Payable to third-party delivery service.
Training Software	\$100 per month	Monthly together with the first Royalty Fee and Brand Development Fund Contribution of each month.	Payable to us.
Non-Compliance Fee	\$100 per incident per day. day of use of unauthorized products or services	As incurred.	Payable to us (in addition to other remedies we may have) if you are not in compliance with any terms of the franchise agreement or operations manual.

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

<sup>1</sup> You must pay us a Continuing Royalty Fee equal to six percent (6%) of the Gross Revenues generated weekly by your Franchised Business. "Gross Revenue" means all revenues and income from any

source derived or received by Franchisee from, through, by or on account of the operation of the Franchised Business or made pursuant to the rights granted hereunder, including but not limited, any and all other revenues received using Franchisor's methods, operations and/or trade secrets whether received in cash, in services, in kind, from barter and/or exchange, on credit (whether or not payment is actually received) or otherwise. It does not include (i) any sales tax or similar taxes collected from customers and turned over to the governmental authority imposing the tax, (ii) properly documented refunds to customers, (iii) properly documented promotional discounts (i.e. coupons) or (iv) properly documented employee discounts (limited to 3% of Gross Sales). Gross Sales does not include gift card purchases, at the time of purchase, but Gross Sales does include the redemption amount of purchases made by gift card. If you do not report revenues for the month, then we will collect 120% of the last Continuing Royalty Fee collected and settle the balance the next period in which you report revenue. You are required to set up authorization at your bank to allow us to electronically transfer funds from your bank account to our bank account. Interest and late fees will apply to any late payments or electronic funds transfer requests denied due to insufficient funds.

<sup>2</sup> Although we currently do not require that you make a minimum expenditure on local advertising and marketing activities, we reserve the right to impose such minimum expenditure in the amount and at the intervals we require. If we do require a local advertising and marketing expenditure, the expenditure will be based on a minimum percentage of monthly Gross Revenues per calendar month. Upon our request, you must furnish us with a quarterly report and documentation of local advertising expenditures during the previous calendar quarter.

<sup>3</sup> You must pay directly to our Brand Development Fund a Brand Development Fund Contribution of two percent (2%) of weekly Gross Revenue generated by your Franchised Business. Payments are due at the same and in the same manner as the Royalty Fee. You may be required to set up authorization at your bank to allow the Marketing Fund to electronically transfer funds from your bank account to the Marketing Fund's bank account. Interest and late fees will apply to any late payments or electronic funds transfer requests denied due to insufficient funds. If you do not report your revenues for the month, then we will collect 120% of the last Marketing Fund collected and settle the balance the next period in which you report revenue.

<sup>4</sup> Each outlet in the cooperative, whether franchised or affiliate-owned, shall have one vote to determine any fees or other requirements imposed by the advertising cooperative. No cooperatives will be formed or maintained that result in our affiliate-owned outlets having a controlling voting power.

<sup>5</sup> If you do not complete the Initial Management Training Program to our satisfaction, we may allow you to repeat it at an additional fee of our current training fee per person. We also charge a fee to provide initial training to any manager you appoint, with our approval, after the initial opening of your Franchised Business. The current fee for initial training of your manager appointed after opening is \$3,500 per person. We may offer mandatory and/or optional additional training programs from time to time. If we require it, you must participate in additional training for up to five (5) days per year, at a location we designate. We may also require you to attend a national business meeting or annual convention for up to five (5) per year, at a location we designate. We reserve the right to impose a reasonable fee for all additional training programs, including the national business meeting or annual convention. You are responsible for any and all incidental expenses incurred by you and your personnel in connection with additional training or attendance at Franchisor's national business meeting or annual convention, including, without limitation, costs of travel, lodging, meals and wages.

<sup>6</sup> If you wish to purchase, lease or use any, equipment, supplies, services or other items unapproved or from an unapproved supplier, you must request our prior written approval. As a condition to our approval, we may require inspection of the proposed supplier's facilities and evaluation and testing of the proposed item or service. We reserve the right to charge you our actual cost of any inspection and testing.

<sup>7</sup> We reserve the right in the Franchise Agreement to establish quality assurance programs conducted by third-party providers, such as, by way of example only, mystery shop programs and periodic quality audits, to monitor the operations of your Franchised Business. If we require it, you must subscribe and pay the fees for any such program.

<sup>8</sup> You must indemnify and hold us, our affiliates, and all of our respective officers, directors, agents and employees harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, costs, expenses, liability and damages arising directly or indirectly from, as a result of, or in connection with your business operations under the Franchise Agreement, as well as the costs, including attorneys' fees, of defending against them.

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

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

**Food Court Outlet**

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is Made
Initial Franchise Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$30,000	Lump sum payment in cash or available funds.	Upon signing the Franchise Agreement.	Us
Your Training Expenses <sup>2</sup>	\$0 - \$5,000	As required for transportation, lodging & meals	As required by suppliers of transportation, lodging & meals.	Suppliers of transportation, lodging & meals.
Lease & Utilities deposits <sup>3</sup>	\$4,000 - \$15,000	As required by landlord & utility providers	As required by landlord & utility providers	Landlord, Utility providers
Leasehold Improvements, Construction and/or Remodeling <sup>4</sup>	\$75,000 - \$250,000	As required by supplier, contractor or landlord	Before opening, as required by supplier.	Suppliers, contractor, Us and/or Landlord
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment <sup>5</sup>	\$90,000 - \$120,000	As required by supplier	Before opening	Suppliers and/or Us
Signage <sup>6</sup>	\$5,000 - \$15,000	As incurred	Before opening	Suppliers and/or Us

Menu Boards	\$10,000	As required by supplier	Before opening	Suppliers
Business Licenses and Permits <sup>7</sup>	\$750 - \$2,400	As required by government agencies	Before opening, as required by government agencies	Government Agencies
POS/Computer System <sup>8</sup>	\$6,000 - \$10,000	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers and/or Us
Initial Inventory <sup>9</sup>	\$10,000	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers, Us
Professional Fees <sup>10</sup>	\$2,000 - \$5,000	As required by providers	As incurred	Attorney, Accountant, Other Professional Service Providers
Grand Opening Advertising <sup>11</sup>	\$3,000	As required by supplier	As required by supplier	Suppliers
Construction Supervision	\$15,000	As required	As required	Us
Insurance <sup>12</sup>	\$3,000	As required by insurer	Before opening	Insurer
Additional Funds – 3 months <sup>13</sup>	\$10,000 - \$30,000	As incurred	Payroll weekly, other purchases according to agreed-upon terms	Employees, utilities, suppliers, etc.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$263,750 to \$523,400</b>			

**Fast Casual Outlet**

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is Made
Initial Franchise Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$30,000	Lump sum payment in cash or available funds.	Upon signing the Franchise Agreement.	Us
Your Training Expenses <sup>2</sup>	\$0 - \$5,000	As required for transportation, lodging & meals	As required by suppliers of transportation, lodging & meals.	Suppliers of transportation, lodging & meals.
Lease & Utilities deposits <sup>3</sup>	\$4,000 - \$15,000	As required by landlord & utility providers	As required by landlord & utility providers	Landlord, Utility providers

Leasehold Improvements, Construction and/or Remodeling <sup>4</sup>	\$150,000 - \$400,000	As required by supplier, contractor or landlord	Before opening, as required by supplier.	Suppliers, contractor, Us and/or Landlord
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment <sup>5</sup>	\$90,000 - \$200,000	As required by supplier	Before opening	Suppliers and/or Us
Signage <sup>6</sup>	\$5,000 - \$15,000	As incurred	Before opening	Suppliers and/or Us
Menu Boards	\$10,000	As required by supplier	Before opening	Suppliers
Business Licenses and Permits <sup>7</sup>	\$750 - \$2,400	As required by government agencies	Before opening, as required by government agencies	Government Agencies
POS/Computer System <sup>8</sup>	\$6,000 - \$10,000	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers and/or Us
Initial Inventory <sup>9</sup>	\$10,000	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers, Us
Professional Fees <sup>10</sup>	\$2,000 - \$5,000	As required by providers	As incurred	Attorney, Accountant, Other Professional Service Providers
Grand Opening Advertising <sup>11</sup>	\$3,000	As required by supplier	As required by supplier	Suppliers
Construction Supervision	\$15,000	As required	As required	Us
Insurance <sup>12</sup>	\$3,000	As required by insurer	Before opening	Insurer
Additional Funds – 3 months <sup>13</sup>	\$10,000 - \$30,000	As incurred	Payroll weekly, other purchases according to agreed-upon terms	Employees, utilities, suppliers, etc.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$338,750 to \$753,400</b>			

**Hybrid Outlet**

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is Made
Initial Franchise Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$30,000	Lump sum payment in cash or	Upon signing the Franchise Agreement.	Us

		available funds.		
Your Training Expenses <sup>2</sup>	\$0 - \$5,000	As required for transportation, lodging & meals	As required by suppliers of transportation, lodging & meals.	Suppliers of transportation, lodging & meals.
Lease & Utilities deposits <sup>3</sup>	\$5,000 - \$15,000	As required by landlord & utility providers	As required by landlord & utility providers	Landlord, Utility providers
Leasehold Improvements, Construction and/or Remodeling <sup>4</sup>	\$250,000 - \$700,000	As required by supplier, contractor or landlord	Before opening, as required by supplier.	Suppliers, contractor, Us and/or Landlord
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment <sup>5</sup>	\$90,000 - \$200,000	As required by supplier	Before opening	Suppliers and/or Us
Signage <sup>6</sup>	\$5,000 - \$15,000	As incurred	Before opening	Suppliers and/or Us
Menu Boards	\$10,000	As required by supplier	Before opening	Suppliers
Business Licenses and Permits <sup>7</sup>	\$1,500 - \$500,000	As required by government agencies	Before opening, as required by government agencies	Government Agencies
POS/Computer System <sup>8</sup>	\$7,500 - \$15,000	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers and/or Us
Initial Inventory <sup>9</sup>	\$10,000	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers, Us
Professional Fees <sup>10</sup>	\$2,000 - \$5,000	As required by providers	As incurred	Attorney, Accountant, Other Professional Service Providers
Grand Opening Advertising <sup>11</sup>	\$3,000	As required by supplier	As required by supplier	Suppliers
Construction Supervision	\$15,000	As required	As required	Us
Insurance <sup>12</sup>	\$3,000	As required by insurer	Before opening	Insurer
Additional Funds – 3 months <sup>13</sup>	\$10,000 - \$30,000	As incurred	Payroll weekly, other purchases according to agreed-upon terms	Employees, utilities, suppliers, etc.

TOTAL		\$442,000 to \$1,556,000		

**Multi-Unit Development Agreement**

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is Made
Initial Franchise Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$90,000	Lump sum payment in cash or available funds.	Upon signing the Franchise Agreement.	Us
Your Training Expenses <sup>2</sup>	\$0 - \$5,000	As required for transportation, lodging & meals	As required by suppliers of transportation, lodging & meals.	Suppliers of transportation, lodging & meals.
Lease & Utilities deposits <sup>3</sup>	\$5,000 - \$15,000	As required by landlord & utility providers	As required by landlord & utility providers	Landlord, Utility providers
Leasehold Improvements, Construction and/or Remodeling <sup>4</sup>	\$75,000 - \$315,000	As required by supplier, contractor or landlord	Before opening, as required by supplier.	Suppliers, contractor, Us and/or Landlord
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment <sup>5</sup>	\$90,000 - \$200,000	As required by supplier	Before opening	Suppliers and/or Us
Signage <sup>6</sup>	\$5,000 - \$15,000	As incurred	Before opening	Suppliers and/or Us
Menu Boards	\$10,000	As required by supplier	Before opening	Suppliers
Business Licenses and Permits <sup>7</sup>	\$750 - \$2,400	As required by government agencies	Before opening, as required by government agencies	Government Agencies
POS/Computer System <sup>8</sup>	\$6,000 - \$10,000	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers and/or Us
Initial Inventory <sup>9</sup>	\$10,000	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers, Us
Professional Fees <sup>10</sup>	\$2,000 - \$5,000	As required by providers	As incurred	Attorney, Accountant, Other Professional Service Providers

Grand Opening Advertising <sup>11</sup>	\$3,000	As required by supplier	As required by supplier	Suppliers
Construction Supervision	\$15,000	As required	As required	Us
Insurance <sup>12</sup>	\$3,000	As required by insurer	Before opening	Insurer
Additional Funds – 3 months <sup>13</sup>	\$10,000 - \$30,000	As incurred	Payroll weekly, other purchases according to agreed-upon terms	Employees, utilities, suppliers, etc.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$324,750 to \$728,400</b>			

<sup>1</sup> Please see Item 5 for information on incentive programs that may offer a discount on the Initial Franchise Fee. The amounts stated in the single unit tables are for one outlet operated pursuant to a single Franchise Agreement. If you sign a Multi-Unit Development Agreement, you will pay a Development Fee based upon the number of outlets you agree to develop. The amount stated in the table assumes you will develop the minimum three (3) MELTwich outlets. If you choose to develop more than three (3) MELTwich outlets, the Development Fee will increase for each additional outlet you commit to develop.

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

<sup>3</sup> The Franchised Business can be operated in a free-standing building, in a strip mall, or in a food court. The Franchised Business requires at least 350 square feet, but we recommend 350 to 2,000 square feet depending on the location of the Franchised Business. The low end of this estimate represents a one (1) month deposit of rent and utilities deposits. The high end of this estimate represents a two (2) month deposit of rent and utilities deposits. These costs vary widely from place to place. This estimate is based on the experience of our affiliate-owned outlets and Canadian franchisees. Rental rates may be more or less than this range depending on the location of your Franchised Business. In certain real estate markets, rents may be three times higher or more than the rents on which the estimates in the above table are based. You may also incur real estate broker fees, additional prepayments (e.g., first and/or last month's rent), common area maintenance (CAM) fees, real estate taxes and insurance costs, advertising or promotional fund fees or other costs, depending on the terms of your lease. Pre-paid rent is generally non-refundable while security or other deposits may be refundable either in full or in part depending upon your lease or rental contract. Utility providers set the amounts of the utility deposits. A credit check may be required by the issuing utility company prior to the initiation of services, or a higher deposit required for first time customers. These costs will vary depending on the type of services required for the facility and the municipality or utility provider from which they are being contracted. We have based our estimate on the experiences of our affiliates. The figures in the chart include deposits that may be refundable to you at a later time. In most cases, your lease will require you to pay electric, gas, water, and other utilities directly; however, some landlords cover some utility charges through operating fees.

<sup>4</sup> This estimate is for the costs for improvements to your Franchised Business location without a tenant improvement allowance from the landlord. We have based our estimates on the historical experience of our affiliates. These estimates are applicable to a site which has been obtained in the “vanilla box” stage, which refers to an interior condition with existing heating/cooling with delivery systems, electrical switches and outlets, a finished ceiling, walls that are prepped for painting and a concrete slab floor. This item is included in the turnkey package, if required.

<sup>5</sup> The furniture, fixtures and equipment required for your Franchised Business including kitchen equipment, at-counter equipment, refrigerators, menu display, initial image enhancement décor items, tables, chairs, and any other equipment that we require in the operation of the Franchised Business. This item is included in the turnkey package, if required.

<sup>6</sup> This estimate is for the cost to produce and mount storefront signage on the exterior of the premises as well as all interior window graphics. The low end of the range assumes pylon signage only. This item is included in the turnkey package, if required.

<sup>7</sup> This is an estimate of the costs of building permits, sign permits and a certificate of occupancy for your premises. Not all locations will require all of these permits, depending on the prior use of the premises and the requirements of local ordinances. This estimate also includes the cost of a local business license. This estimate does include the costs of obtaining a liquor license. The costs of permits and licenses will vary by location. Requirements and fees vary widely. If you are operating a retail center outlet, and we permit you to offer alcoholic beverages at your Franchised Business, the high end of this estimate includes the costs of required licenses to permit sales, service and consumption of alcohol at your Franchised Business location

<sup>8</sup> This estimate includes the cost of our current required POS system. You must also have Internet and other telecommunications equipment and services in accordance with our standards to permit electronic transmission of sales information. We reserve the right to change your requirements for the POS system at any time. This item is included in the turnkey package, if required.

<sup>9</sup> This estimate is for the cost of the initial inventory sufficient for approximately 1-2 months of operation. Your initial inventory will include food and beverage products, paper and plastic products, containers, accessories, merchandise, uniforms and other products utilized in the operation of the store.

<sup>10</sup> You may incur professional fees depending on the scope of work performed, which may include, legal and accounting fees to review franchise documents and costs of forming a separate legal entity and/or obtaining zoning approval. This list is not exhaustive. This amount will vary greatly depending on your specific needs and location. We strongly recommend that you seek the assistance of professional advisors when evaluating this franchise opportunity, this disclosure document and the Franchise Agreement. It is also advisable to consult these professionals to review any lease or other contracts that you will enter into as part of starting your franchise. Some of these items may be included in the turnkey package, if required.

<sup>11</sup> During the opening of your Franchised Business, we require you to spend at least \$1,500 to \$2,500 on local advertising and promotional activities in your Territory at the time and in the manner we specify. Thereafter, you are not required to make a minimum expenditure on local advertising; however, we reserve the right to impose such minimum expenditure. You may elect to expend additional amounts to conduct a larger, more elaborate grand opening event. The estimate in the above Table includes the cost of promotional materials.

<sup>12</sup> Before you open for business, you must purchase and maintain at your sole cost and expense the insurance coverage that we specify. Insurance costs and requirements may vary widely in different localities. The estimate is for the first quarterly premium for required minimum insurance coverage. We reserve the right to require additional types of insurance and coverage as provided in the Franchise Agreement.

<sup>13</sup> This is an estimate of the amount of additional operating capital that you may need to operate your Franchised Business during the first three (3) months after commencing operations. This estimate includes such items as rent, utilities, internet service, initial payroll and payroll taxes, Royalties (as described in this disclosure document), Brand Development Fund Contributions, repairs and maintenance, bank charges, miscellaneous supplies and equipment, initial staff recruiting expenses, and other miscellaneous items.

We relied upon the experience of our affiliate-owned and Canadian franchised MELTwich outlets to compile these estimates. You should review these figures carefully with a business advisor before making any decision to invest in the franchise. These figures are estimates and we cannot guarantee that you will not have additional expenses starting your Franchised Business. Your additional costs will depend on factors such as how closely you follow our methods and procedures; your management skill, experience, and business acumen; local economic conditions; the local market for our service; competition; and the sales level reached during your initial period. We estimate that a franchisee can expect to put additional cash into the business during at least the first three to six months, and sometimes longer. Notwithstanding, we cannot estimate or guarantee when, or whether, any individual franchisee will achieve positive cash flow or profits.

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

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

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

We have identified various suppliers, distributors and manufacturers of equipment, fixtures, furnishings, ingredients, supplies and services that your Franchised Business must use or provide which meet our standards and requirements. You must purchase all equipment, fixtures, furnishings, ingredients, supplies and services, including computer systems and certain software, from our designated suppliers and contractors or in accordance with our specifications. We maintain written lists of approved items of equipment, fixtures, furnishings, ingredients, supplies and services (by brand name and/or by standards and specifications) and a list of designated suppliers and contractors for those items. We will update these lists periodically and issue the updated lists to all franchisees.

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

We provide certain site-development services to franchisees, such as turnkey packages and construction supervision. Depending on the size of the Franchised Business and where the Franchised

Business is to be located, at our option, we may construct and equip your Franchised Business, and sell same to you on a turnkey basis. In such a case, the sale price will be pre-agreed to between us and may be above our costs of construction and equipment purchases. In addition to the purchase price, a development fee equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the purchase price will be charged to you. You will be required to enter into an Asset Purchase Agreement with us for the purchase of the Franchised Business location, a copy of which is attached as Schedule 11 to the Franchise Agreement.

If you are not required to purchase your Franchised Business on a turnkey basis, we may require you to allow us to oversee the supervision of the buildout of the approved location in order to ensure conformity with our specifications and standards. In such a case, you will be required to pay to us a Construction Supervision Fee equal to Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$15,000.00).

Other than described above, neither we nor any of our affiliates is the sole approved or designated supplier for any product, good or service that you are required to purchase for the operation of your Franchised Business, although we reserve the right to be or to designate our affiliate(s) in the future. None of our officers own any interest in any supplier, approved or designated, for any product, good, or service that you are required to purchase for the operation of your Franchised Business.

We may derive revenue from your purchase of certain ingredients from our designated suppliers. In the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, we did not receive any revenue, rebates, discounts or other material consideration from suppliers based on your required purchases of products, supplies or equipment; however, we may do so in the future, and any rebates or discounts we receive may be kept by us in our sole discretion.

We estimate that your purchase or lease of products, supplies and services from approved suppliers (or those which meet our specifications) will represent approximately 65% to 95% of your costs to establish your Franchised Business and approximately 50% to 80% of your costs for ongoing operation.

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

Although we have not yet done so, from time to time, we may negotiate purchase arrangements, including price terms, with designated and approved suppliers on behalf of all franchisees.

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

## **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.**

<b>Obligation</b>	<b>Section or Article in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Section or Article in Multi-Unit Development Agreement</b>	<b>Item in Franchise Disclosure Document</b>
a. Site Selection and Acquisition/ Lease	8.1	Not Applicable	11
b. Pre-Opening Purchase/Leases	8.3, 10.5, 12.3.1	Not Applicable	7, 11
c. Site Development & other Pre-Opening Requirements	8.2, 8.3, 12.1.1, 12.1.3	Article 5	11
d. Initial and Ongoing Training	Article 7	Not Applicable	11
e. Opening	8.2.3, 8.3	Not Applicable	11
f. Fees	5.1, 5.2.7, Article 6, 12.3.7, 12.6, 15.6, 16.4, 18.1.4, 18.1.5, 18.1.8, 19.1.5	Article 4	5, 6, 7
g. Compliance with Standards and Policies/Operating Manual	Article 9, 12.1, 19.1.1	Not Applicable	8, 11
h. Trademarks and Proprietary Information	9.4, 12.1.8, Article 14, 19.2, 19.3, 19.4	Not Applicable	13, 14

<b>Obligation</b>	<b>Section or Article in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Section or Article in Multi-Unit Development Agreement</b>	<b>Item in Franchise Disclosure Document</b>
i. Restrictions on Products/Services Offered	12.1.1, 12.1.4, 12.6	Not Applicable	8
j. Warranty and Customer Service Requirements	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
k. Territorial Development and Sales Quotas	13.2	Article 5	12
l. Ongoing Product/Service Purchases	12.1.4, 12.3.5	Not Applicable	8
m. Maintenance, Appearance and Remodeling Requirements	Article 9, 12.1.2, 12.1.5, 12.1.9	Not Applicable	Item 11
n. Insurance	Article 15	Not Applicable	7
o. Advertising	12.1.9, Article 13	Not Applicable	6, 11
p. Indemnification	15.6, 16.3.6, 21.1	Article 9	14
q. Owner's Participation, Management, Staffing	11.1, 11.3, 12.1.6	Not Applicable	11, 15
r. Records /Reports	12.2	Not Applicable	6

Obligation	Section or Article in Franchise Agreement	Section or Article in Multi-Unit Development Agreement	Item in Franchise Disclosure Document
s. Inspections and Audits	9.2, 12.1.7, 12.2.5	Not Applicable	6, 11
t. Transfer	Article 16	Article 6	17
u. Renewal	Article 5	Not Applicable	17
v. Post-Termination Obligations	Article 18	Section 7.4	17
w. Non-Competition Covenants	19.5	Article 8	17
x. Dispute Resolution	Article 20	Article 10	17
y. Guaranty	11.2.6, Attachment 7	Not Applicable	15

**ITEM 10: FINANCING**

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

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

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

1. Pre-Opening Obligations

Before you open your Franchised Business, we will:

- a. provide you with site selection guidelines and approve a location for your Franchised Business. Within ninety (90) days of signing the Franchise Agreement, you must submit a written request for approval to us describing the proposed location and providing other information about the site that we reasonably request. We will respond within thirty (30) business days, either approving or rejecting the proposed location. We consider the following factors in approving a site: general location and neighborhood, distance from neighboring franchise territories, proximity to major roads and residential areas, traffic patterns, condition of premises, tenant mix, and demographic characteristics of the area, and lease terms. If you do not identify a site that meets our approval within one hundred fifty (150) days of signing the Franchise Agreement, we reserve the right to terminate the Franchise Agreement. We will not own and/or lease a site

to you. You are responsible for negotiating a purchase or lease with the owner of a site we approve. (Franchise Agreement, Sections 8.1.2, 8.1.3, 10.1).

- b. provide you with prototypical plans and specifications for the layout, design, appearance, and signage for your MELTwich outlet. You, your architect and your contractor are required to adapt our prototypical plans and specifications for the construction of your premises and obtain permits. We do not adapt plans or obtain permits for you. Your architect and contractor must be approved by us. At our option, we may construct and equip your Franchised Business, and sell same to you on a turnkey basis (See Item 8) (Franchise Agreement, Sections 8.2.1, 10.2).
- c. loan to you the MELTwich Operations Manual and other manuals and training aids we designate for use in the operation of your MELTwich Franchise, as they may be revised from time to time (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.3).
- d. provide a written list of equipment, fixtures, furnishings, signage, supplies and products that will be required to open the Franchised Business. We and our affiliates do not deliver or install any of these items (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.5).
- e. recommend minimum and maximum prices for products and services at your MELTwich outlet (Franchise Agreement, Section 12.5).
- f. provide you with initial training at an affiliate- or franchised-owned outlet. We will determine, in our sole discretion, whether you satisfactorily complete the initial training. (Franchise Agreement, Sections 7.1, 7.2).
- g. provide you with standards for qualifications and training of your employees. We do not otherwise assist you with employee hiring and training (Franchise Agreement, Section 12.1.6).

### **Time to Open**

We estimate the typical length of time between the signing of the Franchise Agreement and the time you open your MELTwich outlet is six (6) to nine (9) months. Factors that may affect this time period include your ability to acquire a site, financing, zoning or other permits; compliance with local ordinances and restrictions; shortages for construction; delivery and installation of fixtures, signs and equipment, and completion of required training. If you have not opened your Franchised Business within twelve (12) months after you sign the Franchise Agreement, you must obtain our consent to extend the time to open, which we may or may not grant, at our discretion. Failure to open your Franchised Business within the original time as extended, is a default of the Franchise Agreement. (Franchise Agreement, Sections 8.1.2, 8.3 and 8.4)

### **3. Obligations After Opening**

During the operation of your franchise, we will:

- a. offer from time to time mandatory or optional additional training programs. If we require it, you must attend mandatory additional training offered by us for up to five (5) days each year at a location we designate and attend an annual business meeting or franchisee conference for up to five (5) days each year at a location we designate. Failure to attend mandatory additional training or an annual business meeting or conference is a default of the Franchise Agreement. We reserve the right to impose a reasonable fee for tuition and/or attendance for all additional training programs, including the annual business meeting or conference. You must also pay your transportation, lodging, meals and other expenses to attend any mandatory training

program. If you fail to attend any mandatory training program, you are required to obtain the training at a location we designate, at your sole cost, which includes tuition at the then-current rate, plus all of your travel costs and our trainer's travel costs. (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.4).

- b. upon your request, or as we determine to be appropriate, provide remedial on-site training and assistance at your premises. For any on-site remedial training, you must reimburse all costs for the services of our trainer, including but not limited to the trainer's then-current per diem fee and all travel-related expenses, such as transportation, meals and lodging (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.5).
- c. upon your request, provide individualized assistance to you within reasonable limits by telephone, video conference, electronic mail or postage service, subject at all times to availability of our personnel and in reasonable limits (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.6).
- e. from time to time, as may become available, provide you with samples or digital artwork, advertising and promotional materials (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.6).
- f. conduct inspections of your Franchised Business, at the frequency and duration that we deem advisable. Such inspections include evaluating your products, service and premises to ensure that they meet our standards (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.4).
- g. provide you with any written specifications for required equipment, fixtures, products and services and provide you with updated lists of any approved suppliers of these items (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.7).
- h. during the opening of your Franchised Business, provide you with on-site opening assistance for a minimum of two (2) weeks following the opening of your first MELTwich outlet. You will be required to reimburse the expenses incurred by our representatives in providing such opening assistance, including, but not limited to, travel, lodging and meals (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.3).
- i. recommend maximum prices for products and services at your MELTwich outlet (Franchise Agreement, Section 12.5).
- j. approve or disapprove of all advertising, direct mail, and other promotional material and campaigns you propose in writing to us. We will respond within fifteen (15) business days, either accepting or rejecting the proposed material and/or campaign; however, if we do not respond within fifteen (15) business days, the proposed material and/or campaign is deemed "disapproved". (Franchise Agreement, Section 13.6).

#### 4. **Advertising**

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

We require you to spend at least \$1,500 to \$2,500 in initial local advertising and promotional activities from thirty (30) days immediately prior to the opening of your Franchised Business through sixty (60) days immediately following the opening of your Franchised Business. We do not currently require you to spend a minimum amount on local advertising to promote your Franchised Business, but we reserve the right to establish such a requirement in the future. Upon our request, you must furnish us with a quarterly report and documentation of local advertising expenditures during the previous calendar quarter. We reserve the right to collect some or all of your grand opening funds and/or your Local

Advertising expenditure and implement grand opening campaign activities and/or Local Advertising on your behalf.

You may develop advertising materials for your own use at your own cost, and you may use marketing materials that we may offer to you from time to time. You may not use any advertising or marketing materials, including press releases, unless they have been approved in advance in writing by us, which approval may be withheld in our discretion. We will respond to your request for approval within fifteen (15) business days; however, if we do not respond within fifteen (15) business days, the proposed advertising or marketing material is deemed “disapproved”.

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

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

You are required to contribute to the Brand Development Fund two percent (2%) of weekly Gross Revenues, subject to increases in our discretion, generated by your Franchised Business. Each MELTwich outlet operated by our affiliate or us may contribute to the Brand Development Fund, in our discretion, but has no obligation to do so.

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

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

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

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

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

During the fiscal year ending in December 31, 2024, we expended the Brand Development fund contributions as follows: 40% for digital marketing, 20% for graphic design and photography, 10% for website development, 15% for merchandise, courier and printing, and 15% for miscellaneous. Although the Brand Development Fund is intended to be of perpetual duration, we may terminate it at any time and for any reason or no reason. We will not terminate the Brand Development Fund, however, until all monies in the Brand Development Fund have been spent for advertising or promotional purposes or returned to contributors, without interest, on the basis of their respective contributions.

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

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

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

If we establish a regional advertising fund or cooperative, each MELTwich outlet, whether franchise-owned or affiliate-owned, must contribute amounts equal to each outlet's pro-rata share of cooperative advertising costs. Your contributions to a regional advertising fund or cooperative will be in addition to your required contributions to the Brand Development Fund and required expenditures for local advertising.

#### **Advertising Council** (Franchise Agreement, Section 9.6)

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

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

You must purchase and use the point-of-sale system ("POS System") we specify. The POS System will have software loaded on it which is required for use with the POS System. In addition to the POS System, you must also have a back-office computer that meets our minimum specifications ("Computer System") Our specifications for both the POS System and Computer System will be included in the Operations Manual. You must also maintain a high speed internet connection for the POS System and the Computer System.

The POS System allows us to independently and remotely access all of your sales data, including your Gross Revenue, through the Internet. We may in the future establish or modify the sales reporting

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

The cost of the required computer hardware and software will be approximately \$2,500 per terminal. Monthly software access fees are approximately \$100 to \$150 subject to increase.

There are no contractual limitations on the frequency and cost of upgrades and/or updates to the above-described systems or programs.

We will have independent, unlimited electronic access to the information generated by and stored in your computer software and applications. There are no contractual limitations on our right to have full access to this information. We may retrieve, download, analyze and store such information and data at any time. We own all customer data stored in your customer management account.

We have no obligation to maintain, repair, update or upgrade your computer and software. At your cost, you must provide on-going maintenance and repairs to your computer and software, which we estimate will cost \$125 annually. You must upgrade your computer hardware and software as necessary to operate the most current version of the POS System or any replacements thereto. We cannot estimate the cost of maintaining, updating and upgrading your computer hardware and software because it will depend on the make and model of your computer, required upgrades to operate our current management and payment processing applications, repair history, usage, local cost of computer maintenance services in your area and technological advances that we cannot predict.

6. **Table of Contents of Operations Manual** (Franchise Agreement, Article 7)

The Table of Contents of our MELTwich Operations Manual, current as of the date of this Disclosure Document is attached as Exhibit D. The Operations Manual has approximately 65 pages.

7. **Training** (Franchise Agreement, Article 7)

You (if the franchisee is an individual) or all of your owners (if the franchisee is a business entity) and your general manager must complete our Initial Management Training Program, to our satisfaction, before opening your Franchised Business. Typically, the training program will last approximately seven (7) days, and will be conducted at a location designated by the Franchisor (which may include a training restaurant and/or the Franchised Business) and for such duration and times as the Franchisor, in its discretion, determines necessary:

**INITIAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>HOURS OF CLASSROOM TRAINING</b>	<b>HOURS OF ON THE JOB TRAINING</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Introduction	10	0	Toronto, ON
Restaurant Basics	1.5	8.5	Toronto, ON
Day Shift	3.5	17	Toronto, ON

Mid-Shift	1.5	8.5	Toronto, ON
Closing Shift	1.5	7.5	Toronto, ON
Flex Time	3	7	Toronto, ON
<b>Total Hours</b>	21	48.5	69.5

We periodically conduct our Initial Management Training Program throughout the year, as needed. Training is currently provided by Tom Mavrou and Ryan Hillis. Tom and Ryan oversee all aspects of the MELTwich brand operations in the United States, including product development, service methods and techniques, sales, marketing, brand development, technology and process management. Tom has over 30 years' experience in the food service business and Ryan has over 10 years' experience, and both have been with us since our inception in 2022. We reserve the right to make changes in our training staff as we deem necessary and advisable without prior notice.

Our training materials consist of the operations manual, digital presentations and tutorials, web-based instruction marketing and promotional materials, and any other materials that we believe will be beneficial to our franchisees in the training process. Hands-on training also includes observation and active instruction.

The cost of our instructors and training materials for up to two (2) individuals per Franchised Business, approved prior to opening, is included in the Initial Franchise Fee. You must pay for all of travel and personal expenses, including, but not limited to, all costs for your transportation, meals, and lodging for yourself and your personnel. Our current fee to provide initial training to any additional trainees is \$3,500 per person.

If you or your general manager does not complete our Initial Management Training Program to our satisfaction, we reserve the right to terminate the Franchise Agreement; however, we may allow you to repeat the Initial Management Training Program at an additional fee of \$3,500 per person. We also reserve the right to charge a reasonable fee to provide initial training to any manager you appoint, with our approval, after the initial opening of your Franchised Business. Our current fee to provide initial training to any replacement manager is \$3,500 per person. You must also pay your manager's travel and personal expenses.

During the opening of your Franchised Business, we will provide you with on-site training, supervision and assistance for opening assistance for a minimum of two (2) weeks. You will be required to reimburse the expenses incurred by our representatives in providing such opening assistance, including, but not limited to, travel, lodging and meals

We may conduct mandatory or optional additional training programs, including an annual conference or national business meeting. If we require it, you must attend mandatory training programs that we offer for up to five (5) days each year, and an annual conference or national business meeting for up to five (5) days each year, at a location we designate. Failure to attend mandatory training, including an annual conference or business meeting is a default under the Franchise Agreement. We reserve the right to impose a reasonable fee, as yet to be determined, for tuition and/or attendance for all additional training programs, including the annual business meeting or conference. You must also pay your

transportation, lodging, meals and other expenses to attend any mandatory training program. If you fail to attend any mandatory training program, you are required to obtain the training at a location we designate, at your sole cost, which includes tuition at the then-current rate, plus all of your travel costs and our trainer's travel costs.

## **ITEM 12: TERRITORY**

Under the Franchise Agreement, you have the right to establish and operate one (1) MELTwich outlet at a specific approved location. You will not receive an exclusive territory. You may face competition from other franchisees, from outlets that we own, from other channels of distribution or competitive brands that we control.

If you sign a Multi-Unit Development Agreement, you will not receive an exclusive development area. You may face competition from other franchisees, from outlets that we own, or from other channels of distribution or competitive brands that we control. During the term of your Multi-Unit Development Agreement, provided that you are not in default of your Agreement or development schedule, we will not open another MELTwich outlet or grant the right to anyone else to open another MELTwich outlet within your development area until the expiration or sooner termination of your Multi-Unit Development Agreement. However, notwithstanding this limited protection right we grant to you, we reserve all rights to sell our products and services under the Marks in the development area through alternative distribution channels, as discussed below. We will approve the location of each future MELTwich outlet to be opened under the Multi-Unit Development Agreement based on our then-current site criteria.

You may not change the location of your Franchised Business, without our written consent, which we may withhold in our sole discretion. The conditions under which we may allow you to relocate include the following: loss of your premises not due to your default, demographics of the surrounding area, proximity to other MELTwich outlets, lease requirements, traffic patterns, vehicular and pedestrian access, proximity to major roads, available parking, and overall suitability. If you wish to relocate, you must identify a new location for the Franchised Business that meets our approval, in accordance with our then-current site selection procedures, within 90 days. If you do not identify a site within this time period, we may terminate the Franchise Agreement. While you are closed for relocation, you must continue to pay us a minimum Royalty Fee and Marketing Fund contribution equal to the average paid during the four (4) calendar quarters immediately preceding the loss of your premises.

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



We reserve all rights not expressly granted in the Franchise Agreement. For example, we or our affiliates may own, operate or authorize others to own or operate MELTwich outlets outside of the Territory and may operate other kinds of businesses within the Territory. Although we do not currently do so and have no plans to do so, we and our affiliates may own, acquire, conduct, or authorize others to conduct, any form of business at any location selling any type of product or service not offered under the Mark, including a product or service similar to those you will sell at your Franchised Business.

We and our affiliates may sell products and services under the Mark within or outside the Territory or development area through any method of distribution other than a dedicated MELTwich outlet location, such as distribution through retail outlets, including but not limited to, grocery stores; in captive market locations, such as airports and malls; and the Internet ("Alternative Distribution Channels"). You will receive no compensation for our sales through Alternative Distribution Channels in the development area. You may not use Alternative Distribution Channels to make sales from your MELTwich outlet;

however, we will include a listing on our website of your MELTwich outlet location. The Franchise Agreement does not grant you any right to participate in franchises, licensing programs or other business proposals for the sale and distribution of MELTwich products or services through Alternative Distribution Channels.

**ITEM 13: TRADEMARKS**

MELTwich Hospitality Group, Inc. (“Licensor”) is the owner of the Mark and has granted us the right to use the Mark and license to others the right to use the Mark in the operation of a MELTwich outlets in the United States in accordance with the System. The Franchise Agreement will license to you the right to operate your Franchised Business under the MELTwich service mark, as described below (“Principal Mark”):

Mark	Serial Number	Filing Date	Register
HOT MESS FRIES	97644491	October 24, 2022	Principal
MELT“WICH” FOOD CO.	98553896	May 16, 2024	Principal
MELT SAUCE	98665728	July 25, 2024	Principal
MELTWICH FOOD CO.	98903513	December 15, 2024	Principal
#INCHEESEWETRUST	98903512	December 15, 2024	Principal
	98903514	December 15, 2024	Principal
	98903514	December 15, 2024	Principal
MELTWICH	98903511	December 15, 2024	Principal

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Our mutual obligations to protect your rights to use our copyrights are the same as the obligations for Trademarks described in Item 13 of this disclosure document.

During the term of the Franchise Agreement, you may have access to and become acquainted with our trade secrets, including, but not limited to, methods, formulas, processes, customer lists, vendor partnerships and/or relationships, sales and technical information, costs, product prices and names, software tools and applications, website and/or email design, products, services, equipment, technologies and procedures relating to the operation of your MELTwich outlet; systems of operation, services, programs, products, procedures, policies, standards, techniques, requirements and specifications which are part of the System; the Operations Manual; methods of advertising and promotion; instructional materials; marketing plans, business methods, research, development or know-how, any other information which we may or may not specifically designate as "confidential" or "proprietary", and the components of our System whether or not such information is protected or protectable by patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights (collectively called the "Confidential Information"). You agree that you will take all reasonable measures to maintain the confidentiality of all Confidential Information in your possession or control and that all such Confidential Information and trade secrets shall remain our exclusive property. You may never (during the Initial Term, any Successor Term, or after the Franchise Agreement expires or is terminated) reveal any of our confidential information to another person or use it for any other person or business. You may not copy any of our Confidential Information or give it to a third party except as we authorize in writing to you prior to any dissemination. Your personnel who have access to our Confidential Information must sign our Confidentiality/Non-Competition Agreement (Franchise Agreement, Attachment 8).

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

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

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

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

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

You must offer and sell all products and services that are part of the System, and all services and products which we incorporate into the System in the future. You may only offer products and services that we have previously approved.

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

We may add to, delete from or modify the products and services that you can and must offer. You must abide by any additions, deletions and modifications, but only if the changes do not materially and unreasonably increase your obligations under the Franchise Agreement. There are no other limits on our rights to make these changes.

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

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

**THE FRANCHISE RELATIONSHIP  
(UNDER THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT)**

**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.**

	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
a.	Length of the franchise term	Art. 4	Term is 10 years
b.	Renewal or extension of the Term	Sections 5.1 and 5.5	If you are in good standing as defined below, you can sign a successor agreement for an additional term of ten (10) years, unless we have determined, in our sole discretion, to withdraw from the geographical area where your Franchise is located.
c.	Requirements for franchisee to renew or extend	Sections 5.2 and 5.3	Be in full compliance, have no more than three (3) events of default during current term, provide written notice to us at least six months before the end of the term, execute a new franchise agreement, pay us a Successor Agreement fee of 50% of our then-current Initial Franchisee Fee, continue to have the right to occupy the premises or have received approval from us to relocate, remodel your Franchised Business location, execute a general release, comply with then-current qualifications and training requirements, including completion of additional training. You may be asked to sign a new Franchise Agreement with materially different terms and conditions than your original Franchise Agreement.
d.	Termination by franchisee	None	You may seek termination upon any grounds available by state law.
e.	Termination by franchisor without cause	Section 16.7	The Franchise Agreement will terminate upon your death or permanent disability, and the Franchise must be transferred within six months to a replacement franchisee that we approve.
f.	Termination by franchisor with cause	Article 17	We may terminate only if you default. The Franchise Agreement describes defaults throughout. Please read it carefully.
g.	“Cause” defined – curable defaults	Section 17.3	You have 5 days to cure non-payments and any other defaults (except for non-curable defaults listed in the Franchise Agreement and described in h. immediately below).
h.	“Cause” defined - non-curable defaults	Sections 17.1 and 17.2	The Franchise Agreement will terminate automatically, without notice for the following defaults: insolvency; bankruptcy; written admission of inability to pay debts; receivership; levy; composition with creditors; unsatisfied final judgment for more than 30 days; or foreclosure proceeding that is not dismissed within 30 days. We may terminate the Franchise Agreement upon notice to you if you: do not acquire a site, do not complete construction and/or open the Franchised Business within required time frames; falsify any report to us; cease operations for 5 days or more, unless the premises are damaged and you apply to relocate; lose possession of the premises, unless you are not at fault

	Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
			<p>for loss and you timely apply to relocate; fail to restore and re-open the Franchised Business within 120 days after a casualty, as may be extended by us; fail to comply with applicable laws; default under any lease for the premises; understate Gross Revenue two (2) or more times; fail to comply with insurance and indemnification requirements; attempt a transfer in violation of the Franchise Agreement; fail, or your legal representative fails to transfer as required upon your death or permanent disability; misrepresent or omit a material fact in applying for the Franchise; are convicted or plead no contest to a felony or crime that could damage the goodwill or reputation of our trademarks or the System; receive an adverse judgment in any proceeding involving allegations of fraud, racketeering or improper trade practices or similar claim that could damage the goodwill or reputation of our trademarks or the System; conceal revenues or maintain false books; create a threat or danger to public health or safety; refuse an inspection or audit by us; use our trademarks, copyrighted material or Confidential Information in an unauthorized manner; make an unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information; fail to comply with non-competition covenants; default in the performance of your obligations three (3) or more times during the term or receive two (2) or more default notices in any 12-month period; default under any other agreement with us or our affiliate; have insufficient funds to honor a check or EFT two (2) or more times within any twelve (12)-month period; or terminate the Franchise Agreement without cause.</p>

	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
i.	Franchisee's obligations on termination/ non-renewal	Article 18	Upon termination, you must: cease operations; cease to identify yourself as a MELTwich franchisee; cease to use our trademarks; cancel any assumed name registration that contains any Mark; pay us and our affiliates all sums owing; pay us any damages, costs or expenses we incur in obtaining any remedy for any violation of the Franchise Agreement by you, including, but not limited to attorneys' fees; deliver to us all Confidential Information, the Operations Manual and all records and files related to your Franchised Business; comply with the non-disclosure and non-competition covenants; sell to us, at our option, all furnishing, fixtures, equipment, inventory and supplies of your Franchised Business; and assign, at our option, your telephone numbers, directory and internet listings, and social media accounts and the lease for the location.
j.	Assignment of contract by franchisor	Section 16.1.1	No restrictions on our right to assign.
k.	"Transfer" by franchisee defined	Section 16.3	Any assignment, sale, transfer, gift, devise or encumbrance of any interest in the Franchise Agreement, the Franchised Business, any assets of the Franchised Business, or in the Franchisee (if the Franchisee is a business entity).
l.	Franchisor approval of transfer by franchisee	Section 16.3	No transfer is allowed without our consent, which we will not unreasonably withhold.
m.	Conditions for franchisor approval of a transfer	Section 16.3 and 16.4	Conditions include: our decision not to exercise our right of first refusal; transferee meets our then-current standards for qualifying franchisees; transferee signs our then-current form of Franchise Agreement, which may have materially different terms from your Franchise Agreement; transferee and its general manager successfully complete our Initial Management Training Program; you have paid us and third-party creditors all amounts owed; you and the transferee sign a General Release in the form of Attachment 3 to the Franchise Agreement; you shall subordinate any claims you have against the transferee to us; you will indemnify us for a period of 1 year following the transfer; our approval of the material terms and conditions of the transfer; landlord's consent of a lease assignment, if applicable; payment of a transfer fee equal to \$10,000, plus our costs and expenses incurred in approving the transfer.

	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
n.	Franchisor's right of first refusal to acquire franchisee's business	Section 16.6	You must promptly notify us of any written offer to purchase your Franchise. We have 30 days to exercise our first right to buy it on the same terms and conditions, provided that (a) we may substitute cash for any other consideration (b) we may pay the entire purchase price at closing, (c) our credit is deemed as good as the proposed purchaser, (d) we have at least 60 days to close and (e) you shall give us all customary seller's representations and warranties.
o.	Franchisor's option to purchase franchisee's business	Section 18.2	Upon termination of the Franchise Agreement, we have the option to purchase your furniture, equipment, signs, advertising materials, supplies and inventory at your cost or fair market value, whichever is less.
p.	Death or disability of franchisee	Sections 16.3, 16.4 and 16.7	The Franchise Agreement will terminate upon your death or permanent disability, and the Franchise must be transferred within six months to a replacement franchisee that we approve.
q.	Non-competition covenants during the term of the franchise	Section 19.5.1	You may not: divert, or attempt to divert, customers of any MELTwich outlet (including yours) to any competitor, participate in any capacity, including, but not limited to as an owner, investor, officer, director, employee or agent, in any competing business; do any act that could damage the goodwill of our trademarks or System, or disrupt or jeopardize our business or that of our franchisees.
r.	Non-competition covenants after the franchise is terminated or expires	Section 19.5.2	For 24 months after the termination of the Franchise Agreement, you may not: divert, or attempt to divert, customers of any MELTwich outlet (including yours) to any competitor, participate in any capacity, including, but not limited to as an owner, investor, officer, director, employee or agent, in any competing business within 25 miles of your former MELTwich outlet location or any other MELTwich outlet location; do any act that could damage the goodwill of our trademarks or System, or disrupt or jeopardize our business or that of our franchisees.
s.	Modification of the agreement	Sections 9.4, 14.6, 19.1.4 and 22.4	No oral modifications generally, but we may change the Operations Manual and System standards at any time. You may be required to implement these changes at your own costs. We have the right to modify our trademarks at any time upon written notice to you.

	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
t.	Integration/merger clause	Section 22.4	Only the terms of the Franchise Agreement and other related written agreements are binding (subject to applicable state law.) Any representations or promises outside of the disclosure document and Franchise Agreement may not be enforceable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in the Franchise Agreement is intended to disclaim the express representations made in this Franchise Disclosure Document.
u.	Dispute resolution by arbitration or mediation	Sections 20.1, 20.2, 20.3, and 20.4	At our option, claims that are not resolved internally may be submitted to binding arbitration at our headquarters, excluding claims related to injunctive relief, anti-trust, the trademarks, possession of the Franchised Business premises and post-termination obligations, subject to applicable state law.
v.	Choice of forum	Section 20.5	Delaware, subject to applicable state law.
w.	Choice of law	Section 20.5	Delaware law applies, subject to applicable state law.

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

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

	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Multi-Unit Development Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
a.	Length of the franchise term	Art. 4	As determined by you and us based on the number of MELTwich outlets you are to develop.
b.	Renewal or extension of the Term	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
c.	Requirements for franchisee to renew or extend	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
d.	Termination by franchisee	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
e.	Termination by franchisor without cause	Section 6.6	The Multi-Unit Development Agreement will terminate upon your death or permanent disability and the Development Rights are transferred within six months to a replacement developer that we approve. A default under one agreement with us may result in a termination of all of your other agreements with us.
f.	Termination by franchisor with cause	Article 7	We may terminate only if you default. A default under one agreement with us may result in a termination of all of your other agreements with us. The Multi-Unit Development Agreement describes defaults throughout. Please read it carefully.

	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Multi-Unit Development Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
g.	"Cause" defined – curable defaults	Section 7.3	You have 5 days to cure non-payments and any other defaults (except for non-curable defaults listed in the Multi-Unit Development Agreement and described in h. immediately below). A default under one agreement with us may result in a termination of all of your other agreements with us.
h.	"Cause" defined - non-curable defaults	Sections 7.1 and 7.2	<p>The Multi-Unit Development Agreement will terminate automatically, without notice for the following defaults: insolvency; bankruptcy; written admission of inability to pay debts; receivership; levy; composition with creditors; unsatisfied final judgment for more than 30 days; or foreclosure proceeding that is not dismissed within 30 days.</p> <p>We may terminate the Multi-Unit Development Agreement upon notice to you if you: misrepresent or omit a material fact in applying for the Development Rights; falsify any report to us; fail to comply with any federal, state or local law, rule or regulation, applicable to the development and operations of Developer's MELTwich outlets, including, but not limited to, the failure to pay taxes; fail to develop the MELTwich outlets in accordance with the Mandatory Development Schedule; attempt a transfer in violation of the Franchise Agreement; are convicted or plead no contest to a felony or crime that could damage the goodwill or reputation of our trademarks or the System; receive an adverse judgment in any proceeding involving allegations of fraud, racketeering or improper trade practices or similar claim that could damage the goodwill or reputation of our trademarks or the System; fail to comply with non-competition covenants; default, or your affiliate defaults, under any other agreement, including any Franchise Agreement, with us or any of our affiliates, suppliers or landlord and does not cure such default within the time period provided in such other agreement; or terminate the Multi-Unit Development Agreement without cause. A default under one agreement with us may result in a termination of all of your other agreements with us.</p>
i.	Franchisee's obligations on termination/ non-renewal	Section 7.4	Upon termination, you must: cease all development operations and comply with the non-disclosure and non-competition covenants.
j.	Assignment of contract by franchisor	Section 6.1	No restrictions on our right to assign.

	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Multi-Unit Development Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
k.	"Transfer" by franchisee defined	Section 6.3	Any assignment, sale, transfer, gift, devise or encumbrance of any interest in the Multi-Unit Development Agreement or Development Rights.
l.	Franchisor approval of transfer by franchisee	Sections 6.2, 6.3	No transfer is allowed without our consent, which we will not unreasonably withhold.
m.	Conditions for franchisor approval of a transfer	Section 16.3 and 16.4	Conditions include: our decision not to exercise our right of first refusal; transferee meets our then-current standards for qualifying developers; you have paid us all amounts owed; transferee signs our then-current form of Multi-Unit Development Agreement, which may have materially different terms from your Multi-Unit Development Agreement; you and the transferee sign a General Release in the form of Exhibit G of this Franchise Disclosure Document; you shall subordinate any claims you have against the transferee to us; our approval of the material terms and conditions of the transfer; payment of a transfer fee equal to 50% of the Initial Franchise Fee for each MELTwich outlet remaining to be developed under the Multi-Unit Development Agreement.
n.	Franchisor's right of first refusal to acquire franchisee's business	Section 6.5	You must promptly notify us of any written offer to purchase your Development Rights. We have 30 days to exercise our first right to buy it on the same terms and conditions, provided that (a) we may substitute cash for any other consideration (b).we may pay the entire purchase price at closing, (c) our credit is deemed as good as the proposed purchaser, (d) we have at least 60 days to close and (e) you shall give us all customary seller's representations and warranties.
o.	Franchisor's option to purchase franchisee's business	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
p.	Death or disability of franchisee	Section 6.6	The Multi-Unit Development Agreement will terminate upon your death or permanent disability and the Development Rights are transferred within six months to a replacement developer that we approve.
q.	Non-competition covenants during the term of the franchise	Section 8.3.1	You may not: divert, or attempt to divert, customers of any MELTwich outlet (including yours) to any competitor, participate in any capacity, including, but not limited to as an owner, investor, officer, director, employee or agent, in any competing business; do any act that could damage the goodwill of our trademarks or System, or disrupt or jeopardize our business or that of our franchisees.
r.	Non-competition covenants after the franchise is terminated or expires	Section 8.3.2	For 24 months after the termination of the Franchise Agreement, you may not: divert, or attempt to divert, customers of any MELTwich outlet (including yours) to any

	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Multi-Unit Development Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
			competitor, participate in any capacity, including, but not limited to as an owner, investor, officer, director, employee or agent, in any competing business within 25 miles of your former MELTwich outlet location or any other MELTwich outlet location, induce any person employed by us to leave their employment; do any act that could damage the goodwill of our trademarks or System, or disrupt or jeopardize our business or that of our franchisees.
s.	Modification of the agreement	Section 12.4	No oral modifications. No amendment of the provisions will be binding upon either party unless the amendment has been made in writing and executed by all interested parties.
t.	Integration/merger clause	Section 12.4	Only the terms of the Multi-Unit Development Agreement and other related written agreements are binding (subject to applicable state law.) Any representations or promises outside of Multi-Unit Development Agreement may not be enforceable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in the Multi-Unit Development Agreement is intended to disclaim the express representations made in this Franchise Disclosure Document.
u.	Dispute resolution by arbitration or mediation	Sections 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, and 10.4	At our option, claims that are not resolved internally may be submitted to binding arbitration at our headquarters, excluding claims related to injunctive relief, anti-trust, the trademarks, and post-termination obligations.
v.	Choice of forum	Section 10.5	Delaware, subject to applicable state law.
w.	Choice of law	Section 10.5	Delaware law applies, subject to applicable state law.

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

**ITEM 18: PUBLIC FIGURES**

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

**ITEM 19: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPRESENTATIONS**

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

We do not make any representations about a franchisee’s future financial performance or the past financial performance of company-owned or franchised outlets. We also do not authorize our employees or representatives to make any such representations either orally or in writing. If you are purchasing an existing outlet, however, we may provide you with the actual records of that outlet. If you receive any other financial performance information or projections of your future income, you should report it to t2200 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305he franchisor’s management by contacting Tom Mavrou, 2200 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305 , 289-913-6496, the Federal Trade Commission, and the appropriate state regulatory agencies.

**ITEM 20: OUTLETS AND FRANCHISEE INFORMATION**

Table No. 1

System-wide Outlet Summary  
For Years 2022 to 2024

Column 1 Outlet Type	Column 2 Year	Column 3 Outlets at the Start of the Year	Column 4 Outlets at the End of the Year	Column 5 Net Change
Franchised	2022	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0
	2024	0	1	+1
Company – Owned*	2022	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0
Total Outlets	2022	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0
	2024	0	1	+1

Table No. 2

Transfers of Outlets From Franchisees to New Owners (Other than the Franchisor)  
For Years 2022 to 2024

Column 1 State/Province	Column 2 Year	Column 3 Number of Transfers
None	2022	0
	2023	0
	2024	0
Total	2022	0
	2023	0
	2024	0

Table No. 3

Status of Franchised Outlets  
For Years 2022 to 2024

Column 1 State	Column 2 Year	Column 3 Outlets at Start of Year	Column 4 Outlets Opened	Column 5 Terminations	Column 6 Non- renewals	Column 7 Reacquired by Franchisor	Column 8 Ceased Operations - Other Reasons	Column 9 Outlets at End of the Year
Texas	2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

Table No. 4

Status of Company Owned\* Outlets  
For Years 2022 to 2024

Column 1 State	Column 2 Year	Column 3 Outlets at Start of Year	Column 4 Outlets Opened	Column 5 Outlets Reacquired from Franchisees	Column 6 Outlets Closed	Column 7 Outlets Sold to Franchisees	Column 8 Outlets at End of the Year
None	2022	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2022	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table No. 5

Projected Openings as of December 31, 2024

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

Total	8	8	0
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\* Company-owned stores are operated by affiliated entities.

Exhibit E lists the location of each MELTwich outlet in our System.

During our last fiscal year, no franchisee has had an outlet terminated, canceled, not renewed, or has otherwise voluntarily or involuntarily ceased to do business under the franchise agreement or has not communicated with us within 10 weeks of the date of this Disclosure Document. If you buy this franchise, your contact information may be disclosed to other buyers when you leave the franchise system.

During the last three fiscal years, no current or former franchisees have signed confidentiality clauses that restrict them from discussing with you their experiences as a franchisee in our franchise system.

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

**ITEM 21: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

MELTwich USA, Inc., was formed on August 17, 2022. Because we have not been in business for three (3) years, we are not able to include the three (3) prior years of audited financial statements normally required by this Item 21. Exhibit D contains our audited financial statements as of December 31, 2022, December 31, 2023, and December 31, 2024. Exhibit D also contains our predecessor, MELTwich America, Inc.'s audited financial statements as of December 31, 2021.

Our fiscal year end is December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**ITEM 22: CONTRACTS**

Copies of all proposed agreements regarding the franchise offering are included in Exhibit B. These include our Franchise Agreement and all exhibits to it (Mark; Location Description; Conditional Assignment of Lease; Statement of Ownership Interests in Franchisee; Spousal Guaranty; Confidentiality and Non-Compete Agreement; Internet, Social Media and Telephone Listing Agreement; and Asset Purchase Agreement for Turnkey Package). Our Multi-Unit Development Agreement is included in Exhibit C.

**ITEM 23: RECEIPT**

A receipt in duplicate is attached to this Disclosure Document as Exhibit J. You should sign both copies of the receipt. Keep one copy for your own records and return the other signed copy to MELTwich USA Inc., 2200 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305.

## EXHIBIT A

### AGENCIES/AGENTS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

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

<b>State</b>	<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Agent for Service of Process</b>
CALIFORNIA	Commissioner of the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation Department of Financial Protection and Innovation 320 West 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 750 Los Angeles, CA 90013 (213) 576-7505 Toll-free (866-275-2677)	Commissioner of the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation
CONNECTICUT	State of Connecticut Department of Banking Securities & Business Investments Division 260 Constitution Plaza Hartford, CT 06103-1800 (860) 240-8230	Banking Commissioner
HAWAII	Business Registration Division Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs 335 Merchant Street, Room 203 Honolulu, HI 96813 (808) 586-2722	Commissioner of Securities of the State of Hawaii
ILLINOIS	Office of Attorney General Franchise Division 500 South Second Street Springfield, IL 62706 (217) 782-4465	Illinois Attorney General
INDIANA	Indiana Secretary of State Securities Division 302 West Washington St., Room E-111 Indianapolis, IN 46204 (317) 232-6681	Indiana Secretary of State 201 State House Indianapolis, IN 46204
MARYLAND	Office of the Attorney General Division of Securities 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202-2020 (410) 576-6360	Maryland Securities Commissioner 200 St. Paul Place Baltimore, MD 21202-2020 (410) 576-6360
MICHIGAN	Michigan Department of Attorney General Consumer Protection Division Antitrust and Franchise Unit 670 Law Building Lansing, MI 48913 (517) 373-7117	Michigan Department of Commerce, Corporations and Securities Bureau
MINNESOTA	Minnesota Department of Commerce 85 7 <sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 280 St. Paul, MN 55101-2198 (651) 539-1500	Minnesota Commissioner of Commerce

<b>State</b>	<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Agent for Service of Process</b>
NEW YORK	NYS Department of Law Investor Protection Bureau 28 Liberty Street, 21 <sup>st</sup> Floor New York, NY 10005 (212) 416-8222 Phone	Attention: New York Secretary of State New York Department of State One Commerce Plaza 99 Washington Avenue, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Albany, NY 11231-0001 (518) 473-2492
NORTH DAKOTA	North Dakota Securities Department 600 East Boulevard State Capitol, 14 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Dept. 414 Bismarck, ND 58505-0510 (701) 328-4712	North Dakota Securities Commissioner
OREGON	Department of Consumer and Business Services Division of Finance and Corporate Labor and Industries Building Salem, Oregon 97310 (503) 378-4387	Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services
RHODE ISLAND	Department of Business Regulation Division of Securities 1511 Pontiac Avenue, Building 69-1 Cranston, RI 02920 (401) 462-9585	Director of Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation
SOUTH DAKOTA	Division of Insurance Securities Regulation 124 South Euclid, Suite 104 Pierre, SD 57501 (605) 773-3563	Director of Insurance-Securities Regulation
VIRGINIA	State Corporation Commission Division of Securities and Retail Franchising 1300 East Main Street, 9 <sup>th</sup> Floor Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 371-9051	Clerk of State Corporation Commission 1300 East Main Street, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 371-9733
WASHINGTON	Department of Financial Institutions Securities Division P.O. Box 41200 Olympia, WA 98504-1200 (360) 902-8760	Director of Washington Financial Institutions Securities Division 150 Israel Road, SW Tumwater, WA 98501
WISCONSIN	Wisconsin Securities Commissioner Securities and Franchise Registration 345 W. Washington Avenue Madison, WI 53703 (608) 266-8559	Commissioner of Securities of Wisconsin

**EXHIBIT B**

**FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

**MELTWICH USA, INC.  
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

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**MELTwich USA, Inc.  
Franchise Agreement**

THIS FRANCHISE AGREEMENT (this “Agreement”) is being entered into this day of \_\_\_\_\_, (the “Effective Date”) by and between MELTwich USA, Inc., a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 2200 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305 (herein “Franchisor) and \_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, with its principal place of business located at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_’s principals \_\_\_\_\_, an individual residing at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, an individual residing at \_\_\_\_\_ (“Principal(s)”). \_\_\_\_\_ and Principal(s) shall be collectively referred to in this Agreement as the “Franchisee”.

**RECITATIONS**

Through the expenditure of considerable time, effort and money, Franchisor has developed and established a distinctive casual restaurant which features, among other things, quick-service restaurant specializing in the marketing and selling of grilled cheese sandwiches and poutine, using Franchisor’s designs, and using Franchisor’s confidential operations manual (“Manual”) of business practices and policies, and Franchisor’s distinctive, décor, fixtures and furnishings, operations methods, sales techniques, inventory, procedures for management control and training, assistance, advertising, and promotional programs, all of which may be changed, improved or further developed by Franchisor at any time (taken together herein the “System”).

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

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

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

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

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

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

**3. FRANCHISED BUSINESS LOCATION**

3.1 Protected Territory. This Agreement grants Franchisee the right to operate the Franchised Business at a single location within the Territory. Franchisor agrees that Franchisor will not, and will not permit any other MELTwich franchisees to, operate a dedicated MELTwich outlet in the Territory using the same Marks as licensed to Franchisee in this Agreement so long as Franchisee is not in default under this Agreement or this Agreement has not expired or been terminated, subject to Section 3.2 below. Notwithstanding, Franchisee acknowledges that the Territory does not grant Franchisee any exclusive customer base. Franchisee further acknowledges that Franchisor and all System franchisees have the right to conduct sales by delivery in any area with Franchisor’s consent, which may include the Territory. Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, Franchisor reserves the right to open, operate or franchise MELTwich outlets around, bordering, and adjacent to the Territory.

3.2 Reservation of Rights. Franchisee understands and agrees that all rights to any businesses, other than as specified in this Agreement, are fully reserved to Franchisor. By way of example only, Franchisor reserves the rights to offer (i) other products or services not offered under the Marks, (ii) other food concepts under the Marks or other trademarks, including licensing Franchisor’s designs for use in other formats, (iii) products or services through any channel of distribution other than a dedicated MELTwich, such as non-traditional retail locations, including, but not limited to, malls, transportation centers, limited access venues, and higher education campuses and the Internet (“Alternate Distribution Channels”). Franchisee will receive no compensation for Franchisor’s sales through Alternate Distribution Channels. Franchisee agrees that such implementation of Franchisor’s rights pursuant to this Section 3.2 is deemed not to impair or injure Franchisee’s rights pursuant to Section 2 hereof.

3.3 Solicitation and Sales Restrictions. Franchisee must target Franchisee’s advertising within the Territory and may only solicit sales from customers located within the Territory. Notwithstanding, Franchisee may engage in sales by delivery outside of the Territory, with Franchisor’s prior consent. Franchisee is prohibited from selling and soliciting customers through Alternate Distribution Channels, provided that Franchisee may fulfill at the Franchised Business premises orders received through Franchisor’s approved online ordering platform or approved third-party delivery applications.

**4. TERM.** Unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement and the Franchise granted hereunder shall commence upon the Effective Date set

forth above, and terminate on the date that is ten (10) years following the Opening Date, as defined in Section 8 hereof (the “Term”).

**5. SUCCESSOR OPTIONS.** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Franchisee shall have the right, following the expiration of the Term hereof, to enter into a new franchise agreement and other agreements then customarily employed by Franchisor and in the form then generally being offered to prospective franchisees in the state in which the Franchised Business is located (the “Successor Franchise Agreement”) for one (1) additional term equal to ten (10) years. The term of such Successor Franchise Agreement shall commence upon the date of expiration of the immediately preceding term. Franchisee shall be charged a Successor Agreement fee equal to fifty percent (50%) of the then-current Initial Franchise Fee (“Successor Agreement Fee”).

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

5.1.1 Not less than twelve (12) months prior to the expiration of the Term of this Agreement, Franchisee shall request from Franchisor in writing, a copy of Franchisor’s then current Disclosure Document (including Franchisor’s then current franchise agreement).

5.1.2 Franchisee must execute and return to Franchisor all required documents, including any and all ancillary documents, within thirty (30) days after receipt by Franchisee of a copy of Franchisor’s then current Disclosure Document.

5.1.3 The Successor Franchise Agreement shall supersede this Agreement in all respects, and Franchisee understands and acknowledges that the terms of such new agreement may differ from the terms of this Agreement, including, without limitation, higher or lower royalty and other fees.

5.1.4 If Franchisee fails to perform any of the acts, or deliver any of the notices required pursuant to this Paragraph 5 in a timely fashion, such failure shall be deemed an election by Franchisee not to exercise Franchisee’s option to enter into the Successor Franchise Agreement, and such failure shall cause Franchisee’s right and option to automatically lapse and expire, without further notice by Franchisor.

5.1.5 Franchisee acknowledges that the initial Term of this Agreement provides Franchisee more than a sufficient opportunity to recoup Franchisee’s investment in the Franchise, as well as a reasonable return on such investment.

5.2 Conditions of Successor Agreement. Franchisee’s right to enter into a Successor Franchise Agreement is conditioned upon the following:

5.2.1 Franchisee shall be in full compliance with this Agreement and shall have materially performed Franchisee’s obligations under this Agreement, the Manual

and under all other agreements that may be in effect between Franchisee and Franchisor, including but not limited to all monetary obligations.

- 5.2.2 Franchisee shall not have committed three (3) or more events constituting default during the then current Term of this Agreement, whether or not such defaults were cured.
  - 5.2.3 Franchisee will have completed any required additional training to Franchisor's reasonable satisfaction.
  - 5.2.4 Franchisee shall have obtained the right to continue to occupy the premises of the Franchised Business following the expiration of the Term hereof for the full term of the Successor Franchise Agreement and/or have received Franchisor's approval regarding locating the Franchised Business at a new location.
  - 5.2.5 Franchisee shall execute a general release of all claims Franchisee may have against MELTwich USA Inc., its parent, subsidiaries and affiliates, its officers, directors, shareholders, agents, and employees, whether in their corporate and/or individual capacities, in the form attached hereto as an Exhibit within the Franchisor's Franchise Disclosure Document. This release will include all claims arising under any federal, state, or local law, rule, or ordinance.
  - 5.2.6 Franchisee performs such remodeling, repairs, replacements and redecoration as Franchisor may require in order to cause the Franchised Business premises, equipment, fixtures, furnishings and furniture to conform to the plans and specifications being used for new or remodeled franchised businesses on the successor term date.
  - 5.2.7 Franchisee shall pay the required Successor Agreement Fee and sign the Successor Franchise Agreement.
- 5.3 Notice Required by Law. If applicable law requires Franchisor to give notice to Franchisee prior to the expiration of the Term, this Agreement shall remain in effect on a month-to-month basis until Franchisor has given the notice required by such applicable law. If Franchisor is not offering new MELTwich franchises, is in the process of revising, amending or renewing Franchisor's form of franchise agreement or disclosure document, or Franchisor is not lawfully able to offer Franchisee the then current form of Successor Franchise Agreement at the time Franchisee advises Franchisor pursuant to Paragraph 5.2 hereof that Franchisee desires to renew, Franchisor may, in Franchisor's sole discretion, (i) offer to renew this Agreement upon the same terms set forth herein for the appropriate successor term or (ii) offer to extend the Term hereof on a month-to-month basis following the expiration of the Term for as long as Franchisor deems necessary or appropriate so that Franchisor may lawfully offer the then current form of Successor Franchise Agreement. Any timeframes specified in this Paragraph 5 shall be inclusive of any state mandated notice periods.

- 5.4 Additional Reservation of Rights. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Franchisor reserves the right not to renew this Franchise as a result of a decision to withdraw from the area in which Franchisee's Franchised Business is located.

## 6. FEES

- 6.1 Initial Franchise and Royalty Fee. As part of the consideration for the right to operate the Franchise granted herein, Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor the following fees:

6.1.1 Initial Franchise Fee. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that the grant of this Franchise and the rights and obligations of the parties under this Agreement constitute the sole and only consideration for the initial franchise fee of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) (the "Initial Fee"). **The Initial Fee is fully earned at the time this Franchise Agreement is signed and is not refundable under any circumstances.** Franchisee shall pay the full amount of the Initial Fee to Franchisor upon Franchisee's execution of this Agreement.

6.1.2 Royalty Fee. Franchisee agrees to pay Franchisor, throughout the Term, a royalty fee equal to six percent (6%) of the Gross Revenue, as hereinafter defined, realized from the Franchised Business and from any other revenues received using Franchisor's methods, operations and/or trade secrets (the "Royalty Fee"). The term "Gross Revenue" includes all revenues and income from any source derived or received by Franchisee from, through, by or on account of the operation of the Franchised Business or made pursuant to the rights granted hereunder, including but not limited, any and all other revenues received using Franchisor's methods, operations and/or trade secrets whether received in cash, in services, in kind, from barter and/or exchange, on credit (whether or not payment is actually received) or otherwise. Gross Revenue shall include Franchisee's revenues from the sale of alcoholic beverages. Gross Revenue shall include the full amount payable by your customers, without deduction for your delivery costs, third-party delivery fees, or for other write-offs; however, Gross Revenue shall not include (i) any sales tax or similar taxes collected from customers and turned over to the governmental authority imposing the tax, (ii) properly documented refunds to customers, or (iii) properly documented promotional discounts (i.e. coupons). Gross Revenue does not include gift card purchases, at the time of purchase, but Gross Revenue does include the redemption amount of purchases made by gift card. If a state or local law in which the Franchised Business is located prohibits or restricts in any way Franchisor's ability to collect Royalty Fees or other amounts based on Gross Sales derived from the sale of beer, wine, and other alcoholic beverages at the Franchised Business, then Franchisor shall increase the percentage rate for calculating Royalty Fees, and change the definition of Gross Sales to exclude sales of beer, wine and other alcoholic beverages, in a manner such that the Royalty Fees to be paid by Franchisee shall be equal to such amounts as Franchisee would have been required to pay if sales from beer, wine, and other alcoholic beverages were included in Gross Sales

6.1.3 Gross Revenue Reports. Franchisee shall, on the Thursday following the close of each calendar week (Monday through Sunday), furnish Franchisor with a report showing

Franchisee's Gross Revenue at or from the Franchised Business and/or made pursuant to the rights granted hereunder during such period (the "Gross Revenue Report"). The Gross Revenue Report shall be in such form and shall contain such information as Franchisor may from time to time prescribe. Franchisor reserves the right to establish a point of sale system ("POS System") that Franchisor may require Franchisee to use in the operation of the Franchised Business. At Franchisor's option, Franchisee shall submit, or grant Franchisor access to, the Gross Revenue Report by an electronic transfer of data via the POS System at the times and interims then specified by Franchisor.

- 6.1.4 Method of Payment. Franchisee shall, together with the submission of the Gross Revenue Report, pay Franchisor the Royalty Fee, the Brand Development Fund Contribution, as defined and more particularly described in Article 13 then due. At Franchisor's request, Franchisee must execute documents that allow Franchisor to automatically take the Royalty Fee and Brand Development Fund Contribution due as well as other sums due Franchisor, from business bank accounts via electronic funds transfers. Franchisee's failure to allow electronic funds transfers on an ongoing basis is a material breach of this Agreement.
- 6.2. Late Fee. If the Royalty Fee, Brand Development Fund Contribution, Internal Systems Fee, or any Gross Revenue Reports are not received by Franchisor as required by this Agreement, Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor, in addition to the overdue amount, a late fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00). This late fee is reasonably related to Franchisor's costs resulting from the delay in payment and/or receipt of any report, is not a penalty, and is in addition to any other remedy available to Franchisor under this Agreement for Franchisee's failure to pay the Royalty Fee, the Brand Development Fund Contribution, and/or submit Gross Revenue Reports in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 6.3. Interest. Any and all amounts that shall become due and owing from Franchisee to Franchisor under the terms hereof shall bear interest from the date due until paid at the rate of 18% per annum or at the highest rate permitted by law, whichever is lower.
- 6.4. Non-Sufficient Funds Fee. In the event any of Franchisee's checks are returned, or an electronic funds transfer from Franchisee's bank account is denied, for insufficient funds, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor, in addition to the amount due, a non-sufficient funds fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per occurrence. These non-sufficient funds fee is reasonably related to Franchisor's costs resulting from the delayed and declined payment, is not a penalty, and is in addition to any other remedy available to Franchisor under this Agreement.
- 6.5. Taxes. If any withholding, sales, excise, use, privilege or other tax (excepting Franchisor's income tax obligation) ("Tax Charge") is imposed or levied by any government or governmental agency on Franchisor or Franchisee for any fee due and payable under this Agreement, including but not limited to, the Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution (for the purpose of this Section 6.6, such fee shall be referred to as a "Taxable Payment"), then Franchisee shall pay Franchisor a sum equal to the amount of

the Tax Charge, together with the Taxable Payment, such that the net sum received by Franchisor equals the amount of the Taxable Payment without deduction, withholding, payment or application of the Tax Charge.

- 6.6 Internal Systems Fee. Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor, together with the first Gross Revenue Report of each month, an internal systems fee of One Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$135.00) per month for required software and applications provided by Franchisor to Franchisee (“Internal Systems Fee”). Such software and applications include but are not limited to, assigned phone numbers and email address required for use in the Franchised Business, a franchise intranet portal, benchmarking platform and/or other operations systems. In Franchisor’s sole discretion, upon thirty (30) days’ prior notice to Franchisee, Franchisor may (i) increase the amount of the Internal Systems Fee up to Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or (ii) replace the software and applications with different technology, developed by Franchisor or a third-party, and Franchisee shall pay the then-current fees for replacement technology and for continuous access thereto.

## **7. TRAINING.**

- 7.1 Initial Management Training Program. Franchisee (specifically including all Franchisee’s principals) shall attend and complete to Franchisor’s sole and absolute satisfaction, Franchisor’s initial management training program (“Initial Management Training Program”) prior to the opening of the Franchised Business. The Initial Management Training Program is conducted at one of Franchisor’s headquarters and/or affiliated owned or franchised outlet. Franchisor reserves the right to designate an alternate location for any component of the Initial Management Training Program, or to provide the Initial Management Training Program in a virtual format. Franchisee must at all times during the term of this Agreement have principals who have successfully completed the Initial Management Training Program to Franchisor’s sole and complete satisfaction. No charge shall be made for up to two (2) individuals to take the Initial Management Training Program prior to opening the Franchised Business (“Initial Trainees”). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee shall be required to pay all of the expenses of the Initial Trainees, including, without limitation, costs of travel, lodging, meals and wages.
- 7.2 Satisfactory Completion. Franchisor shall determine, in Franchisor’s sole discretion, whether the Initial Trainees have satisfactorily completed the Initial Management Training Program, which shall include mastery of post-course applications. If the Initial Management Training Program is not satisfactorily completed by the Initial Trainees, or if Franchisor, in Franchisor’s reasonable business judgment based upon the performance of the Initial Trainees, determines that the Initial Management Training Program cannot be satisfactorily completed by Franchisee and Franchisee’s Principal(s), Franchisor may terminate this Agreement.
- 7.3 Opening Assistance. During the opening of the Franchised Business, Franchisor shall provide Franchisee with opening assistance by a trained representative of Franchisor.

The trainer will provide on-site opening training, supervision, and assistance to Franchisee for a minimum of two (2) weeks at no charge to Franchisee.

7.4. Additional Training. Franchisor may offer mandatory and/or optional additional training programs from time to time. If required by Franchisor, Franchisee, or Franchisee's principals shall participate in the following additional training:

(i) on-going training at a location designated by Franchisor.

(ii) a national business meeting or annual convention at a location designated by Franchisor.

The total amount of required ongoing training and/or annual meetings will be five (5) days or less per year. Franchisor reserves the right to impose a reasonable fee for all additional training programs. Franchisee shall be responsible for any and all incidental expenses incurred by Franchisee or Franchisee's personnel in connection with additional training or attendance at Franchisor's national business meeting or annual convention, including, without limitation, costs of travel, lodging, meals and wages. Franchisee's failure to attend and/or complete mandatory additional training or failure to attend Franchisor's national business meeting or annual convention is a default of this Agreement. Franchisee or Franchisee's principal(s) shall be required to obtain any missed mandatory additional training at a location Franchisor designates. Franchisee shall pay all costs and expenses for such additional training, including but not limited to, tuition at the then-current rate and any and all transportation, meals and lodging of Franchisee, Franchisee's principal and Franchisor's training personnel. Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor any incurred expenses by Franchisor's training personnel within ten (10) days of Franchisor's billing thereof to Franchisee.

7.5. On-Site Remedial Training. Upon Franchisee's reasonable request or as Franchisor shall deem appropriate, Franchisor shall, during the term hereof, subject to the availability of personnel, provide Franchisee with additional trained representatives who shall provide on-site remedial training and assistance to Franchisee's personnel at the Franchised Business location. For any additional on-site training and assistance, Franchisee shall pay the per diem fee then being charged to franchisees under the System for the services of such trained representatives, plus their costs of travel, lodging, and meals.

7.6. Counseling and Assistance. In addition to visits by Franchisor's field representatives, as Franchisor deems appropriate, Franchisor shall, within reasonable limits and subject to the availability of Franchisor's personnel, upon Franchisee's request and at no charge, unless such assistance is provided at the Franchised Business pursuant to Section 7.5, furnish consultation and assistance to Franchisee, either in person or by telephone, video conference, electronic mail or postal service, as determined by Franchisor, in Franchisor's sole discretion, with respect to the operation of the Franchised Business, including consultation and advice regarding employee training, marketing, operation issues, purchasing and inventory control, bookkeeping and System improvements.

## 8. FRANCHISED LOCATION REQUIREMENTS

### 8.1 Site Selection.

- 8.1.1. Franchisee assumes all cost, liability, expense and responsibility for obtaining and developing a site for the Franchised Business and for constructing and equipping the Franchised Business at such site. Franchisee shall not make any binding commitment to a prospective vendor or lessor of real estate with respect to a site for the Franchised Business unless the site location is approved by Franchisor. While Franchisor may render assistance to Franchisee in the selection of a site, as set forth in Section 8.1.2 below, Franchisee has sole responsibility for procuring and developing a site for the Franchised Business and Franchisee may and is encouraged to consult with professionals of Franchisee's choosing in discharging such responsibility. Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor's approval of a prospective site location is permission only, does not constitute a representation, promise, warranty or guarantee, express or implied, by Franchisor that the Franchised Business operated at that site will be profitable or otherwise successful, and cannot, and does not, create a liability for Franchisor. Franchisee releases Franchisor from any claims over the site location selection and evaluation by Franchisor, and Franchisee shall hold Franchisor harmless with respect to Franchisee's selection of the site for the Franchisee's Franchised Business.
- 8.1.2. Franchisee shall locate a site that satisfies the site selection guidelines provided to Franchisee by Franchisor and shall submit to Franchisor, in writing, a description of the site, together with written certification the site complies with Franchisor's site selection guidelines, and such other information and materials as Franchisor may reasonably require. Recognizing that time is of the essence, Franchisee shall submit such information and materials for a proposed site to Franchisor for its consent no later than ninety (90) days after the execution of this Agreement. Franchisor shall have thirty (30) business days after receipt of this information and materials to consent, in its sole and absolute discretion, to the proposed site as the location for the Franchised Business. If Franchisor fails to respond to Franchisee's submission within thirty (30) business days, such proposed site shall be deemed "disapproved". No site may be used for the location of the Franchised Business unless it is consented to in writing by Franchisor.
- 8.1.3. Within ten (10) days after Franchisor has consented to the site for the Franchised Business (or such longer period as Franchisor consents to in writing), Franchisee shall execute a lease therefor and obtain physical possession of the premises. Any lease must include Franchisor's Collateral Assignment of Lease Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment 4. Failure by Franchisee to acquire the site for the Franchised Business within the time and in the manner required herein shall constitute a material event of default under this Agreement.
- 8.1.4. After a location for the Franchised Business is consented to by Franchisor and acquired by Franchisee pursuant to this Agreement, the location shall be set forth

on Attachment 2 of this Agreement, which location and attachment shall be incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

## 8.2. Construction.

- 8.2.1. Franchisee shall be responsible for obtaining clearances that may be required by state or local laws, ordinances or regulations or that may be necessary as a result of any restrictive covenants relating to the Franchised Business premises; including but not necessarily limited to restrictions on noise, odors from paints and stains, required cross-ventilation, storage use, and disposal of paints and stains, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on the premises. Prior to beginning the construction of the Franchised Business, Franchisee shall (a) obtain all permits, licenses, insurance and certifications required for the lawful construction or remodeling and operation of the Franchised Business, including, but not limited to, permits for the installation of signage, and (b) certify in writing to Franchisor that all required approvals, clearances, permits, insurance and certifications have been obtained.
- 8.2.2. During the time of construction or remodeling, Franchisee shall provide Franchisor, or its designated representative, with such periodic reports regarding the progress in obtaining all licenses and permits; and of the construction or remodeling as may be reasonably requested by Franchisor or its representative. In addition, Franchisor or its representative may make such on-site inspections as it may deem reasonably necessary to evaluate such progress. At least thirty (30) days prior to completion of the construction or remodeling, Franchisee shall notify Franchisor of the scheduled date for completion of construction or remodeling. Within a reasonable time after the date of completion of construction or remodeling, Franchisor or its representative may, at its option, conduct an inspection of the completed Franchised Business.
- 8.2.3. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that it will not open the Franchised Business for business without the written authorization of Franchisor and that authorization to open shall be conditioned upon Franchisee's strict compliance with this Agreement.
- 8.2.4. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Section 8.2, Franchisor reserves the right to require Franchisee to purchase from such entity as Franchisor advises (which may include Franchisor or its affiliate(s)), a turnkey package for the Franchised Business. In the event Franchisor exercises the foregoing right, Franchisor (or its designee) will construct and equip the Franchised Business location and sell same to Franchisee as the turnkey package. The turnkey package includes the buildout and finishing of the Franchised Business location and the purchase and installation of items such as signage, counters, seating, point-of-sale equipment and kitchen appliances and equipment, as well as the procurement of all licenses and permits required for buildout of the Franchised Business location. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the turnkey package does not provide or include,

among other things, site location and selection, lease negotiations, rent or security deposit payments, utility deposits, insurance, office equipment and supplies, grand opening advertising, employee hiring, food and beverage inventories, or operating permits or licenses. Franchisor will provide Franchisee with an estimate of the purchase price after Franchisor approves the Franchised Business location. Such estimate shall not be construed as or otherwise deemed to be a representation, warranty or guarantee of the ultimate turnkey package price. Upon completion of the buildout of the Franchised Business location, Franchisee shall be required to enter into an Asset Purchase Agreement for the purchase of all assets provided as part of the turnkey package, in the form of which is attached hereto as Attachment 9. In addition to the purchase price for the turnkey package, Franchisee shall pay a site development fee equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the turnkey package purchase price.

8.2.5 In the event Franchisor does not require Franchisee to purchase the turnkey package as described in Section 8.2.4 above, Franchisor reserves the right to supervise the buildout and finishing process of the Franchised Business location, for the purpose of expediting the buildout process and ensuring that the Franchised Business location, once finished, conforms to Franchisor's specifications. In the event Franchisor elects to exercise the foregoing right, Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor a construction supervision fee equal to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00).

8.3. Time to Open. Franchisee acknowledges that time is of the essence in this Agreement. Upon Franchisee's compliance with the conditions stated below, Franchisee shall open the Franchised Business and commence business within ninety (90) days after Franchisee has executed a lease for the premises, unless Franchisee obtains a written extension of such time period from Franchisor. The date the Franchised Business opens for business to the public shall be defined herein as the "Opening Date". Prior to the Opening Date, Franchisee shall (i) complete all exterior and interior preparations for the Franchised Business, including installation and cleaning of equipment, fixtures, furnishings and signs, in accordance with System requirements and the plans and specifications consented to by Franchisor, (ii) satisfactorily complete Franchisor's Initial Management Training Program, as further set forth in Article 7, (iii) hire and train staff, if required, and (iv) obtain all required licenses to operate the Franchised Business. If Franchisee fails to comply with any of such obligations, Franchisor shall have the right to prohibit Franchisee from opening for business. Franchisee's failure to open the Franchised Business and commence business (i) in accordance with the foregoing and (ii) within twelve (12) months following the date of this Agreement, unless otherwise extended by Franchisor, shall be deemed a material event of default under this Agreement.

8.4. No Relocation. Franchisee's rights to operate the Franchised Business shall be limited to the location set forth in Attachment 2, and no other. Franchisee shall not relocate the Franchised Business at any time without Franchisor's written approval, which approval shall be granted only in the sole and complete discretion of Franchisor, and if permitted, shall be at Franchisee's sole expense, and subject to the following:

- 8.4.1. Franchisee shall construct and develop the new premises to conform to Franchisor's then-current specifications for design, appearance and leasehold improvements for new Franchised Businesses;
- 8.4.2. Franchisee shall remove any signs or other property from the original Franchised Business location which identified the original Franchise Business location as part of the System;
- 8.4.3. Franchisee agrees that, during the build-out, decorating and furnishing of the new location, and at Franchisor's sole and absolute discretion: (i) the term of this Agreement shall not be abated, and (ii) Franchisee shall remain liable to pay a minimum Royalty Fee and Brand Development Fund Contribution that is equal to the average amount paid by Franchisee during the four (4) calendar quarters immediately preceding the date that operations cease or the shorter period that Franchisee had been in business at the original Franchised Business location; and
- 8.4.4. Franchisor shall issue a revised Attachment 2, in accordance with Section 8.1.5 to reflect the address of the new Franchised Business location.
- 8.4.5. If a relocation site acceptable to Franchisor is not identified within ninety (90) days following Franchisee's request to relocate, either party may terminate this Agreement.

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

- 9.1. Maintenance of Franchised Business Location. Franchisee shall equip and maintain the Franchised Business location, equipment, and all required computer hardware and software and related accessories to the standards of décor, sanitation, repair and condition required by Franchisor, which standards are specified in the Manual and other written directives, standards and specifications. Franchisee, at Franchisee's expense, shall make such additions, alterations, repairs, refurbishing and replacements as may be required to comply with Franchisor's standards, including, without limitation, periodic repainting and repairs or replacement of worn or impaired décor, materials, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and signage as Franchisor may direct.
- 9.2. Inspections. Franchisee shall operate and maintain the Franchised Business and Franchised Business location in conformance with best practices for food and beverage storage, handling, preparation, service and disposal and in a manner that will ensure the highest possible rating for businesses of like kind from the governmental authorities that may inspect such businesses in the state or municipality in which the Franchised Business is located. Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor a copy of any inspection reports. It shall be a default of this Agreement if, upon inspection, Franchisee does not obtain such rating or if Franchisee fails to operate in accordance with the general standards of quality, maintenance, repairs and sanitation required by the System and this Section 9.2, and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement.

- 9.3. Equipment and Technology Updates. Franchisee shall make any and all upgrades to equipment, including but not limited to, design, display and storage equipment, POS Systems, and computer hardware and software, and any technology used in conjunction therewith, as Franchisor requires in its sole and absolute discretion.
- 9.4. Trade Dress Modifications.
- 9.4.1. Franchisee is aware that to maintain and improve the image and reputation of the System, Franchisor, in its sole and absolute discretion, may change and modify identifying elements of the System, including but not limited to, the adoption and use of new or modified exterior building designs, interior decors, color schemes, marks, and/or furnishings (collectively, “Trade Dress Modifications”).
- 9.4.2. Franchisee shall refurbish the Franchised Business location or modify identifying elements of the Franchised Business, at Franchisee’s sole expense, as required by Franchisor, but not more frequently than every five (5) years, to conform to Trade Dress Modifications. This includes, without limitation, structural changes, remodeling, redecoration, and modifications to existing improvements. Notwithstanding the foregoing restriction on the frequency of Trade Dress Modifications, Franchisee, upon notice by Franchisor and in accordance with Section 14.6 hereof, shall immediately discontinue the use of any Mark that is no longer desirable or available to Franchisor and substitute a different Mark or Marks as Franchisor directs.
- 9.4.3. Franchisee will accept, use, and display any such Trade Dress Modifications as if they were a part of this Franchise Agreement at the time of execution hereof.
- 9.5. No Liability/Waiver of Claims. Franchisor shall not be liable to Franchisee for any expenses, losses or damages sustained by Franchisee as a result of any of the modifications, including Trade Dress Modifications, required by this Article 9. Franchisee hereby covenants not to commence or join in any litigation or other proceeding against Franchisor or any third party, complaining of any such or seeking expenses, losses or damages caused thereby. Further, Franchisee expressly waives any claims, demands or damages arising from or related to the modifications contemplated by this Article 9, including, without limitation, any claim of breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and/or breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.
- 9.6. Franchisee Advisory Council. Franchisor reserves the right to create (and, if created, the right to change or dissolve) a franchisee advisory council as a formal means for System franchisees to communicate ideas. In the event a franchisee advisory council is created, Franchisor may invite Franchisee to participate in council-related activities and meetings, which invitation may be based on a franchisee’s level of success, superior performance, and studio profitability.

## 10. FRANCHISOR'S OBLIGATIONS.

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

- 10.1. Site Selection Guidelines. Site selection criteria, as Franchisor may deem advisable. Franchisor shall also approve the premises in accordance with Section 8.1.2.
- 10.2. Construction. Provide to Franchisee criteria and specifications for a MELTwich outlet. Such criteria and specifications include, but are not necessarily limited to, criteria with respect to required food storage and preparation and ventilation systems. Unless Franchisor exercises its option pursuant to Section 8.2.4, Franchisee shall independently, and at Franchisee's expense, have such criteria and specifications incorporated into the construction of the Franchised Business in accordance with Article 8.
- 10.3. Manual. Provide Franchisee access to the Confidential Operations Manual and such other manuals and written materials as Franchisor may hereafter develop for use by franchisees, as the same may be revised by Franchisor from time to time. Such documents may be provided electronically or via the Internet, at Franchisor's sole and absolute discretion.
- 10.4. Inspection. Inspection of the Franchised Business and evaluations of the products sold and services rendered therein whenever reasonably determined by Franchisor.
- 10.5. Pre-Opening Requirements. Provide Franchisee with a written list of equipment, fixtures, furnishings, signage, supplies and products that will be required and/or recommended to open the Franchised Business for business.
- 10.6. Advertising Materials. Provide samples or camera-ready artwork of certain advertising and promotional materials and information developed by Franchisor from time to time for use by Franchisee in marketing and conducting local advertising for the Franchised Business.
- 10.7. List of Suppliers. Make available from time to time, and amend as deemed appropriate by Franchisor, a list of approved and/or recommended suppliers of products and services for System franchisees.
- 10.8. Training. The training programs specified in Article 7 herein.
- 10.9. On-Site Assistance. On-site post-opening assistance at the Franchised Business location in accordance with the provisions of Article 7.
- 10.10. Brand Development Fund. Administer a Brand Development Fund in accordance with Section 13.3.

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

- 11.1. Best Efforts. Franchisee, including each of Franchisee's Principals covenants and agrees that he or she shall make all commercially reasonable efforts to operate the Franchised Business so as to achieve optimum sales.
- 11.2. Corporate Representations. If Franchisee is a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other legal entity, Franchisee and each Principal represent, warrant, and covenant that:
- 11.2.1 The Franchisee entity is duly organized and validly existing under the state law of its formation;
- 11.2.2 Attachment 5 of this Agreement accurately reflects all individuals with an ownership interest, whether direct or beneficial, in the Franchisee entity;
- 11.2.3 The Franchisee entity is duly qualified and is authorized to do business in the jurisdiction of the Franchised Business premises and the Territory;
- 11.2.4 The Franchisee entity's organizational documents shall at all times provide that the activities of Franchisee are confined exclusively to the operation of the Franchise granted herein, unless otherwise consented to in writing by Franchisor, which consent may be withheld by Franchisor in Franchisor's sole discretion;
- 11.2.5 The execution of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby are within Franchisee's power and have been duly authorized by Franchisee; and
- 11.2.6 Any financial statements and tax returns provided to Franchisor shall be certified as true, complete and correct and shall have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to the respective periods involved and, except as expressly described in the applicable notes, applied on a consistent basis. No material liabilities, adverse claims, commitments or obligations of any nature exist as of the date of the statements or returns, whether accrued, unliquidated, absolute, contingent or otherwise, that are not reflected as liabilities.
- 11.3 Spousal Guaranty. If any Principal is a married individual and the Principal's spouse has not executed this Agreement, such Principal shall cause his or her spouse to personally execute and bind himself or herself to the terms of a Guaranty, in the form attached as Attachment 7 hereof.
- 11.4 Appointment of Manager.
- 11.4.1. Franchisee shall be actively involved in the management of the Franchised Business. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee may designate and retain at all times a

general manager (“General Manager”) to direct the daily operation and management of the Franchised Business location. The General Manager may be Franchisee, if Franchisee is an individual, or a Principal. In the event Franchisee elects to designate a General Manager, Franchisee shall designate its General Manager prior to attending the Initial Management Training Program.

11.4.2 The General Manager shall, during the entire period he or she serves as General Manager, meet the following qualifications:

11.4.2.1. Meet all Franchisor’s standards and criteria for such individual(s), as set forth in the Manual or otherwise in writing by Franchisor, and shall be an individual otherwise acceptable to Franchisor, in its sole discretion.

11.4.2.2. Devote his or her full time and best efforts to the supervision and management of the Franchised Business and may not engage in any other business activity without the Franchisor’s consent, which may be withheld in Franchisor’s sole discretion.

11.4.2.3. Satisfy the training requirements set forth in Article 7.

11.4.3. If the General Manager is not able to continue to serve in such capacity, or no longer qualifies to act as such in accordance with this Agreement, Franchisee shall promptly notify Franchisor and designate a replacement within thirty (30) days after the General Manager ceases to serve, such replacement being subject to the same qualifications required by this Agreement. Franchisee’s replacement General Manager shall attend and satisfactorily complete the Initial Management Training Program, at Franchisee’s sole cost and expense, including the payment of the then-current tuition rate. Until such replacement is designated and trained, Franchisee shall provide interim management of the Franchised Business, who shall act in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Any failure to comply with the requirements of this Section shall be deemed a material event of default under this Agreement. Franchisor, in Franchisor’s sole discretion, may provide interim management support and charge Franchisee twenty percent (20%) of the Gross Revenue generated by the Franchised Business during Franchisor’s operation thereof until such General manager is properly trained or certified in accordance with Franchisor’s requirements, plus any and all costs of travel, lodging, meals and other expenses reasonably incurred by Franchisor, and shall be withdrawn from Franchisee’s designated bank account in accordance with Section 6.1.4.

11.5. Legal Compliance. Franchisee shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations and shall timely obtain any and all permits, certificates, or licenses necessary for the full and proper conduct of the Franchised Business. Such laws, rules and regulations shall include, without limitation, licenses to do business; health and sanitation inspections, if and when required; fictitious name registrations; sales and other tax permits; reporting and payment of all taxes; fire and police department clearances; Americans With Disability Act compliance; compliance with all federal, state or local

data privacy laws, rules, and regulations; certificates of occupancy; any permits, certificates or licenses required by any environmental federal, state or local law, rule or regulation, and compliance otherwise with all environmental laws, rules, and regulations; and any other requirement, rule, law or regulation applicable to Franchisee or in the jurisdiction of the Territory. Franchisee shall further comply with all industry best practices with respect to the handling, storage, preparation, service and disposal of food and beverage products.

- 11.6. Claims and Potential Claims. Franchisee shall notify Franchisor in writing within three (3) days of any incident or injury that could lead to, or the actual commencement of any action, suit or proceeding and of the issuance of any order, writ, injunction, award or decree of any court, agency, or other governmental instrumentality, which in any way relating to or affecting the operation or financial condition of the Franchised Business. Any and all media inquiries concerning the Franchised Business or Franchised Business location, including, but not limited to, the business operation and incidents and occurrences related to a customer or employee, shall be referred to Franchisor. Neither Franchisee, Franchisee's employees nor anyone on Franchisee's behalf may comment to any broadcast medium, except as directed by Franchisor.
- 11.7. Assignment of Numbers and Listings. Franchisee shall execute such forms and documents, including the Internet Advertising, Social Media, Software, and Telephone Listing Agreement contained in Attachment 7 hereof to appoint Franchisor its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority, for the sole purpose of assigning to Franchisor, Franchisee's telephone numbers, listings, and passwords and administrator rights for all email, software, social media, or other such accounts used or created by Franchisee in order to operate the Franchised Business. Upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement, Franchisor may exercise its authority, pursuant to such documents, to obtain any and all of Franchisee's rights to the telephone numbers of the Franchised Business and all related telephone directory listings and other business listings, and all Internet listings, domain names, Internet advertising, websites, listings with search engines, electronic mail addresses, social media, or any other similar listing or usages related to the Franchised Business.
- 11.8. Access to Tax Filings. Upon execution of this Agreement, and at any time thereafter upon Franchisor's request, Franchisee shall execute such forms and documents as Franchisor deems necessary, to appoint Franchisor its true and lawful attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, for the sole purpose of obtaining any and all returns and reports filed by Franchisee with any state or federal taxing authority.
- 11.9. Security Agreement. To secure payment of all sums owing to Franchisor from Franchisee, whether they be Royalty Fees, Brand Fund Contributions, and/or other fees, costs, damages, or reimbursements pursuant to this Agreement or any other agreement between Franchisor and Franchisee and/or Principal(s), Franchisee grants Franchisor a security interest in the Collateral (as hereafter defined) and further agrees:

11.9.1 The Collateral means all furniture, fixtures, equipment, signage, inventory, and supplies of the Franchised Business, wherever located, that are now owned or hereafter acquired, and any additions, substitutions, replacements, or products thereof or proceeds therefor.

11.9.2 This Agreement shall be deemed a security agreement, and Franchisor, in Franchisor's discretion, may file with applicable state agencies or offices this Agreement and/or one or more financing statements indicating Franchisor's secured interest in the Collateral. Franchisee shall cooperate with Franchisor and shall execute such documents as may be necessary for Franchisor to perfect its security interests.

11.9.3 Upon a default of this Agreement by Franchisee, all sums owing to Franchisor from Franchisee shall be immediately due and payable, and Franchisor shall have the immediate right to possession and use of the Collateral, which includes Franchisor right to enter upon any premises, without legal process, where the Collateral may be found. Franchisor further shall have all rights, options, duties, and remedies of a secured party pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted by the State where the Collateral is located, including the right to dispose of the Collateral in accordance therewith.

11.9.4 Franchisor's exercise of its rights with regard to the Collateral are in addition to and not exclusive of any other rights or remedies that Franchisor may have pursuant to this Agreement, at law, or in equity for Franchisee's breach of this Agreement.

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

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

12.1. Operation of Franchised Business Location. In order to maintain the highest degree of quality and service on a uniform System-wide basis, Franchisee shall operate the Franchised Business in conformity with the methods, standards and specifications prescribed by Franchisor. Franchisee agrees to comply with the Manual, as it is modified from time to time, and all directives, rules and procedures specified by Franchisor, and will, among other things:

12.1.1. Use only those furnishings, fixtures, décor, equipment, supplies, and signage that conform with Franchisor's specifications and/or which shall be purchased from only those vendors designated and approved by Franchisor; Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that: (i) Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate may be a

designated supplier or sole approved supplier of any product or service that Franchisee is required to lease or purchase, (ii) Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate may receive payment from supplier(s) related to Franchisee's required purchases or leases, and (iii) any payments so received are for Franchisor's benefit only and may be used or applied in any manner determined by Franchisor in Franchisor's sole and absolute discretion;

- 12.1.2. Maintain and operate the Franchised Business location in attractive condition and good repair, using Franchisee's best efforts to maintain a clean, enjoyable and inviting atmosphere therein in accordance with System standards, the Manual and all other directives and requirements of Franchisor, and do such redecoration, repairing, refurbishing and restoration as from time to time may be reasonably required to meet System standards and Franchisor's requirements as they may be modified from time to time;
- 12.1.3. Procure the necessary licenses or permits to allow the operation of the Franchised Business and otherwise comply with all applicable governmental laws, ordinances, rules and regulations including those related to health and sanitation;
- 12.1.4. Maintain sufficient inventories of ingredients and supplies, as prescribed by Franchisor;
- 12.1.5. Conduct sales in accordance with Franchisor's standards and specifications. Franchisee acknowledges and accepts that Franchisee may only engage in providing food and beverage service to end-users. Franchisee is expressly prohibited from selling products outside of the Franchised Business location, on the internet, to dealers and/or to distributors for subsequent resale, and engaging in such sales shall be a material default of this Agreement;
- 12.1.6. Employ only qualified individuals who are trained in accordance with Franchisor's standards, including but not limited to the protection of Franchisor's confidential and proprietary information, and who will at all times enhance Franchisor's brand and conduct themselves in a competent and courteous manner in accordance with this Agreement and the image and reputation of the System. Franchisee shall use its best efforts to ensure that Franchisee's employees maintain a neat and clean appearance and render competent and courteous service to patrons of the Franchised Business. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that poorly trained employees, sloppy or unclean appearances and incompetent or discourteous service are extremely damaging to the goodwill of the System and the Marks and are a material default of this Agreement;
- 12.1.7. Permit Franchisor or its agents, to inspect the Franchised Business location and any services, products or equipment, to determine whether they meet Franchisor's then-current standards, specifications and requirements. In addition to any other remedies Franchisor may have, Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor for

Franchisor's inspection costs of any item that does not conform to the System standards and specifications;

- 12.1.8. Prominently display signs in and upon the Franchised Business location using the Marks and/or other advertising and/or signs of such nature, form, color, number, location and size, and containing such material, as Franchisor may from time to time reasonably direct or approve in writing; and to refrain from using any sign, advertising media, or identifying element of any kind to which Franchisor reasonably objects, including signs and advertising media which have been outdated. Upon giving Franchisee notice of its objection to same or upon termination hereof, Franchisor may at any time enter upon the Franchised Business location or elsewhere and remove any objectionable or non-approved sign, advertising media or identifying element and keep or destroy same without paying therefor or without being deemed guilty of trespass or any other tort; and
- 12.1.9. Conduct all advertising programs in a manner consistent with Franchisor's standards and specifications, in a manner satisfactory to Franchisor and that will not detract from the reputation of the System or the Marks.

## 12.2. Bookkeeping and Reports.

- 12.2.1. Franchisee agrees to keep and maintain complete and accurate books and records of its transactions and business operations using the accounting procedures specified by Franchisor. Franchisee agrees to purchase the computer systems specified in Section 12.3 to maintain the records and accounts of the Franchisee to the standards of the Franchisor. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that the financial data of Franchisee's Franchised Business (i) is owned by Franchisor, (ii) is Franchisor's proprietary information, (iii) may be published in franchise disclosure document(s) issued by Franchisor following the Effective Date hereof, and (iv) may be shared with other franchisees in the System.
- 12.2.2. Within thirty (30) days after the close of each calendar quarter and within ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year, Franchisee will furnish Franchisor a full and complete written statement of income and expense and a profit and loss statement for the operation of the Franchised Business during said period, together with a balance sheet for the Franchised Business, all of which shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practice. Franchisee's annual statements and balance sheets shall be prepared by an independent certified public accountant and certified to be correct.
- 12.2.3. The financial statements required hereunder shall be in such form and contain such information as Franchisor may from time to time reasonably designate.
- 12.2.4. Franchisor reserves the right to require Franchisee to engage the services of a third-party accounting services firm, designated and approved by Franchisor, in the event that (i) Franchisee fails to keep books and records in accordance with Franchisor's

standards or (ii) Franchisor, in its sole discretion, determines that use of a third-party accounting services firm by all System franchisees is beneficial to the System.

12.2.5. Franchisor shall have the right at all reasonable times to examine, at its expense, Franchisee's books, records, and tax returns. If Franchisor's examination finds that any Gross Revenue Report was understated by more than three (3%) percent, Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor for the cost of such examination and pay the Franchisor the amounts due together with interest thereon at the rate provided herein. Such understatement may be considered a material default hereunder. Two (2) such understatements during the term of this Agreement may, at the option of Franchisor, be considered an incurable default and thereby subject to termination as provided herein.

### 12.3. Computer Systems.

12.3.1. Franchisee, at Franchisee's sole expense, shall install and maintain the POS System and computer hardware and software Franchisor requires for the operation of the Franchised Business and shall follow the procedures related thereto that Franchisor specifies in the Manual or otherwise in writing.

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

12.3.3 Any and all customer data collected or provided by Franchisee, retrieved from Franchisee's POS System, or otherwise collected from Franchisee by Franchisor or provided to Franchisor, is and will be owned exclusively by Franchisor and will be considered to be Franchisor's proprietary and Confidential Information. Franchisor has the right to use such data in any manner without compensation to Franchisee. Franchisor licenses to Franchisee the use of such data solely for the purpose of operating the Franchised Business; provided that, this license shall automatically and irrevocably terminate, without any additional action or notice required by Franchisor, upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

12.3.4. Franchisor may require Franchisee, at Franchisee's sole expense, to enter into software license agreements in the form that Franchisor requires for software Franchisor develops or acquires for use in the System.

- 12.3.5. Franchisee shall have and maintain adequate hardware and software in order to access the Internet at the speed required by Franchisor from time to time. Franchisee shall utilize the electronic mail account provided by Franchisor. Franchisee shall promptly read and respond to all electronic mail related to the Franchised Business no less often than on a daily basis and shall accept and acknowledge receipt of all electronic mail sent by Franchisor. Franchisee shall not establish any website or other listing on the Internet except as provided and specifically permitted herein.
- 12.3.6. Franchisor has established a website that provides information about the System and the products and services offered by the MELTwich System (the “Website”). Franchisor has sole discretion and control over the Website. Franchisor shall include a listing on its Website linking Franchisee’s Franchised Business location and calendar. Franchisee has no ownership or other proprietary rights to Franchisor’s website and Franchisee will lose all rights to such link to Franchisee’s location upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason.
- 12.3.7. In addition to Franchisee’s obligations pursuant to Section 6.4 hereof, Franchisee shall pay all other fees, whether to Franchisor or to third party vendor(s) and expenses for technology required by this Agreement, including but not limited to, the costs of computer hardware and software, regularly recurring fees for software and Internet access, license fees, help desk fees, licensing or user-based fees for a franchise portal or a benchmarking platform.
- 12.3.8 Franchisee shall abide by Franchisor’s data privacy policies. Nonetheless, Franchisee is solely responsible for maintaining the security and integrity of the computer and payment processing systems used in the Franchised Business and the customer and other data stored therein. Franchisee, at Franchisee’s sole cost and expense, shall implement all computer hardware, software, and Internet security procedures, including required updates or upgrades thereto, that are reasonably necessary to protect Franchisee’s computer and payment processing systems and the data stored therein from viruses, malware, privacy breaches or other unauthorized access.
- 12.4. Safety and Security of Premises. Franchisee is solely responsible for the safety and security of the Franchised Business location for Franchisee, Franchisee’s personnel, customers, agents and the general public. Any suggestions by Franchisor on such matters are for guidance only and not binding on Franchisee. All matters of safety and security are within Franchisee’s discretion and control, and Franchisee’s indemnification obligations set forth in Section 15.6 hereof shall apply to any claims made against Franchisor regarding safety or security.
- 12.5. Prices. Subject to applicable law, Franchisor may set advertised and/or maximum prices for System services and products. Franchisee shall have the right to provide services and sell products at any price through promotional discounts. Franchisee acknowledges that

Franchisor has made no guarantee or warranty that offering services or products at any particular price will enhance Franchisee's sales or profits.

- 12.6. Unapproved Item/Suppliers. If Franchisee desires to purchase, lease or use any unapproved equipment, product, or service or to purchase, lease or use any equipment, product or service from an unapproved supplier, Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor a written request for such approval prior to utilizing such product, service or supplier. Franchisee shall not purchase or lease any item or use any supplier until and unless such item or supplier has been approved in writing by Franchisor. Franchisor shall have the right to require that its representatives be permitted to inspect the supplier's facilities and to test or otherwise evaluate samples from the supplier. Franchisor reserves the right to charge Franchisee a fee equal to the actual cost and expense to Franchisor for inspection and testing. Franchisor shall notify Franchisee whether Franchisor approves or disapproves of the proposed item or supplier within thirty (30) days after Franchisor receives all required information to evaluate the product, service or supplier. Franchisor reserves the right, at its option, to re-inspect from time to time the facilities and products of any such approved supplier and to revoke its approval upon the supplier's failure to continue to meet any of Franchisor's then-current criteria. Nothing in the foregoing shall be construed to require Franchisor to approve any particular item or supplier.
- 12.7. External Quality Assurance Services. Franchisor reserves the right to establish quality assurance programs conducted by third-party providers, including, but not limited to, mystery shop programs and periodic quality assurance audits ("Quality Review Services"). Upon Franchisor's request and at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, Franchisee shall subscribe, to any such third-party provider for Quality Review Services to monitor the operations of the Franchised Business as directed by Franchisor.
- 12.8. Operational Standards Violation. Franchisor has established certain operational standards, as set forth in the Manual. Franchisee acknowledges that any deviation from an operational standard constitutes a violation of this Agreement and will require Franchisor to incur incalculable administrative and management costs to address such violation. Accordingly, Franchisee agrees that, to compensate Franchisor for its incalculable administrative and management costs due to Franchisee's operational standard violation, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor an Operational Standards Violation Fee, as set forth in the Manual, for each violation of an operational standard. **Franchisee hereby authorizes Franchisor to take payment of the Operational Standards Violation Fee, at Franchisor's option, through electronic funds transfer or ACH payment.** Franchisor need not give Franchisee a cure opportunity before charging the Operational Standards Violation Fee, and Franchisor's imposition of an Operational Standards Violation Fee does not preclude Franchisor from seeking injunctive relief to restrain any subsequent or continuing violation, formally defaulting and terminating this Agreement or exercising any of Franchisor's rights under this Agreement.

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

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

13.2. Local Advertising.

13.2.1. In addition to the ongoing advertising contributions set forth herein, and following the expenditures set forth in Section 13.2.3 below, Franchisor reserves the right to establish a minimum monthly expenditure per month on advertising for the Franchised Business (“Local Advertising”). In the event Franchisor exercises the foregoing right, Franchisor reserves the right to increase this minimum expenditure in its sole discretion. Franchisor may require Franchisee to allocate to an advertising cooperative, as described in Section 13.4, some or all of Franchisee’s required Local Advertising expenditures. Such allocation will be in partial or full satisfaction of Franchisee’s obligations pursuant to this Section 13.2.1. . Franchisor reserves the right to collect some or all of Franchisee’s Local Advertising expenditure and implement Local Advertising on Franchisee’s behalf.

13.2.2. Within ten (10) business days of Franchisor’s request, Franchisee shall provide a quarterly expenditure report accurately reflecting Franchisee’s Local Advertising expenditures for the preceding quarterly period. The following costs and expenditures incurred by Franchisee shall *not* be included in Franchisee’s expenditures on Local Advertising for purposes of this Section, unless approved in advance by Franchisor in writing: (i) incentive programs for employees or agents of Franchisee; (ii) research expenditures; (iii) salaries and expenses of any of Franchisee’s personnel to attend advertising meetings, workshops or other marketing activities; (iv) charitable, political or other contributions or donations.

13.2.3. In addition to the requirements of Section 13.2.1, during the opening of the Franchised Business, Franchisee shall conduct a grand opening marketing campaign in which Franchisee must spend One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), in Franchisor’s discretion, on marketing, promotion and awareness-generating activities. Franchisor shall advise Franchisee on a grand-opening campaign, and Franchisee acknowledges that additional funds may be required for approved grand-opening activities. Franchisor reserves the right to collect some or all of Franchisee’s grand opening funds and implement grand opening campaign activities on Franchisee’s behalf.

13.3. Brand Development Fund.

- 13.3.1. Franchisor has established a national fund on behalf of the System for national advertising, marketing, and brand development (the “Brand Fund”). Franchisee is required to contribute to the Brand Development Fund two percent (2%) of the Gross Revenue generated weekly by the Franchised Business (“Brand Development Fund Contribution”). Franchisor reserves the right, in Franchisor’s sole discretion and at any time and from time to time, to increase the amount of the Brand Development Fund Contribution to any amount Franchisor deems advisable in its sole discretion. Payments will be made in the same manner and time as the Royalty Fees. If Franchisee fails to timely report Gross Revenues, then, in addition to a late fee and interest pursuant to Sections 6.2 and 6.3 hereof, Franchisor shall collect one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the last Brand Development Fund Contribution payable. Franchisor shall reconcile amounts when Gross Revenues are reported.
- 13.3.2. Franchisor shall direct the Brand Fund and shall have sole discretion to approve or disapprove the creative concepts, materials and media used in such programs and the placement and allocation thereof. Franchisee agrees and acknowledges that the Brand Development Fund is intended to maximize general public recognition and acceptance of the Marks and enhance the collective success of all Franchised Businesses operating under the System.
- 13.3.3. Franchisor may, but has no obligation to, contribute to the Brand Development Fund on the same basis as Franchisee with respect to MELTwich Restaurants operated by Franchisor or Franchisor’s affiliates.
- 13.3.4. Franchisor may use the Brand Development Fund to satisfy any and all costs of developing, preparing, producing, directing, administering, conducting, maintaining and disseminating advertising, marketing, promotional and public relations materials, programs, campaigns, sales and marketing seminars and training programs of every kind and nature, through media now existing or hereafter developed (including, without limitation, the cost of television, radio, magazine, social media, newspaper and electronic advertising campaigns; direct mail and outdoor billboard advertising; public relations activities; conducting marketing research, employing advertising agencies to assist therein; developing, enhancing and maintaining the Website; and personnel and other departmental costs for advertising that Franchisor internally administers or prepares).
- 13.3.5. The Brand Development Fund will not be used to defray any of Franchisor’s general operating expenses, except for reasonable administrative costs and overhead that Franchisor may incur in activities related to the administration and direction of the Brand Development Fund and such costs and expenses pursuant Section 13.3.4. The Brand Development Fund and its earnings shall not otherwise inure to Franchisor’s benefit except that any resulting technology and intellectual property shall be deemed the property of Franchisor.

- 13.3.6. Franchisor will prepare an unaudited annual statement of the Brand Development Fund's operations and will make it available to Franchisee upon request. In administering the Brand Development Fund, Franchisor undertakes no obligation to make expenditures for Franchisee that are equivalent or proportionate to Franchisee's contribution or to ensure that any particular franchisee benefits directly or pro rata from the production or placement of advertising.
- 13.3.7. Although the Brand Development Fund is intended to be of perpetual duration, Franchisor may terminate it at any time and for any reason or no reason. Franchisor will not terminate the Brand Development Fund, however, until all monies in the Brand Development Fund have been spent for advertising or promotional purposes or returned to contributors, without interest, on the basis of their respective contributions.
- 13.4. Regional Advertising. Franchisor reserves the right to establish, in Franchisor's sole discretion, a regional advertising cooperative. If a regional cooperative is established during the term of this Agreement, Franchisee agrees to sign all documents Franchisor requests to become a member of the cooperative according to the terms of the documents. If Franchisor establishes a regional cooperative, Franchisee agrees to contribute amounts Franchisor requires, in addition to required Brand Development Fund Contributions.
- 13.5. Directory Listings and Social Media. At Franchisee's sole cost and expense, Franchisee must list the Franchised Business in local business directories, including, but not limited to, listings on Internet search engines. If feasible, and with Franchisor's prior written approval, Franchisee may do cooperative listings with other System franchisees. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee may not maintain any business profile on Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), Bluesky, LinkedIn, YouTube, Threads, Tik Tok, blogs, or any other social media and/or networking site without Franchisor's prior written approval, and use of any social media accounts shall be in strict accordance with Franchisor's requirements. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor with all passwords and administrative rights to any and all social media accounts for the Franchised Business, and Franchisee hereby appoints Franchisor its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, for the sole purpose of taking whatever action as is necessary for the best interest of the System, if Franchisee fails to maintain such accounts in accordance with Franchisor's standards.
- 13.6. Approval of Advertising. All advertising and promotion by Franchisee, in any medium, shall be conducted in a professional manner and shall conform to the standards and requirements of Franchisor as set forth in the Manual or otherwise. Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor for its approval samples of all advertising, press releases, promotional plans and materials and public relations programs that Franchisee desires to use, including, without limitation, any materials in digital, electronic or computerized form, or in any form of media now or hereafter developed that have not been either provided or previously approved by Franchisor. Franchisor shall approve or disapprove such plans and materials within fifteen (15) business days of Franchisor's receipt thereof. If Franchisor fails to respond to Franchisee's submission within fifteen (15) business days, such plans and materials shall be deemed "disapproved". Franchisee shall not use

such unapproved plans or materials until they have been approved by Franchisor in writing, and shall promptly discontinue use of any advertising or promotional plans or materials, whether or not previously approved, upon notice from Franchisor. Any advertising, marketing or sales concepts, programs or materials proposed or developed by Franchisee for the MELTwich Restaurant brand and approved by Franchisor may be used by other System franchisees without any compensation to Franchisee.

## **14. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.**

### **14.1 Ownership.**

14.1.1. Franchisee expressly understands and acknowledges that MELTwich Hospitality Group, Inc. (“Licensor”) is the record owner of the Marks. Franchisor holds the exclusive right to license the Marks to franchisees of the System for use pursuant to the System. Franchisee further expressly understands and acknowledges that Franchisor and/or Licensor claims copyrights on certain material used in the System, including but not limited to its website, documents, photographs, social media content, project designs, advertisements, promotional materials and the Manual, whether or not Franchisor has filed for copyrights thereto with the U.S. Copyright Office. The Marks and copyrights, along with Franchisor’s trade secrets, service marks, trade dress and proprietary systems are hereafter collectively referred to as the “Intellectual Property”.

14.1.2. As between Franchisor and Franchisee, Licensor and Franchisor are the owner of all right, title and interest in and to the Intellectual Property and the goodwill associated with and symbolized by them.

14.2. No Interference. Neither Franchisee nor any Principal shall take any action that would prejudice or interfere with the validity of Franchisor’s or Licensor’s rights with respect to the Intellectual Property. Nothing in this Agreement shall give the Franchisee any right, title, or interest in or to any of the Intellectual Property or any of Franchisor’s or Licensor’s service marks, trademarks, trade names, trade dress, logos, copyrights or proprietary materials, except the right to use the Intellectual Property and the System in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement for the operation of a Franchised Business and only at or from the Franchised Business location or in approved advertising related to the Franchised Business.

14.3. Goodwill. Franchisee understands and agrees that any and all goodwill arising from Franchisee’s use of the Intellectual Property and the System shall inure solely and exclusively to the benefit of Franchisor and Licensor, and upon expiration or termination of this Agreement and the license herein granted, no monetary amount shall be assigned as attributable to any goodwill associated with Franchisee’s use of the Intellectual Property.

- 14.4. Validity. Franchisee shall not contest the validity of, or Franchisor's or Licensor's interest in, the Intellectual Property or assist others to contest the validity of, or Franchisor's or Licensor's interest in, the Intellectual Property.
- 14.5. Infringement. Franchisee acknowledges that any unauthorized use of the Intellectual Property shall constitute an infringement of Franchisor's or Licensor's rights in the Intellectual Property and a material event of default hereunder. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor or Licensor with all assignments, affidavits, documents, information and assistance Franchisor or Licensor reasonably requests to fully vest in Franchisor or Licensor all such rights, title and interest in and to the Intellectual Property, including all such items as are reasonably requested by Franchisor or Licensor to register, maintain and enforce such rights in the Intellectual Property.
- 14.6. Substitution. Franchisor reserves the right to substitute different Marks for use in identifying the System and the Franchised Business, if it in its sole discretion, determines that substitution of different Marks will be beneficial to the System. Franchisor will not be liable to Franchisee for any expenses, losses or damages sustained by Franchisee as a result of any additions, modifications, substitutions or discontinuation of the Marks. Franchisee covenants not to commence or join in any litigation or other proceeding against Franchisor for any of these expenses, losses or damages.
- 14.7. Franchisee's Use of the Intellectual Property. With respect to Franchisee's use of the Intellectual Property pursuant to this Agreement, Franchisee further agrees that:
- 14.7.1 Unless otherwise authorized or required by Franchisor, Franchisee shall advertise the Franchised Business only under the Marks "MELTwich" and design. Franchisee shall not use the Marks, or any portions, variations, or derivatives thereof, as part of its corporate or other legal name. All fictitious names used by Franchisee shall bear the designation "a franchisee of MELTwich USA, Inc."
- 14.7.2. Franchisee shall identify itself as the owner of the Franchised Business and as an independent MELTwich franchisee in conjunction with any use of the Intellectual Property, including, but not limited to, uses on invoices, order forms, receipts and contracts, as well as the display of a notice in such content and form and at such conspicuous locations on the premises of the Franchised Business as Franchisor may designate in writing.
- 14.7.3. Franchisee shall not use the Intellectual Property to incur any obligation or indebtedness on behalf of Franchisor.
- 14.7.4. Any item offered by Franchisee that contains the Marks, must be approved by Franchisor in writing prior to being distributed or sold by Franchisee and such approval may be granted or denied in Franchisor's sole and absolute discretion.
- 14.8. Claims. Franchisee shall notify Franchisor immediately via both email and telephone, of any apparent infringement of or challenge to Franchisee's use of any Intellectual Property

and of any claim by any person of any rights in any Intellectual Property. Franchisee shall not communicate with any person other than Franchisor or any designated affiliate thereof, their counsel and Franchisee's counsel in connection with any such infringement, challenge, or claim. Franchisor shall have complete discretion to take such action as it deems appropriate in connection with the foregoing, and the right to control exclusively, or to delegate control to any of its affiliates of, any settlement, litigation or other proceeding arising out of any such alleged infringement, challenge, or claim or otherwise relating to any Intellectual Property. Franchisee agrees to execute any and all instruments and documents, render such assistance, and do such acts or things as may, in the opinion of Franchisor, reasonably be necessary or advisable to protect and maintain the interests of Franchisor or any other person or entity in any litigation or other proceeding or to otherwise protect and maintain the interests of Franchisor or any other interested party in the Intellectual Property. Franchisor will indemnify and defend Franchisee against and reimburse Franchisee for actual damages (including settlement amounts) for which Franchisee is held liable in any proceeding arising out of Franchisee's use of any of the Intellectual Property that infringes on the rights of any other party, provided that the conduct of Franchisee with respect to such proceeding and use of the Intellectual Property is in full compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

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

## **15. INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION.**

- 15.1. Procurement. Franchisee shall procure, prior to the commencement of any operations under this Agreement, and thereafter maintain in full force and effect during the term of this Agreement at Franchisee's sole cost and expense and to Franchisor's sole satisfaction, insurance policies protecting Franchisee and Franchisor, and naming Franchisor, its officers, directors, partners, owners, employees and affiliates as additional insureds as their interests may appear, in the following minimum limits (except as additional coverage and higher policy limits may reasonably be specified from time to time in the Manual or otherwise in writing):
- 15.1.1. Liability. Commercial general liability insurance, including contractual liability, public liability, liquor liability (when applicable), personal injury, products liability and advertising injury coverage in the amount of at least Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) per occurrence and Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) aggregate.

- 15.1.2. Employment. Worker's compensation coverage in the limits required by state law of the Territory; employer liability insurance in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000); employer practices liability insurance that names Franchisor as co-defendant in the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for employment wrongful acts, including third party liability for harassment and discrimination of non-employees; and wage and hour defense coverage in the minimum amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), as well as such other insurance as may be required by statute or rule of the state in which the Franchised Business is operated;
- 15.1.3 Property. Fire, vandalism and extended coverage insurance for property damage with primary and excess limits of not less than the full replacement value of the leasehold improvements, equipment, furniture, fixtures and inventory.
- 15.1.4 Business. Business interruption insurance for a minimum of twelve (12) months, in an amount necessary to satisfy Franchisee's obligations under this Agreement and the lease for the Franchised Business location.
- 15.1.5 Automobile Insurance. Prior to operating any vehicle on behalf of the Franchised Business, Franchisee must obtain comprehensive automobile liability insurance that includes third-party delivery operations, if applicable, in the amount of at least a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000), or greater if required by state law.
- 15.2. Evidence of Insurance. Franchisee shall deliver to, and maintain at all times with Franchisor, current Certificates of Insurance evidencing the existence and continuation of the required coverages. In addition, if requested by Franchisor, Franchisee shall deliver to Franchisor a copy of the insurance policy or policies required hereunder.
- 15.3. Failure to Procure. If, for any reason, Franchisee should fail to procure or maintain the insurance required by this Agreement as revised from time to time for all franchisees by the Manual or otherwise in writing, Franchisor shall have the right and authority (without, however, any obligation) to immediately procure such insurance and to charge Franchisee for the cost thereof together with a reasonable fee for Franchisor's expenses in so acting, including all attorneys' fees. Franchisee shall pay Franchisor immediately upon notice by Franchisor to Franchisee that Franchisor has undertaken such action and the cost thereof.
- 15.4. Increase in Coverage. The levels and types of insurance stated herein are minimum requirements. Franchisor reserves the right to raise the required minimum requirements for any type of insurance or add additional types of insurance requirements as Franchisor deems reasonably prudent to require. Within thirty (30) days of any such required new limits or types of coverage, Franchisee must submit proof to Franchisor of Franchisee's coverage pursuant to Franchisor's requirements.
- 15.5. Additional Insured. All required insurance policies shall name Franchisor and their affiliates and their members, officers, agents and employees as additional insureds as their

interests may appear. All public liability policies shall contain a provision that the additional insureds, although named as insureds, shall nevertheless be entitled to recover under such policies on any loss caused by Franchisee or Franchisee's servants, agents or employees, and all required insurance policies shall contain a waiver of subrogation in favor of the additional insureds.

15.6. Indemnification. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, FRANCHISEE AGREES TO EXONERATE AND INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS FRANCHISOR PARTY INDEMNITEES, LICENSOR, AND ANY OF EITHER'S PARENT COMPANY, SUBSIDIARIES, DIVISIONS, AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND DESIGNEES (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE "FRANCHISOR PARTY INDEMNITEES") AS WELL AS THE FRANCHISOR PARTY INDEMNITEES' DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SHAREHOLDERS, SUCCESSORS, DESIGNEES AND REPRESENTATIVES, FROM ALL CLAIMS BASED UPON, ARISING OUT OF, OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THE OPERATION, CONDITION, OR ANY PART OF FRANCHISEE'S FRANCHISOR PARTY INDEMNITEES, THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS, THE PRODUCTS, THE PREMISES, OR ANY ASPECT OF THE REAL ESTATE CONNECTED TO FRANCHISEE'S FRANCHISED BUSINESS, WHETHER CAUSED BY FRANCHISEE, FRANCHISEE'S AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, OR ARISING FROM FRANCHISEE'S ADVERTISING OR BUSINESS PRACTICES, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ALLEGED INJURY OR LIABILITY IS CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY ANY NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION OF THE FRANCHISOR PARTY INDEMNITEES. FRANCHISEE AGREES TO PAY FOR ALL THE FRANCHISOR PARTY INDEMNITEES' LOSSES, EXPENSES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ATTORNEYS' FEES) OR CONCURRENT OR CONTRIBUTING LIABILITY INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ACTION, SUIT, PROCEEDING, INQUIRY (REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE SAME IS REDUCED TO JUDGMENT OR DETERMINATION), OR ANY SETTLEMENT THEREOF FOR THE INDEMNIFICATION GRANTED BY FRANCHISEE HEREUNDER. THE FRANCHISOR PARTY INDEMNITEES SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELECT AND APPOINT INDEPENDENT COUNSEL TO REPRESENT ANY OF THE FRANCHISOR PARTY INDEMNITEES IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING COVERED BY THIS INDEMNITY. FRANCHISEE AGREES THAT TO HOLD THE FRANCHISOR PARTY INDEMNITEES HARMLESS, FRANCHISEE WILL REIMBURSE THE FRANCHISOR PARTY INDEMNITEES AS THE COSTS AND EXPENSES ARE INCURRED BY THE FRANCHISOR PARTY INDEMNITEES.

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## 16. TRANSFERS.

### 16.1. Transfers by Franchisor.

16.1.1. Franchisor shall have the right to assign this Agreement, and all of Franchisor's

rights and privileges hereunder, to any person, firm, corporation or other entity, without Franchisee's permission or prior knowledge, provided that, with respect to any assignment resulting in the subsequent performance by the assignee of Franchisor's obligations, the assignee shall expressly assume and agree to perform Franchisor's obligations hereunder. Specifically, and without limitation to the foregoing, Franchisee expressly affirms and agrees that Franchisor may: (i) sell Franchisor's assets and Franchisor's rights to the Marks and the System outright to a third party; (ii) engage in a public or private placement of some or all of Franchisor's securities; (iii) merge, acquire other corporations, or be acquired by another corporation, including competitors; (iv) undertake a refinancing, recapitalization, leveraged buy-out or other economic or financial restructuring; and (v) with regard to any or all of the above sales, assignments and dispositions, Franchisee expressly and specifically waives any claims, demands or damages arising from or relating to the loss of association with or identification of Franchisor. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall require Franchisor to remain in the business franchised herein or to offer the same products and services, whether or not bearing the Marks, in the event that Franchisor exercises its prerogative hereunder to assign Franchisor's rights in this Agreement.

16.1.2. Franchisee agrees that Franchisor has the right, now or in the future, to purchase, merge, acquire or affiliate with an existing competitive or non-competitive franchise network, chain or any other business regardless of the location of that chain's or business' facilities, and to operate, franchise or license those businesses and/or facilities operating under the Marks or any other marks following Franchisor's purchase, merger, acquisition or affiliation, regardless of the location of the facilities (which Franchisee acknowledges may be proximate to any of Franchisee's locations).

16.1.3. If Franchisor assigns its rights in this Agreement, nothing herein shall be deemed to require Franchisor to remain in the food service business or to offer or sell any products or services to Franchisee.

16.2. Restrictions on Transfers by Franchisee. Franchisee's rights and duties under this Agreement are personal to Franchisee as it is organized and with the Principals of the business as they exist on the date of execution of this Agreement, and Franchisor has made this Agreement with Franchisee in reliance on Franchisor's perceptions of the individual and collective character, skill, aptitude, attitude, business ability, and financial capacity of Franchisee. Thus, no transfer, as hereafter defined, may be made without Franchisor's prior written approval. Franchisor may void any transfer made without such approval.

16.3. Transfers by Franchisee. Franchisee shall not directly or indirectly sell, assign, transfer, give, devise, convey or encumber this Agreement or any right or interest herein or hereunder (a "Transfer"), the Franchise, the Franchised Business or any assets thereof (except in the ordinary course of business) or suffer or permit any such assignment, transfer, or encumbrance to occur by operation of law unless it first obtains the written

consent of Franchisor. A transfer of any stock in the Franchisee if it is a corporation or a transfer of any ownership rights in Franchisee if it is a partnership, a limited liability company or limited partnership shall be considered a Transfer restricted hereunder. If Franchisee has complied fully with this Agreement and subject to Franchisor's Right of First Refusal set forth in Section 16.6, Franchisor will not unreasonably withhold its consent of a Transfer that meets the following requirements:

- 16.3.1. The proposed transferee and all its principals must have the demeanor, and be individuals of good character, and otherwise meet Franchisor's then-applicable standards for franchisees.
- 16.3.2. The transferee must have sufficient business experience, aptitude and financial resources to operate the Franchised Business and to comply with this Agreement;
- 16.3.3. The transferee has agreed to complete Franchisor's Initial Management Training Program to Franchisor's satisfaction;
- 16.3.4. Franchisee has paid all amounts owed to Franchisor and third-party creditors;
- 16.3.5. The transferee has executed Franchisor's then-standard form of Franchise Agreement, which may have terms and conditions different from this Agreement, except that the transferee shall not be required to pay the Initial Franchise Fee;
- 16.3.6. Franchisee and the transferee and each of Franchisee's and the transferee's Principals shall have executed a general release under seal, in a form satisfactory to Franchisor, of any and all claims against Franchisor and Franchisor's officers, directors, shareholders, members and employees in their corporate and individual capacities, including, without limitation, claims arising under federal, state and local laws, rules and ordinances. Franchisee will agree to subordinate any claims Franchisee may have against the transferee to Franchisor, and indemnify Franchisor against all claims brought against Franchisor by the transferee for a period of one (1) year following the transfer;
- 16.3.7. Franchisor has granted written approval of the material terms and conditions of the Transfer, including, without limitation, that the price and terms of payment will not adversely affect the Franchised Business's operation. However, Franchisor's approval of a Transfer is not in any way a representation or warranty of the transferee's success or the soundness of transferee's decision to purchase the Franchise on such terms and conditions. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor all proposed transfer documents for Franchisor's review at least thirty (30) days prior to a closing of the proposed Transfer;
- 16.3.8. If Franchisee or any Principal finances any part of the sale price of the Transfer, Franchisee or its Principal have agreed that all obligations of the transferee under any notes, agreements or security interests to Franchisee or its Principal will be subordinate to the transferee's obligations to Franchisor; and

16.3.9. If consent is required, the lessor of the Franchised Business's premises consents to the assignment or further sublet of the premises to the transferee.

16.4. Transfer Fee. As a condition to any Transfer, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor a transfer fee equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), plus Franchisor's actual cost and expenses incurred in approved the Transfer.

16.5. Entity Formation Documents. The By-Laws of a corporation or Operating Agreement of a limited liability company of a Franchisee that is an entity must state that (i) the issuance and assignment of any interest in Franchisee are restricted by this Article 16; (ii) Franchisee may conduct no business except the operation of a Franchised Business pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; (iii) transfers of interests in Franchisee are subject to the terms of this Agreement governing transfers; and (iv) stock or member certificates will contain a legend so indicating.

16.6. Franchisor 's Right of First Refusal.

16.6.1. If Franchisee wishes to transfer all or part of its interest in the Franchised Business or this Agreement or if a Principal wishes to transfer any ownership interest in Franchisee, pursuant to any bona fide offer to purchase such interest, then Franchisee or such Principal shall promptly notify Franchisor in writing of each such offer, and shall provide such information and documentation relating to the offer as Franchisor may require.

16.6.2. Franchisor has the right, exercisable by written notice to Franchisee within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notification and copies of all documentation required by Franchisor describing such offer, to buy the interest in this Agreement and the Franchised Business or the Principal's interest in Franchisee for the price and on the terms and conditions contained in the offer, subject to Section 16.6.3.

16.6.3. Franchisee further agrees, in the event Franchisor exercises its right of first refusal, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the offer, that (i) Franchisor may substitute cash for any other form of consideration contained in the offer; (ii) at Franchisor 's option, Franchisor may pay the entire purchase price at closing; (iii) Franchisor 's credit will be deemed equal to the credit of any proposed transferee; (vi) Franchisor will have at least sixty (60) days to close the purchase; and (v) Franchisor will be entitled to receive from the Franchisee all customary representations and warranties given by a seller of the assets of a business or equity interest in an entity, as applicable.

16.6.4. If Franchisor does not exercise its right to buy within thirty (30) days, Franchisee may thereafter transfer the interest to the transferee on terms no more favorable than those disclosed to Franchisor, provided that such transfer is subject to Franchisor's prior written approval pursuant to Section 16.3 hereof. However, if (i) the sale to the transferee is not completed within one hundred twenty (120) days

after the offer is given to Franchisor or (ii) there is any material change in the terms of the offer, the offer will again be subject to Franchisor's right of first refusal.

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

Immediately after the death or permanent disability of such person, or while the Franchise is owned by an executor, administrator, guardian, personal representative or trustee of that person, the Franchised Business shall be supervised by an interim successor manager satisfactory to Franchisor, or Franchisor, in its sole discretion, may provide interim management at no less than Franchisor's actual cost, pending transfer of the Franchise to the deceased or disabled individual's lawful heirs or successors.

16.8. Effect of Consent to Transfer. Franchisor's consent to a Transfer will not waive any claims Franchisor may have against the Franchisee or any Franchisee's Principals nor waive its right to demand that the transferee comply strictly with this Agreement.

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

Uniform Commercial Code collateral to that of the Lender and/or SBA as the case may be.

## **17. DEFAULTS.**

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

- 17.2.4. loses for any cause whatsoever the right of possession of the real property on which the Franchised Business is located; provided, however, that this provision shall not apply if through no fault of Franchisee, Franchisee loses right of possession and Franchisee applies within thirty (30) days after such event, for Franchisor's approval to relocate the Franchised Business (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld) and Franchisee diligently pursues such relocation in accordance with Section 8.5.
- 17.2.5. fails to restore the Franchised Business location to full operation within a reasonable period time but not more than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date the Franchised Business location is rendered inoperable by any casualty;
- 17.2.6. fails to comply with any federal, state, or local law, rule or regulation, applicable to the operation of the Franchised Business, including, but not limited to, the failure to pay taxes;
- 17.2.7. defaults under any lease or sublease of the real property on which the Franchised Business is located;
- 17.2.8. understates Gross Revenue on two (2) occasions or more, whether or not cured on any or all of those occasions;
- 17.2.9. fails to comply with the covenants in Article 15;
- 17.2.10. permits a Transfer in violation of the provisions of Article 16 of this Agreement;
- 17.2.11. fails, or Franchisee's legal representative fails, to transfer the interests in this Franchise Agreement and the Franchised Business upon death or permanent disability of Franchisee or any Principal of Franchisee as required by Section 16.7.
- 17.2.12. is convicted of, or pleads no contest to, a felony or to a crime that could damage the goodwill associated with the Marks or does anything to harm the reputation of the System or the goodwill associated with the Marks;
- 17.2.13. receives an adverse judgment or a consent decree in any case or proceeding involving allegations of fraud, racketeering, unfair or improper trade practices or similar claim which is likely to have an adverse effect on the System, or the Marks, the goodwill associated therewith or Franchisor's interest therein, in Franchisor's sole opinion;
- 17.2.14. conceals revenues, knowingly maintains false books or records, submits any false reports, fails to input all sales (whether made on-premises, through delivery or catering, or at off-site events) into the POS System, or otherwise attempts to circumvent Franchisor's sales and data reporting requirements;

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

written notice of a non-monetary default more than two (2) times in any twelve (12)–month period, and the third such default, whether monetary or non-monetary, in any twelve (12) – month period shall be a non-curable default under Section 17.2.19.

17.4. Franchisor’s Cure of Franchisee’s Defaults. In the event of a default by Franchisee, in addition to Franchisor’s right to terminate the Franchise Agreement, and not in lieu thereof, Franchisor may, but has no obligation to:

17.4.1. effect a cure on Franchisee’s behalf and at Franchisee’s expense, and Franchisee shall immediately pay Franchisor the costs incurred by Franchisor upon demand; or

17.4.2. enter upon the Franchised Business location and exercise complete authority with respect to the operation of the Franchised Business until such time as Franchisor determines that the default of Franchisee has been cured and that Franchisee is complying with the requirements of this Agreement. Franchisee specifically agrees that a designated representative of Franchisor may take over, control, and operate the Franchised Business. In addition to all other fees paid under this Agreement, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor twenty percent (20%) of the Gross Revenue realized during the period of interim management, plus any and all costs of travel, lodging, meals and other expenses reasonably incurred by Franchisor, until the default has been cured and Franchisee is complying with the terms of this Agreement.

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

17.6 Reimbursement of Costs. Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor all costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys’ fees, incurred by Franchisor as a result of Franchisee’s default, including costs in connection with collection of any amounts owed to Franchisor and/or enforcement of Franchisor’s rights under this Agreement.

## **18. POST-TERMINATION OR EXPIRATION.**

18.1. Franchisee’s Obligations. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, all rights and licenses granted hereunder to Franchisee shall immediately terminate and Franchisee and each Principal, if any, shall:

- 18.1.1. immediately cease to operate the Franchised Business, and shall not thereafter, directly or indirectly identify himself, herself or itself as a current MELTwich owner, franchisee or licensee;
- 18.1.2. immediately and permanently (i) cease to use the Marks, any imitation of any Mark, logos, copyrighted material, or other intellectual property, Confidential Information (as defined in Section 19.2 hereof), confidential or proprietary material or indicia of a MELTwich outlet, (ii) cease to use any trade name, trade or service mark or other commercial symbol that suggests a current or past association with Franchisor, Franchisor's affiliates, or the System. and (iii) de-identify the Franchised Business premises. In particular, Franchisee shall cease to use, without limitation, all signs, billboards, advertising materials, displays, stationery, forms, and any other articles, which display the Marks;
- 18.1.3. take such action as may be necessary to cancel any assumed name or equivalent registration that contains the Mark or any other service mark or trademark of Franchisor, and Franchisee shall furnish Franchisor with evidence of compliance with this obligation, which is satisfactory to Franchisor, within five (5) days after termination or expiration of this Agreement;
- 18.1.4. promptly pay all sums owing to Franchisor and its affiliates. Such sums shall include all damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor as a result of any default by Franchisee. The payment obligation herein shall give rise to and remain, until paid in full, a lien in favor of Franchisor against any and all of the personal property, furnishings, equipment, fixtures, and inventory owned by Franchisee and located at the Franchised Business location at the time of default;
- 18.1.5. pay to Franchisor all damages, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor in connection with obtaining any remedy available to Franchisor for any violation of this Agreement and, subsequent to the termination or expiration of this Agreement, in obtaining injunctive or other relief for the enforcement of any provisions of this Agreement that survive its termination;
- 18.1.6. immediately deliver at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, to Franchisor the Manual and all records, files, instructions, correspondence, invoices, agreements, designs, completed project signs, all confidential, proprietary and copyrighted material and all other materials related to operation of the Franchised Business, including but not limited to customer lists and records, (all of which are acknowledged to be Franchisor's property), delete all electronic copies and retain no copy or record of any of the foregoing, except Franchisee's copy of this Agreement and of any correspondence between the parties and any other documents that Franchisee reasonably needs for compliance with any provision of law; and

18.1.7. comply with the non-disclosure and non-competition covenants contained in Article 19; and

18.1.8 in the event this Agreement is terminated due to Franchisee's default, pay Franchisor a lump sum payment (as liquidated damages and not as a penalty) in an amount equal to the average weekly Royalty Fee and Brand Development Fund Contribution payable by Franchisee over the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of termination (or such shorter time period if the Franchised Business has been open less than twelve (12) months) multiplied by the number of months then remaining in the then-current term of this Agreement. Franchisee acknowledges that a precise calculation of the full extent of the damages Franchisor will incur in the event of termination of this Agreement as a result of Franchisee's default is difficult to determine and that this lump sum payment is reasonable in light thereof. The liquidated damages payable by Franchisee pursuant to this Section 18.1.8 shall be in addition to all other amounts under this Agreement and shall not affect Franchisor's right to obtain appropriate injunctive relief and remedies pursuant to any other provision of this Agreement.

## 18.2. Right to Purchase.

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

18.2.2. With respect to the options described in Sections 18.2.1, Franchisee shall deliver to Franchisor in a form satisfactory to Franchisor, such warranties, releases of lien, bills of sale, assignments and such other documents and instruments that Franchisor deems necessary in order to perfect Franchisor's title and possession in and to the assets being purchased or assigned and to meet the requirements of all tax and

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

18.2.3. Franchisor shall be entitled to assign any and all of its option in Section 18.2.1 to any other party, without the consent of Franchisee.

18.3. Assignment of Communications. Franchisee, at the option of Franchisor, shall assign to Franchisor all rights to the telephone numbers of the Franchised Business and any related public directory listing or other business listings and execute all forms and documents required by Franchisor and any telephone company at any time, to transfer such service and numbers to Franchisor. Further, Franchisee shall assign to Franchisor any and all social media and internet listings, domain names, internet advertising, websites, listings with search engines, electronic mail addresses or any other similar listing or usage related to the Franchised Business. Notwithstanding any forms and documents that may have been executed by Franchisee under Section 11.7, Franchisee shall provide Franchisor with all passwords and administrative rights, and hereby appoints Franchisor its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, for the sole purpose of taking such action as is necessary to complete such assignment. This power of attorney shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Franchisee shall thereafter use different telephone numbers, electronic mail addresses, social media accounts or other listings or usages at or in connection with any subsequent business conducted by Franchisee.

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

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

### **19.1. Operations Manual.**

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

19.1.2. Franchisee and any and all Principals shall at all times treat the Manual, written directives, and other materials and any other confidential communications or materials, and the information contained therein, as confidential and shall maintain such information as trade secret and confidential in accordance with this Article and this Agreement. Franchisee and Franchisee's Principals, if any, shall not divulge and make such materials available to anyone other than those of Franchisee's employees who require the information contained therein to operate the Franchised Business. Franchisee shall, prior to disclosure, fully train and inform its employees on all the restrictions, terms, and conditions under which it is permitted to use Franchisor's intellectual, proprietary, and confidential information; and shall ensure its employees' compliance with such restrictions, terms and conditions. Franchisee, Franchisee's Principals, and any person working with Franchisee shall agree not, at any time to use, copy, duplicate, record or otherwise reproduce these materials, in whole or in part, or otherwise make the same available to any person other than those authorized above, without Franchisor's prior written consent.

19.1.3. The Manual, written directives, and other materials and any other confidential communications provided or approved by Franchisor shall at all times remain the sole property of Franchisor. Franchisee shall maintain the Manual and all Franchisor's confidential and proprietary materials at all times in a safe and secure location, shall take all reasonable measures to prevent unauthorized access thereto, whether any attempted unauthorized access takes the form of physical access or access via computer or telecommunications networks or otherwise, and shall report the theft or loss of the Manual, or any portion thereof, immediately to Franchisor. At a minimum, Franchisee shall, in the case of computer and telecommunications networks, use the latest available firewall, encryption and similar technology to prevent unauthorized access. Franchisee shall delete all electronic copies and return and cease using any physical copy of the Manual and other confidential and proprietary materials to Franchisor immediately upon request or upon transfer, termination or expiration of this Agreement.

19.1.4. Franchisor may from time to time revise the contents of the Manual and other materials created or approved for use in the operation of the Franchised Business. Franchisee expressly agrees to comply with each new or changed policy, standard or directive. In the event of any dispute as to the contents of the Manual, the terms of the master copy of the Manual maintained by Franchisor shall control.

19.1.5. If Franchisee loses, misplaces or otherwise requests a physical copy of the Manual, Franchisor, in its discretion, may provide such physical copy and Franchisee shall pay Franchisor the then-current replacement fee. The replacement fee as of the date of this Agreement is One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

19.2. Confidential Information. Franchisee along with its Principal(s) acknowledge and accept that during the term of this Agreement, Franchisee and Principal(s) will have access to Franchisor's trade secrets, including, but not limited to, recipes, methods, processes,

customer lists, vendor partnerships and/or relationships, sales and technical information, financial information, costs, pricing formulae, equipment, technologies and procedures relating to the operation of the Franchised Business; the Manual; methods of advertising and promotion; instructional materials; any other information which Franchisor may or may not specifically designate as "confidential" or "proprietary"; and the components of the System, whether or not such information is protected or protectable by patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights (collectively referred to herein as the "Confidential Information"). Franchisee and Principal(s) covenant and agree that Franchisee and Principal(s) shall not, during the term of this Agreement and thereafter, communicate or divulge to, or use for the benefit of, any other person or entity, and, following the expiration or termination of this Agreement, shall not use for their own benefit, any Confidential Information that may be communicated to Franchisee or Principal(s) or of which Franchisee or Principal(s) may be apprised in connection with the operation of the Franchised Business under the terms of this Agreement. Franchisee and Principal(s) shall not divulge and make any Confidential Information available to anyone other than those of Franchisee's employees who require the Confidential Information to operate the Franchised Business and who have themselves entered into confidentiality and non-compete agreements containing the same provisions as contained in this Agreement, in accordance with Section 19.10 hereof. Franchisee and Principal(s) shall not at any time copy, duplicate, record or otherwise reproduce any Confidential Information, in whole or in part, or otherwise make the same available to any person other than those authorized above, without Franchisor's prior written consent. The covenants in this Section 19.2 shall survive the expiration, termination or transfer of this Agreement or any interest herein and shall be perpetually binding upon Franchisee and each Principal.

- 19.3. Protection of Information. Franchisee shall take all steps necessary, at Franchisee's own expense, to protect the Confidential Information and shall immediately notify Franchisor if Franchisee finds that any Confidential Information has been divulged in violation of this Agreement.
- 19.4. New Concepts. If Franchisee or any Principal(s) develops any new concept, process, product, design, or improvement in the operation or promotion of the Franchised Business ("Improvements"), Franchisee is required to promptly notify Franchisor and provide Franchisor with all related information, processes, products, design or other improvements, and sign any and all forms, documents and/or papers necessary for Franchisor to obtain full proprietary rights to such Improvements, without compensation and without any claim of ownership or proprietary rights to such Improvements. Franchisee and any Principal(s) acknowledge that any such Improvements will become the property of Franchisor, and Franchisor may use or disclose such information to other franchisees as it determines to be appropriate. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that nothing in this Section 19.4 permits Franchisee to test, introduce, provide, or otherwise offer any Improvement to customers, or use any Improvement in the operation of the Franchised Business, unless and until Franchisor consents to the use of the Improvement for such purpose.

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

19.5.1. During the term of this Agreement, Franchisee and each Principal, if any, shall not, either directly or indirectly, for themselves or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with, any person or entity (i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business or customer of the Franchised Business or of other franchisees in the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise; (ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or serve in any other capacity in any restaurant or eatery business similar to the System; or (iii) do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Marks and the System or (iv) in any manner interfere with, disturb, disrupt, decrease or otherwise jeopardize the business of the Franchisor or any MELTwich franchisees or Franchisor-affiliated outlets.

19.5.2. Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement or upon a Transfer and continuing for twenty-four (24) months thereafter, Franchisee and Principals, if any, shall not, either directly or indirectly, for themselves or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with any person or entity (i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business or customer of the Franchised Business or of other franchisees in the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise; or (ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or serve in any other capacity in any restaurant or eatery business within twenty five (25) miles of any MELTwich franchised or corporate location; or (iii) do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Marks and the System or (iv) in any manner interfere with, disturb, disrupt, decrease or otherwise jeopardize the business of the Franchisor or any MELTwich franchisees.

19.6. Reasonableness of Restrictions. Franchisee and each Principal, if any, acknowledges and agrees that the covenants not to compete set forth in this Agreement are fair and reasonable and will not impose any undue hardship on Franchisee or Principals, if any, since Franchisee or Principals, as the case may be, have other considerable skills, experience and education which afford Franchisee or Principals, as the case may be, the opportunity to derive income from other endeavors.

- 19.7. Reduction of Time or Scope. If the period of time or the geographic scope specified above, should be adjudged unreasonable in any proceeding, then the period of time will be reduced by such number of months or the geographic scope will be reduced by the elimination of such portion thereof, or both, so that such restrictions may be enforced for such time and scope as are adjudged to be reasonable. In addition, Franchisor shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to reduce the scope of any covenant set forth in this Paragraph 19 or any portion thereof, without Franchisee's consent, effective immediately upon receipt by Franchisee of written notice thereof, and Franchisee agrees to forthwith comply with any covenant as so modified.
- 19.8. Injunctive Relief. Franchisee and Principal(s) acknowledge that a violation of the covenants of confidentiality and non-competition contained in this Agreement would result in immediate and irreparable injury to Franchisor for which monetary damages cannot fully remedy. Accordingly, Franchisee and Principal(s) hereby consent to the entry of a temporary and permanent injunction prohibiting any conduct by Franchisee or Principal(s) in violation of the terms of the covenants set forth in this Article 19 and hereby agree to waive any and all defenses to the entry of such injunction(s). Notwithstanding, Franchisee and Principal(s) acknowledge and agree that the foregoing injunctive relief is in addition to, and does not restrict Franchisor from pursuing, any and all claims for monetary damages resulting from a breach by Franchisee or Principal(s) of the covenants contained herein.
- 19.9 Liquidated Damages – Violation of Confidentiality or Non-Competition Covenants. In the event Franchisee and/or Principal(s) violate the covenants of confidentiality and/or non-competition set forth herein, Franchisee and/or Principal(s) shall pay Franchisor a lump sum payment (as liquidated damages and not as a penalty) an amount equal to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), plus Franchisor's attorney's fees, for each such violation. Franchisee and Principal(s) acknowledge that a precise calculation of the full extent of the damages that Franchisor will incur in the event of Franchisee's and/or Principal(s)' violation of the covenants of confidentiality and/or non-competition is difficult to determine and that this lump sum payment is reasonable in light thereof. The liquidated damages payable by Franchisee pursuant to this Section 19.9 shall be in addition to all other amounts payable under this Agreement and shall not affect Franchisor's right to obtain appropriate injunctive relief and remedies pursuant to any other provision hereof.
- 19.10. No Defense. Franchisee and each Principal, if any, expressly agree that the existence of any claims they may have against Franchisor, whether or not arising from this Agreement, shall not constitute a defense to the enforcement by Franchisor of the covenants in this Section.
- 19.11. Covenants of Employees, Agents and Third Persons. Franchisee shall require and obtain execution of covenants similar to those set forth in this Article 19 (including covenants applicable upon the termination of a person's employment with Franchisee) from all employees, contractors or third persons who will have access to Franchisor's Confidential Information, and Franchisee shall provide Franchisor with executed

versions thereof. Such covenants shall be substantially in the forms set forth in Attachment 8 as revised and updated from time to time and contained in the Manual. Franchisee shall indemnify and hold Franchisor harmless from any and all liability, loss, attorneys' fees, or damage Franchisor may suffer as a result of Franchisee's failure to obtain executed restricted covenants by employees, agents and third persons as required by this Section.

## **20. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.**

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

### 20.2. Arbitration.

20.2.1 Except disputes not subject to alternative dispute resolution as set forth in Section 20.3, any dispute between Franchisor and Franchisee and/or any Principal arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Exhibits hereto or any breach thereof, including any claim that this Agreement or any of its parts, is invalid, illegal or otherwise voidable or void, which has not been resolved in accordance with Sections 20.1, will be resolved by submission to the American Arbitration Association or its successor organization to be settled by a single arbitrator in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules then in effect for such Association or successor organization.

20.2.2 All issues relating to arbitrability or the enforcement of the agreement to arbitrate contained in this Article 20 will be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §1 *et seq.*) and the federal common law of arbitration. All hearings and other proceedings will take place in Delaware, or the offices of the American Arbitration Association, or, if Franchisor so elects, in the county where the principal place of business of Franchisee is then located.

20.2.3 This arbitration provision is self-executing and will remain in full force and effect after expiration or termination of this Agreement. Any arbitration will be conducted on an individual, and not a class-wide or multiple plaintiffs, basis. If either party fails to appear at any properly noticed arbitration proceeding, an award may be entered against the party by default or otherwise, notwithstanding the failure to appear. Judgment upon an arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction and will be binding, final and not subject to appeal. No punitive or exemplary damages will be awarded against Franchisor, Franchisee, or entities

related to either of them, in an arbitration proceeding or otherwise, and are hereby waived.

20.2.4 The provisions of this Section 20.2 are independent of any other covenant or provision of this Agreement; provided, however, that if a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any of the provisions are unlawful in any way, the court will modify or interpret the provisions to the minimum extent necessary to have them comply with the law.

20.2.5 In proceeding with arbitration and in making determinations hereunder, no arbitrator shall extend, modify, or suspend any terms of this Agreement or the reasonable standards of business performance and operation established by Franchisor in good faith. No notice, request or demand for arbitration shall stay, postpone, or rescind the effectiveness of any termination of this Agreement.

20.2.6 Except as expressly required by law, Franchisor, Franchisee and any Principal shall keep all aspects of any mediation and/or arbitration proceeding in confidence and shall not disclose any information about the proceeding to any third party other than legal counsel who shall be required to maintain the confidentiality of such information.

20.3 Exceptions. Notwithstanding the requirements of Sections 20.1 or 20.2, the following claims shall not be subject to mediation or arbitration:

20.3.1 Franchisor's claims for injunctive or other extraordinary relief;

20.3.2 disputes and controversies arising from the Sherman Act, the Clayton Act or any other federal or state antitrust law;

20.3.3 disputes and controversies based upon or arising under the Lanham Act, as now or hereafter amended, relating to the ownership or validity of the Marks;

20.3.4 disputes and controversies relating to actions to obtain possession of the premises of the Franchised Business; and

20.4.5 enforcement of Franchisee's post-termination obligations, including but not limited to, Franchisee's non-competition covenants.

20.5. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement is made in, and shall be substantially performed in, the state of Delaware. Any claims, controversies, disputes or actions arising out of this Agreement shall be governed, enforced and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the state of Delaware. Franchisee and its Principals, except where specifically prohibited by law, hereby irrevocably submit themselves to the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts in Delaware. Franchisee and its Principals hereby waive all questions of personal jurisdiction for the purpose of carrying out this provision.

- 20.6. Mutual Benefit. Franchisee, each Principal, if any, and Franchisor acknowledge that the parties' agreement regarding applicable state law and forum set forth in Section 20.3 provide each of the parties with the mutual benefit of uniform interpretation of this Agreement and any dispute arising hereunder. Each of Franchisee, Principals, if any, and Franchisor further acknowledge the receipt and sufficiency of mutual consideration for such benefit and that each party's agreement regarding applicable state law and choice of forum have been negotiated in good faith and are part of the benefit of the bargain reflected by this Agreement.
- 20.7. Waiver of Certain Damages. Franchisee and each Principal, if any, hereby waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any right to or claim for any punitive, exemplary, incidental, indirect, special, consequential or other damages (including, without limitation, loss of profits) against Franchisor, its affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, partners, agents, representatives, independent contractors, servants and employees, in their corporate and individual capacities, arising out of any cause whatsoever. Each of Franchisee and Principals, if any, agree that in the event of a dispute, Franchisee and each Principal shall be limited to the recovery of any actual damages sustained.
- 20.8. Limitations of Claims. Any and all claims by Franchisee arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the relationship among the parties will be barred unless a proceeding for relief is commenced within one (1) year from the date on which Franchisee knew or should have known of the facts giving rise to such claims.
- 20.9. Survival. The provisions of this Article 20 shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the expiration or termination of this Agreement or a transfer by Franchisee or any Principal of their respective interests in this Agreement.

## 21. GENERAL

### 21.1. Relationship of Parties.

21.1.1 Independent Licensee. Franchisee is and shall be an independent licensee under this Agreement, and no partnership shall exist between Franchisee and Franchisor. This Agreement does not constitute Franchisee as an agent, legal representative, or employee of Franchisor for any purpose whatsoever, and Franchisee is not granted any right or authority to assume or create any obligation for or on behalf of, or in the name of, or in any way to bind Franchisor. Franchisee agrees not to incur or contract any debt or obligation on behalf of Franchisor or commit any act, make any representation or advertise in any manner which may adversely affect any right of Franchisor or be detrimental to Franchisor or other franchisees of Franchisor. Franchisor does not assume any liability, and will not be considered liable, for any agreements, representations, or warranties made by you which are not expressly authorized under this Agreement. Franchisor will not be obligated for any damages to any person or property which directly or indirectly arise from or relate to your operation of the Franchised Business. Pursuant to the above, Franchisee agrees to indemnify Franchisor and hold Franchisor harmless from any and all liability, loss, attorneys' fees, or damage

Franchisor may suffer as a result of claims, demands, taxes, costs, or judgments against Franchisor arising out of any allegation of an agent, partner, or employment relationship.

21.1.2 No Relationship. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that Franchisee alone exercises day-to-day control over all operations, activities, and elements of the Franchised Business, and that under no circumstance shall Franchisor do so or be deemed to do so. Franchisee further acknowledges and agrees, and will never claim otherwise, that the various restrictions, prohibitions, specifications, and procedures of the System which Franchisee is required to comply with under this Agreement, whether set forth in Franchisor's Operations Manual or otherwise, does not directly or indirectly constitute, suggest, infer or imply that Franchisor controls any aspect or element of the day-to-day operations of the Franchised Business, which Franchisee alone controls, but only constitute standards Franchisee must adhere to when exercising control of the day-to-day operations of the Franchised Business.

21.1.3 Franchisee's Employees. Franchisee's Employees. Franchisor has no authority to control, either directly or indirectly, the essential terms and conditions of employment of Franchisee's employees. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that Franchisee, in Franchisee's sole and absolute discretion, shall determine all such essential terms and conditions of employment, which are defined in the Manual or otherwise defined by law. Franchisee specifically agrees that any training Franchisor provides for Franchisee's employees is geared to impart to those employees, with Franchisee's ultimate authority, the various procedures, protocols, systems, and operations of a Bovine Burgers Franchise and in no fashion reflects any employment relationship between Franchisor and such employees. If ever it is asserted that Franchisor is the employer, joint employer or co-employer of any of Franchisee's employees in any private or government investigation, action, proceeding, arbitration or other setting, Franchisee irrevocably agrees to assist Franchisor in defending said allegation, appearing at any venue requested by Franchisor to testify on Franchisor's behalf, participate in depositions, other appearances or preparing affidavits rejecting any assertion that Franchisor is the employer, joint employer or co-employer of any of Franchisee's employees.

21.2. Successors. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of Franchisor and shall be personally binding on and inure to the benefit of Franchisee (including the individuals executing this Agreement on behalf of the Franchisee entity) and its or their respective heirs, executors, administrators and successors or assigns; provided, however, the foregoing provision shall not be construed to allow a transfer of any interest of Franchisee or Principals, if any, in this Agreement or the Franchised Business, except in accordance with Article 16 hereof.

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

- 21.4. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all attachments, is the entire agreement of the parties, superseding all prior written or oral agreements of the parties concerning the same subject matter, and superseding all prior written or oral representations made to Franchisee, except that nothing in this Agreement or in any related agreement is intended to disclaim the representations made to Franchisee in Franchisor's Franchise Disclosure Document. No agreement of any kind relating to the matters covered by this Agreement and no amendment of the provisions hereof shall be binding upon either party unless and until the same has been made in writing and executed by all interested parties.
- 21.5. Construction. All terms and words used in this Agreement, regardless of the number and gender in which they are used, shall be deemed, and construed to include any other number, singular or plural, and any other gender, masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context or sense of this Agreement or any provision herein may require, as if such words had been fully and properly written in the appropriate number and gender. All covenants, agreements and obligations assumed herein by Franchisee and any Principals shall be deemed to be joint and several covenants, agreements, and obligations of each of the persons named as Franchisee, if more than one person is so named.
- 21.6. Captions. Captions and section headings are used herein for convenience only. They are not part of this Agreement and shall not be used in construing it.
- 21.7. Notices. Whenever notice is required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement, it shall be given in writing, and be delivered personally or by certified mail or courier, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom intended, and shall be deemed given on the date of delivery or delivery is refused. All such notices shall be addressed to the party to be notified at their respective addresses as set forth in the introductory paragraph of this Agreement, or at such other address or addresses as the parties may from time to time designate in writing.
- 21.8. Effect of Waivers. No waiver, delay, omission, or forbearance on the part of Franchisor to exercise any right, option, duty or power arising from any default or breach by Franchisee shall affect or impair the rights of Franchisor with respect to any subsequent default of the same or of a different kind. Any use by Franchisee of the System or any part thereof at any place other than at the Franchised Business location shall not give Franchisee any rights not specifically granted hereunder. Failure to take action to stop such use shall not in any event be considered a waiver of the rights of Franchisor at any time to require Franchisee to restrict said use to the Franchised Business location.
- 21.9. Remedies Cumulative. All rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement shall be cumulative and not alternative, in addition to and not exclusive of any other rights or remedies that are provided for herein or that may be available at law or in equity in case of any breach, failure or default or threatened breach, failure or default of any term, provision or condition of this Agreement or any other agreement between Franchisee or any of its affiliates and Franchisor or any of its affiliates. The rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement shall be continuing and shall not be exhausted by any one or

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

- 21.10. Consent to Do Business Electronically. This agreement is made in the State of Florida. The parties to the Franchise Agreement hereby consent to do business electronically. Pursuant to the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act as adopted by the [State/Commonwealth] of [state], the parties hereby affirm to each other that they agree with the terms of the Franchise Agreement and its Attachments, and by attaching their signature electronically to the Franchise Agreement, they are executing the document and intending to attach their electronic signature to it. Furthermore, the parties acknowledge that the other parties to the Franchise Agreement can rely on an electronic signature as the respective party's signature.
- 21.11. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 21.12. Survival. Any obligation of Franchisee or any Principal that contemplates performance of such obligation after termination or expiration of this Agreement or the transfer of any interest of Franchisee or any Principal therein shall be deemed to survive such termination, expiration or transfer.

*Signature Page to Follow*

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

FRANCHISOR:  
MELTWICH USA, INC.

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

\_\_\_\_\_,  
(Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_,  
(Print Name, Title)

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

ATTACHMENT 1

Service Marks –

MELT“WICH” FOOD CO.

**MELT**“wich”  
**food co.**

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**FRANCHISED BUSINESS LOCATION**

(If there is no Approved Location on the Effective Date, insert: **\*\*TERRITORY AND ADDRESS TO BE DETERMINED AND INSERTED AFTER A MELTWICH PREMISES IS IDENTIFIED BY FRANCHISEE AND APPROVED BY FRANCHISOR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8.1 OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, IN THE SITE SEACH AREA OF \_\_\_\_\_.**)

Franchised Business Address:

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**ATTACHMENT 3**

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

Franchisor Name: **MELTwich USA, Inc.**

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

Financial Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

ACH/Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Nine Digits)

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until Franchisor has received a written replacement ACH Withdrawal Form notification from me. I (We) understand that revocation of this Authorization Agreement by me (us) may constitute an event of Default under the Franchise Agreement.

I (We) understand that the amount to be withdrawn by Franchisor will not be the same each month and I (We) therefore authorize all monetary transfers pursuant to Articles 6 and 18 of the Franchise Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Franchisee / Account Holder Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Franchisee/Co-Account Holder Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Franchisee/ Account Holder Signature-Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Franchisee/Co-Account Holder Signature-Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

**PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK TO THIS FORM**

**Please Return Form to: MELTwich USA, Inc.**  
2200 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C,  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305

**ATTACHEMENT 4**

**CONDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE**

**FOR VALUE RECEIVED**, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_ ("Assignor") hereby assigns and transfers to MELTwich USA, Inc., a Delaware corporation with a notice address of 2200 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305 ("Assignee"), all of Assignor's right, title and interest as tenant in, to and under that certain lease, a copy of which shall be attached hereto (the "Lease") respecting premises commonly known as \_\_\_\_\_. This Assignment is for collateral purposes only and except as specified herein, Assignee shall have no liability or obligation of any kind whatsoever arising from or in connection with this Assignment or the Lease unless Assignee takes possession of the premises demised by the Lease pursuant to the terms hereof and assumes the obligations of Assignor thereunder.

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

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

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

ASSIGNOR:

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name, Title)

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT AND AGREEMENT OF LANDLORD**

to that Conditional Assignment of Lease from \_\_\_\_\_ (Assignor) to MELTwich USA, Inc. (Assignee) dated \_\_\_\_\_ for the property known as \_\_\_\_\_.

The undersigned Landlord under the aforescribed Lease further hereby:

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

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

LANDLORD:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT 5**

**STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN FRANCHISEE**

**Name**

**Percentage of Ownership**

## ATTACHMENT 6

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

**THIS INTERNET ADVERTISING, SOCIAL MEDIA, SOFTWARE, AND TELEPHONE LISTING AGREEMENT** (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into this day of \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Effective Date”), by and between Meltwich USA, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Franchisor”), and \_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, with its principal place of business located at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_’s principal(s), \_\_\_\_\_, an individual, residing at \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, an individual, residing at \_\_\_\_\_ (“Principal(s)”). \_\_\_\_\_ and Principal(s) shall be collectively referred to in this Agreement as the “Franchisee”.

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

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

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

#### 1. Definitions

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

#### 2. Internet Advertising and Telephone Listings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 3. **Miscellaneous**

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.7 **Survival.** This Agreement shall survive the Termination of the Franchise Agreement.

3.8 **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the application of Delaware conflict of law rules.

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

FRANCHISOR:

Meltwich USA, Inc.

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

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

(Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

(Print Name, Title)

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name)

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name)

## ATTACHMENT 7

### GUARANTY

This Guaranty and Covenant (this “Guaranty”) is given by the undersigned (“Guarantor”) on \_\_\_\_\_, (the “Effective Date”) to MELTwich USA, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Franchisor”), in order to induce Franchisor to enter into that certain Franchise Agreement dated of even date herewith (the “Franchise Agreement”) with \_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (collectively “Franchisee”).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GUARANTOR - SPOUSE OF FRANCHISEE'S PRINCIPAL:

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

## ATTACHEMENT 8

### CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON-COMPETE AGREEMENT

This Confidentiality and Non-Compete Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ (“Franchisee”), a franchisee of MELTwich USA, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Franchisor”), and \_\_\_\_\_ an individual (“Covenantor”) in connection with an Franchise Agreement dated.

**WHEREAS**, Franchisee and Franchisor are parties to a franchise agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (the “Franchise Agreement”), whereby Franchisor has granted Franchisee the right to use certain trademarks, including, the registered trademark “MELTwich” and design mark, and certain proprietary products, services, promotions and methods (the “System”) for the establishment and operation of Franchised Business outlets;

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

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

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

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

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

**1. Confidentiality Agreement.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **2. Covenants Not to Compete.**

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

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

(ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or serve in any other capacity in any restaurant or eatery business substantially similar to the System.

b. In further consideration for the disclosure to Covenantor of the Confidential Information and to protect the goodwill and unique qualities of the System, Covenantor further agrees and covenants that, upon the termination of Covenantor's employment or association with Franchisee and continuing for twenty-four (24) months thereafter, Covenantor shall not, for Covenantor or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with any person or entity:

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

(ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, or consultant or serve in any other managerial, operational or supervisory capacity in any restaurant or eatery business within the within ten (10) miles of any MELTwich location.

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

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

## **3. General.**

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

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

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

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

**e.** THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE INTERPRETED BY AND CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE WHERE THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS IS LOCATED. COVENANTOR HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS HIMSELF OR HERSELF TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS OF THE SUCH STATE. COVENANTOR HEREBY WAIVES ALL QUESTIONS OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION OR VENUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THIS PROVISION. COVENANTOR HEREBY AGREES THAT SERVICE OF PROCESS MAY BE MADE UPON COVENANTOR IN ANY PROCEEDING RELATING TO OR ARISING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT OR THE RELATIONSHIP CREATED BY THIS AGREEMENT BY ANY MEANS ALLOWED BY SUCH STATE OR FEDERAL LAW. COVENANTOR FURTHER AGREES THAT VENUE FOR ANY PROCEEDING RELATING TO OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE IN THE STATE WHERE THERE FRANCHISED BUSINESS IS LOCATED; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION THAT INCLUDES INJUNCTIVE RELIEF OR OTHER EXTRAORDINARY RELIEF, FRANCHISOR OR FRANCHISEE MAY BRING SUCH ACTION IN ANY COURT IN ANY STATE THAT HAS JURISDICTION.

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

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

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

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

If directed to Franchisee:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If directed to Covenantor:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

COVENANTOR:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**ATTACHMENT 9**

**ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement made as of this day of \_\_\_\_\_, by and between \_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ with its principal address located at \_\_\_\_\_, (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"), and \_\_\_\_\_'s principal(s) \_\_\_\_\_, an individual residing at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, an individual residing at \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as "Principal(s)", and together with Company, herein "Buyer") and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ with its principal address located at \_\_\_\_\_ (herein "Seller"), an affiliate of MELTwich USA, Inc. ("Franchisor").

**W I T N E S S E T H:**

**WHEREAS**, the Seller is preparing to carry on business as a MELTwich outlet (the "Business") located at \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Premises"), and

**WHEREAS**, Seller desires to sell to Buyer all of the assets relating to the Business;

**WHEREAS**, Buyer wishes to purchase such assets and the business as a going concern, all as set forth in this Agreement;

**WHEREAS**, Franchisor consents to such sale.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises set forth hereinabove, the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

**1. Sale and Purchase.**

1.1 Assets to be Conveyed. Subject to the exclusions as detailed in this Agreement, Seller hereby agrees to sell, transfer, convey, assign and deliver to Buyer, and Buyer hereby agrees to purchase and take possession of, all right, title and interest in and to all of the following assets (the "Assets"):

- (a) All of the equipment, furnishings, furniture, signs, small wares, inventory, trade fixtures and other fixed assets of the Seller used in or located upon the Premises as

of the Closing Date, together with the benefits of any warranties, if any, with respect to the Assets;

(b) All leasehold improvements located at the Premises, to the extent that Seller, pursuant to any lease or agreement for the Premises, has an interest in such leasehold improvements; and

(c) All tangible property of the Seller, if any, including any advertising, the balance of the term of any lease to be assigned, any assignable licenses or permits used in association with the Business, all customer files and records, unfilled orders, employee records and other books and records relating to customers of the Business.

1.2 Excluded Assets. The following items (the “Excluded Assets”) will not be purchased by Buyer or sold by Seller:

(a) All cash on hand, money in banks or other depositories and all accounts receivable on the Closing Date;

(b) Any security or lease deposits held by third parties in association with the business conducted at the Premises;

(c) Any equipment on lease or loan;

(d) All equipment, furniture and leasehold improvements owned by the Landlord;

(e) The trademark MELTWICH FOOD CO. and other related trademarks, copyrights, label designs and symbols associated with the MELTwich franchise system, which may be used by Company under license from Franchisor pursuant to the terms of that certain Franchise Agreement executed between Company and Franchisor.

## **2. Closing.**

2.1 Time and Place. The closing (“Closing”) of the transactions contemplated hereunder shall take place on \_\_\_\_\_, effective 12:01 am, or such later date as is necessary for all closing conditions to be satisfied, and shall take place at such place and time as the parties may mutually agree (such date that the actual closing will occur is hereinafter referred to as the “Closing Date”).

2.2 Conditions for Buyer to Close. Buyer shall be obligated to proceed to Closing provided that the following conditions are satisfied or waived by Buyer:

(a) Seller's representations and warranties contained herein shall be true on and as of the Closing Date with the same force and effect as though made on and as of the Closing Date;

(b) Seller has performed or complied with all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement on Seller's part;

(c) there has not been a material adverse change, occurrence or casualty, financial or otherwise, in the Seller or to the Business or the Assets, whether covered by insurance or not; and

(d) Seller has delivered all instruments and documents required to be delivered by Seller hereunder, including but not limited to, the landlord's consent to the assignment of the lease for the Premises.

2.3 Conditions for Seller to Close. Seller shall be obligated to proceed to Closing provided that the following conditions are satisfied or waived by Seller:

(a) Buyer's representations and warranties contained herein shall be true on and as of the Closing Date with the same force and effect as though made on and as of the Closing Date;

(b) Buyer has performed or complied with all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement on Buyer's part;

(c) Buyer has signed a franchise agreement with Franchisor, in accordance with Section 5.6 hereof;

(d) Buyer has delivered all instruments and documents required to be delivered by Buyer hereunder; and

(e) Buyer has performed Buyer's obligations set forth in Section 2.4(b) hereof.

2.4 Performance at Closing. On the Closing Date,

(a) Seller shall execute and deliver or cause to be delivered to the Buyer:

(i) one or more Bills of Sale, in form substantially similar to Schedule 2.4(a)(i), conveying to the Buyer all of the Assets to be acquired by the Buyer hereunder; and

(ii) any and all other documents and take any and all other steps as may be required to put the Buyer in full and final possession and operating control of all the Assets and the Business.

2.5 Delivery. Buyer shall take immediate possession of the Assets at the Closing.

**3. Consideration for Sale and Transfer.**

3.1 Purchase Price. The purchase price to be paid by Buyer shall be \_\_\_\_\_ (\$\_\_\_\_\_) (“Purchase Price”). In addition to the Purchase Price, Buyer shall pay Seller a site development fee (the “Site Development Fee”) equal to fifteen percent (15%) of the Purchase Price (collectively, the Purchase Price and Site Development Fee shall be referred to the “Total Purchase Price”). Buyer shall pay Seller the Total Purchase Price by cash, cashier’s check or wire transfer on the Closing Date.

3.2 Allocation of Purchase Price. The parties hereto agree that the Purchase Price shall be allocated in accordance with Schedule 3.2. Each party agrees to report this transaction for state and federal income taxes in a manner consistent with this provision.

**4. Seller’s Representations and Warranties.** Seller represents and warrants to Buyer that all of the statements contained herein, and as set forth below, are true and correct as of the date of this Agreement and shall be true and correct on the Closing Date.

4.1 Seller has clear and marketable title to all of the Assets, and there are no liens, liabilities or encumbrances attached to or otherwise encumbering the Assets, nor will Seller take any action that will result in the encumbering of any Asset prior to or after Closing.

4.2 Seller has the legal authority and power to sell the Assets to Buyer, and no consent is required from any other person or entity to authorize the sale of the Assets except for the approval of the landlord of the Premises.

4.3 Seller is not involved in any dispute with any taxing authority, nor is Seller deficient in any tax payments owed by Seller to any taxing authority.

4.4 There is no litigation, arbitration, or other legal proceeding that occurred in the last ten years or are currently ongoing, pending, or threatened against Seller.

4.5 Seller has all permits, licenses, rights, registrations, and other approvals (the “Approvals”) necessary to operate the Business as it is currently operated. All Approvals are current and in full effect, and Seller is in material compliance with the terms and conditions imposed by all such Approvals.

4.6 The Business is currently in material compliance with all laws, rules, regulations and ordinances to which it is subject.

4.7 On the Closing Date, Buyer will have acquired from Seller all of the properties and rights, including rights in all material contracts, necessary to conduct the business and operations of the Business in all respects in substantially the same manner as such Business has been conducted by the Seller prior to the Closing Date.

**5. Buyer's Representations and Warranties.** Buyer represents and warrants to Seller that all of the statements set forth below are true and correct as of the date of this Agreement (or, if made as of a different specified date, as of such date).

5.1 Buyer has full authority and capacity to execute and deliver this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereunder and to perform Buyer's obligations hereunder. No other action on the part of the Buyer is necessary to authorize the execution and delivery by Buyer of this Agreement. This Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereunder constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of Buyer, enforceable against the Buyer in accordance with their respective terms.

5.2 Neither the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement, the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereunder nor compliance with any provisions of this Agreement by Buyer will (i) violate any agreement to which the Buyer is a party or by which the Buyer is bound; (ii) require any filing with, authorization, consent or approval of, any governmental entity or other person; (iii) result in a violation or breach of, or constitute (with or without due notice or the passage of time or both) a default (or give rise to any right of termination, amendment, cancellation or acceleration) under, any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any agreement to which Buyer is a party, or (iv) violate any order, writ, injunction, decree, statute, rule or regulation applicable to any of Buyer's properties or assets.

5.3 Buyer has not entered into any agreement or arrangement entitling any agent, broker, investment banker, financial advisor or other firm or person to any broker's or finder's fee or any other commission or similar fee in connection with the transactions contemplated hereunder.

5.4 There are no actions, suits, proceedings, investigations or grievances pending or, to Buyer's knowledge, threatened against Buyer (i) challenging the validity or propriety of the transactions contemplated hereunder or (ii) which could adversely affect the ability of Buyer to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

5.5 Buyer waives compliance with any applicable bulk sales laws or requirements.

5.6 Buyer has executed, as of the Closing Date, a franchise agreement with Franchisor to own and operate a MELTwich franchised business at the Premises.

## **7. Cross Indemnification.**

7.1 Indemnification by Seller. Seller shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Buyer from and against all claims, demands, causes of action, suits, judgments, debts, liabilities and expenses, known or unknown resulting from (i) any misrepresentations or nonfulfillment of any condition or obligation on the part of Seller under this Agreement, (ii) liabilities of the Seller of any nature whatsoever, relating to the Assets, Business or otherwise, including all lease obligations, taxes and utilities payments which have accrued prior to the Closing Date, except any expressly assumed liabilities, or (iii) the operations of the Business by Seller prior to the Closing Date and not assumed by Buyer.

7.2 Indemnification by Buyer. Buyer shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Seller from and against all claims, demands, causes of action, suits, judgments, debts, liabilities and expenses, known or unknown resulting from (i) any misrepresentations or non-fulfillment of any condition or obligation on the part of Buyer under this Agreement; (ii) liabilities of the Buyer of any nature whatsoever, including any default by Buyer under the Lease on or after the Closing Date or (iii) the operation of the Business by Buyer on or after the Closing Date.

**8. Termination of Agreement.** At any time prior to the Closing, this Agreement may be terminated (i) by the mutual consent of Buyer and Seller, (ii) by Seller if there has been or it is reasonably anticipated that there will be a material misrepresentation, breach of warranty or breach of covenant by the Buyer in the Buyer's representations, warranties and covenants set forth herein, (iii) by Buyer if there has been or it is reasonably anticipated that there will be a material misrepresentation, breach of warranty or breach of covenant by the Seller in the Seller's representations, warranties and covenants set forth herein, or (iii) automatically, if the landlord of the Premises withholds consent to assign the lease from Seller to Buyer (if applicable). In the event of termination, all obligations of the parties hereunder shall terminate without liability of any party to the other, provided that nothing in this Section 8 shall prevent any party from seeking or obtaining damages or appropriate equitable relief for the breach of any representation, warranty or covenant made by the other party hereto.

**9. Arbitration.** In the event of any dispute, claim or controversy arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, the parties shall first attempt in good faith to mediate the

dispute with the use of a mediation service acceptable to the parties and if such attempt fails, the dispute shall be submitted for determination to the American Arbitration Association offices in Wilmington, Delaware, to be settled in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules then in effect for such Association. Judgment upon any award so rendered may be obtained by any party to this Agreement in any court of competent jurisdiction.

**10. Miscellaneous.**

10.1 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement and shall become effective when two or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties. Copies of executed counterparts transmitted by telecopy or other electronic transmission service shall be considered original executed counterparts, provided receipt of such counterparts is confirmed.

10.2 Entire Agreement; No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement and all other agreements or documents executed and delivered in connection with the transactions contemplated hereunder (a) constitute the entire agreement and supersede all prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral, among the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof and (b) are not intended to confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the specified parties hereto and thereto.

10.3 Severability. Any term or provision of this Agreement that is held by a court of law or government agency to be invalid, void or unenforceable in any situation in any jurisdiction shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or the validity or enforceability of the offending term or provision in any other situation or in any other jurisdiction. If the final judgment of a court of law or government agency declares that any term or provision hereof is invalid, void or unenforceable, the parties agree that the court of law or government agency making such determination shall have the power to reduce the scope, duration, area or applicability of the term or provision, to delete specific words or phrases, or to replace any invalid, void or unenforceable term or provision with a term or provision that is valid and enforceable and that comes closest to expressing the intention of the invalid or unenforceable term or provision.

10.4 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to principles of conflicts of law. Any

litigation or proceedings in connection with this agreement shall be conducted in the state or federal courts located in the Wilmington, Delaware.

10.5 Election of Remedies. Neither the exercise of nor the failure to exercise a right of set-off or to give notice of a claim under this Agreement or any document related hereto will constitute an election of remedies or limit the Buyer or Seller in any manner in the enforcement of any other remedies that may be available to any of them, whether at law or in equity.

10.6 Personal Performance/Assignment. This Agreement may not be assigned without the prior written permission of the other parties at its sole discretion.

10.7 Interpretation. The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the interpretation of this Agreement. No provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted or construed against any party hereto solely because such party or its legal representative drafted such provision.

*Signature Page to Follow*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Asset Purchase Agreement as of the date first written above.

**BUYER:**

**SELLER:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name, Title]

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name, Title]

**PRINCIPAL:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Name]

**Schedule 2.4(a)(i)**

**Bill of Sale**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS** that pursuant to an Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") dated \_\_\_\_\_ by and between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Buyer") and \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter referred to as "Seller"), Seller, herein represented by its undersigned officer, duly authorized to act on its behalf, does hereby grant, bargain, sell, convey, transfer, assign, set over, abandon and deliver unto Buyer, its successors and assigns, full good, legal, equitable and beneficial title in and to all assets listed in Section 1.1 of the Agreement and this Bill of Sale, free and clear of all community property rights, liens, mortgages, charges, security interests and encumbrances whatsoever.

**TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the same unto Buyer, its successors and assigns forever. Seller will warrant and defend the right, title and interest to such personal property unto Buyer, its successors and assigns against the lawful claims of all persons claiming under or through Seller.

All capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meaning as in the Agreement.

This sale is made solely for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged.

**SELLER:**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: [Name, Title]

**Schedule 3.2**

**Allocation of Purchase Price**  
(To be determined prior to Closing)

Equipment	\$
Furniture	\$
Leasehold Improvements	\$
Goodwill	\$

**EXHIBIT C**

**MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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ATTACHMENT 2: DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

MELTWICH USA, INC.  
MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

THIS MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is being entered into this \_\_\_\_\_, (the "Effective Date") by and between MELTwich USA, Inc., a Delaware corporation with a principal business address of 2200 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305 (herein "Franchisor") \_\_\_\_\_, an individual residing at \_\_\_\_\_ (herein "Developer").

RECITATIONS

Through the expenditure of considerable time, effort and money, Franchisor has developed and established distinctive casual restaurants (each a "Franchised Business") which feature, among other things, quick-service specializing in the marketing and selling of grilled cheese sandwiches and poutine, using Franchisor's confidential operations manual (the "Manual") of business practices and policies, and Franchisor's distinctive décor, fixtures and furnishings, operations methods, sales techniques, inventory, procedures for management control and training assistance, advertising, and promotional programs, all of which may be changed, improved, or further developed by Franchisor at any time (taken together herein, the "System").

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

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

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

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

Developer desires to obtain the right to further develop and expand the System in accordance with the development schedule described in Section 5.2 and Attachment 2 hereof (the "Mandatory Development Schedule") within the development area described in Attachment 1 (the "Development Area"), under the System and Marks, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

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

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

**2. GRANT OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS.**

- 2.1. Grant. Franchisor hereby grants to Developer, and the Developer hereby accepts from the Franchisor, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, which includes, but is not limited to, the execution of a Franchise Agreement pursuant to Section 4.2 hereof, the right to develop, construct, open and operate one (1) [brand] outlet within the Development Area set forth in Attachment 1. Developer shall be granted rights to establish additional [brand] outlets in the Development Area, up to the total number of outlets set forth in the Mandatory Development Schedule set forth in Attachment 2 hereof, subject to Developer's full compliance with all conditions precedent to the grant of such rights outlined below, which rights shall be exercised in accordance with Sections 5.1 and 5.4 hereof.
- 2.2. Reservation of Rights. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2.1 above, Developer understands and agrees Franchisor fully reserves all other rights, other than as specified in this Agreement, for sales, solicitation and distribution of MELTwich products and services within or outside of the Development Area. This reservation of Franchisor's rights includes, but is not limited to, Franchisor's right to the rights to offer (i) other products or services not offered under the Marks, (ii) other food service concepts under the Marks or other trademarks, and (iii) products or services through any channel in the Development Area other than a dedicated MELTwich outlet, such as distribution through non-traditional retail locations, including, but not limited to, malls, transportation centers, limited access venues, and higher education campuses and the Internet ("Alternate Distribution Channels").
- 2.3. No License to System and Marks. Developer expressly acknowledges that this Agreement is not a Franchise Agreement and does not grant to Developer any right or license to operate a Franchised Business, distribute any product or service, or use the Marks. This Agreement sets forth conditions which, if fully satisfied, confer upon Developer the rights to enter a Franchise Agreement with Franchisor to establish one or more Franchised Businesses in the Development Area only. Developer's rights to open and operate a Franchised Business and use the System and Marks shall be derived only through the execution of a Franchise Agreement for each Franchised Business to be established in the Development Area.

**3. TERM.** Unless sooner terminated in accordance with this Agreement, the term of this Agreement and all rights granted by Franchisor under this Agreement shall expire on the date on which Developer successfully and in a timely manner has complied with all of Developer's obligations hereunder and has completed the development obligations in accordance with the Development Schedule.

#### 4. DEVELOPMENT AND FRANCHISE FEES.

- 4.1. Multi-Unit Development Fee. In consideration of the rights granted under this Agreement, Developer shall pay Franchisor a development fee (“Development Fee”) equal to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) for each Franchised Business Developer agrees to develop as set forth on the Mandatory Development Schedule. **The Development Fee is fully earned at the time this Multi-Unit Development Agreement is signed and is not refundable under any circumstances.** Developer shall pay the full amount of the Development Fee to Franchisor upon Developer’s execution of this Agreement.
- 4.2. Application of Development Fee. Contemporaneous with the execution of this Agreement, Developer shall execute the initial Franchise Agreement for the first Franchised Business to be established pursuant to the Mandatory Development Schedule. Developer shall receive the applicable credit from the Development Fee, which shall be applied to the Initial Franchise Fee due under the initial Franchise Agreement. Provided that Developer is in compliance with the Mandatory Development Schedule and is not otherwise in breach of this Agreement, upon the execution each of additional Franchise Agreement for a Franchised Business to be developed hereunder, Developer shall receive the applicable credit from the Development Fee, which shall be applied to the Initial Franchise Fee payable pursuant to each such additional Franchise Agreement. Upon Franchisor’s approval, Developer may enter into the initial Franchise Agreement, or any subsequent Franchise Agreement as required under this Agreement using a newly formed entity, such as a limited liability company, corporation or partnership, for the sole purpose of entering into a Franchise Agreement and operating the Franchised Business pursuant thereto, provided that Developer shall also personally sign such Franchise Agreement as a principal.

#### 5. EXERCISE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS.

- 5.1. Valid Exercise. Developer shall exercise the development rights granted hereunder only by entering into a separate Franchise Agreement with Franchisor for each Franchised Business for which a development right is granted. Developer shall execute and deliver to Franchisor, concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, Franchisor’s current form of Franchise Agreement for the first Franchised Business to be established by Developer pursuant to the Mandatory Development Schedule. For each subsequent Franchised Business to be established hereunder, Developer shall execute and deliver to Franchisor Franchisor’s then-current form of Franchise Agreement, which shall be presented to Developer together with Franchisor’s then-current Franchise Disclosure Document. The then-current form of Franchise Agreement may differ from the current form of Franchise Agreement. Further, Developer acknowledges and agrees that Developer shall not receive any initial training related to each additional Franchised Business. Developer hereby waives all obligations by Franchisor to provide any training to Developer contained in each Franchise Agreement, other than the initial Franchise Agreement executed concurrently with this Agreement, by and between Franchisor and Developer. Developer hereby acknowledges and agrees that the training Developer receives pursuant to the initial Franchise Agreement executed concurrently with this

Agreement is sufficient to allow Developer to construct, equip, open and operate each of Developer's Franchised Businesses in the Development Area.

- 5.2. Mandatory Development Schedule. Subsequent to Developer's signing of this Agreement and the initial Franchise Agreement, and provided that all conditions in Section 5.4 hereof are satisfied or waived, upon the execution of a lease for Developer's first [brand] outlet, Developer shall execute an additional Franchise Agreement for the development of the second [brand] outlet to be opened under the Mandatory Development Schedule. Provided that all conditions in Section 5.4 hereof are satisfied or waived, upon the execution of a lease for the second [brand] outlet to be developed by Developer, Developer shall execute an additional Franchise Agreement for the development of the third [brand] outlet to be opened under the Mandatory Development Schedule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Developer shall open the [brand] outlets in accordance with the Mandatory Development Schedule described in Attachment 2 hereof.

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

- 5.3. Extension of Mandatory Development Schedule. If Developer is unable to meet the Mandatory Development Schedule for any Franchised Business, Developer may seek a reasonable extension from Franchisor. Any request for an extension must be in writing and submitted to Franchisor at least thirty (30) days prior to the Mandatory Open Date for such outlet. Franchisor shall not unreasonably withhold consent for such reasonable extension provided that Developer has (i) submitted its extension request in a timely manner; (ii) demonstrated diligent efforts to meet the original Mandatory Open Date; and (iii) has at all times acted in good faith and is otherwise fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement.
- 5.4. Conditions to Exercise Developer's Rights. All of the following conditions must be satisfied or waived, in Franchisor's sole discretion, before Franchisor grants Developer the right to develop an additional Franchised Business in accordance with Section 5.1 hereof and pursuant to a Franchise Agreement:

5.4.1. Developer shall (i) request Franchisor's then-current Franchise Disclosure Document, (ii) submit to Franchisor all information and other documents requested by Franchisor prior to and as a basis for the issuance of Franchise Agreements in the System, (iii) submit to Franchisor all financial statements reasonably requested by Franchisor, and (iv) satisfy Franchisor's then-current financial criteria.

5.4.2. Developer shall be in full compliance with this Agreement, the Mandatory Development Schedule, and all Franchise Agreements with Franchisor and any other agreement with Franchisor or Franchisor's affiliates; and

5.4.3. Developer has demonstrated the management skills necessary for competent operation, organization, customer service and record keeping of an additional Franchised Business as determined by Franchisor, in Franchisor's sole discretion.

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

## **6. TRANSFER.**

### **6.1. Transfers by Franchisor.**

6.1.1. Franchisor shall have the right to assign this Agreement, and all of Franchisor's rights and privileges hereunder, to any person, firm, corporation or other entity, without Developer's permission or prior knowledge, provided that, with respect to any assignment resulting in the subsequent performance by the assignee of Franchisor's obligations, the assignee shall expressly assume and agree to perform Franchisor's obligations hereunder. Specifically, and without limitation to the foregoing, Developer expressly affirms and agrees that Franchisor may: (i) sell Franchisor's assets and Franchisor's rights to the Marks and the System outright to a third party; (ii) engage in a public or private placement of some or all of Franchisor's securities; (iii) merge, acquire other corporations, or be acquired by another corporation, including competitors; (iv) undertake a refinancing, recapitalization, leveraged buy-out or other economic or financial restructuring; and (v) with regard to any or all of the above sales, assignments and dispositions, Developer expressly and specifically waives any claims, demands or damages arising from or relating to the loss of association with or identification of Franchisor. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall require Franchisor to remain in the business franchised herein or to offer the same products and services, whether or not bearing the Marks, in the event that Franchisor exercises its prerogative hereunder to assign Franchisor's rights in this Agreement.

6.1.2. Developer agrees that Franchisor has the right, now or in the future, to purchase, merge, acquire or affiliate with an existing competitive or non-competitive franchise network, chain or any other business regardless of the location of that chain's or business' facilities, and to operate, franchise or license those businesses and/or facilities operating under the Marks or any other marks following Franchisor's purchase, merger, acquisition or affiliation, regardless of the location of the facilities (which Developer acknowledges may be within the Development Area, proximate thereto, or proximate to any of Developer's Franchised Businesses).

- 6.1.3. If Franchisor assigns its rights in this Agreement, nothing herein shall be deemed to require Franchisor or any of its affiliates to remain in any line of business or to offer or sell any products or services to Developer.
- 6.2. Restrictions on Transfers by Developer. Developer's rights and duties under this Agreement are personal to Developer, and Franchisor has made this Agreement with Developer in reliance on Franchisor's perceptions of the individual and collective character, skill, aptitude, attitude, business ability, and financial capacity of Developer. Thus, no transfer, as hereafter defined, may be made without Franchisor's prior written approval. Franchisor may void any transfer made without such approval.
- 6.3. Transfers by Developer. Developer shall not directly or indirectly sell, assign, transfer, give, devise, convey or encumber this Agreement or any right granted or interest herein or hereunder (a "Transfer") or suffer or permit any such assignment, transfer, or encumbrance to occur by operation of law unless Developer first obtains the written consent of Franchisor, which Franchisor may or may not grant in Franchisor's sole discretion, and subject to the following:
  - 6.3.1. The proposed transferee must be an individual of good moral character and otherwise meet Franchisor's then-applicable standards for multi-unit franchisees.
  - 6.3.2. The transferee must have sufficient business experience, aptitude and financial resources to operate multiple Franchised Businesses and to comply with this Agreement;
  - 6.3.3. The transferee has agreed to complete Franchisor's Initial Management Training Program to Franchisor's satisfaction;
  - 6.3.4. Developer has paid all amounts owed to (i) Franchisor pursuant to this Agreement and all Franchise Agreements and other agreements between Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliates and Developer and (ii) third-party creditors;
  - 6.3.5. The transferee has executed Franchisor's then-standard form of Multi-Unit Development Agreement, which may have terms and conditions different from this Agreement, for a term no less than the unexpired term of future development obligations due pursuant to the Mandatory Development Schedule of this Agreement;
  - 6.3.6. Developer and the transferee shall have executed a general release, in a form satisfactory to Franchisor, of any and all claims against Franchisor and Franchisor's officers, directors, shareholders, members and employees in their corporate and individual capacities, including, without limitation, claims arising under federal, state and local laws, rules and ordinances. Developer agrees to subordinate any claims Developer may have against the transferee to Franchisor, and indemnify Franchisor against any claims by the transferee relating to misrepresentations in the transfer process, specifically excluding those

representations made by franchisor in the Franchise Disclosure Document given to the transferee;

- 6.3.7. Franchisor has granted written approval of the material terms and conditions of the Transfer, including, without limitation, that the price and terms of payment will not adversely affect the transferee's development obligations. However, Franchisor's approval of a Transfer is not in any way a representation or warranty of the transferee's success or the soundness of transferee's decision to purchase the Developer's development rights on such terms and conditions. Developer shall provide Franchisor all proposed transfer documents for Franchisor's review at least thirty (30) days prior to a closing of the proposed Transfer; and
  - 6.3.8. If Developer, through Developer or any entity, finances any part of the sale price of the Transfer, Developer agrees that all obligations of the transferee under any notes, agreements or security interests to Developer or Developer's entity will be subordinate to the transferee's obligations to Franchisor.
- 6.4. Transfer Fee. As a condition to any Transfer, Developer shall pay Franchisor a transfer fee equal to fifty percent (50%) of the then-current initial franchise fee multiplied by the number of remaining Franchised Businesses to be developed hereunder; provided however for transfers among the individuals named as Developer in the introductory paragraph of this Agreement the transfer fee shall be waived.
- 6.5. Franchisor 's Right of First Refusal.
- 6.5.1. If Developer wishes to transfer all or part of his or her interest in this Agreement pursuant to any bona fide offer received from a third party to purchase such interest, then Developer shall promptly notify Franchisor in writing of each such offer and shall provide such information and documentation relating to the offer as Franchisor may require.
  - 6.5.2. Franchisor has the right, exercisable by written notice to Developer within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notification and copies of all documentation required by Franchisor describing such offer, to buy the interest in this Agreement for the price and on the terms and conditions contained in the offer.
  - 6.5.3. Developer further agrees, in the event Franchisor exercises its right of first refusal, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the third-party offer, that (i) Franchisor may substitute cash for any other form of consideration contained in the offer; (ii) at Franchisor 's option, Franchisor may pay the entire purchase price at closing; (iii) Franchisor 's credit will be deemed equal to the credit of any proposed transferee; (vi) Franchisor will have at least sixty (60) days to close the purchase; and (v) Franchisor will be entitled to receive from Developer all customary representations and warranties given by a seller of franchise development rights.

6.5.4. If Franchisor does not exercise its right to buy within thirty (30) days, Developer may thereafter transfer the interest to the transferee on terms no more favorable than those disclosed to Franchisor, provided that such transfer is subject to Franchisor's prior written approval pursuant to Section 6.3 hereof. However, if (i) the sale to the transferee is not completed within one hundred twenty (120) days after the offer is given to Franchisor or (ii) there is any material change in the terms of the offer, the offer will again be subject to Franchisor's right of first refusal.

6.6 Death or Permanent Disability. The grant of rights under this Agreement is personal to Developer, and on the death or permanent disability of Developer, the executor, administrator, conservator, or other personal representative of Developer shall be required to transfer Developer's interest in this Agreement within four (4) months from the date of death or permanent disability to a third party approved by Franchisor. Failure to transfer in accordance with the forgoing will constitute a material default and all that is granted by this Agreement will terminate. A transfer under this Section 6.6, including without limitation, transfer by devise or inheritance, is subject to the conditions for Transfers in this Article 6 and unless transferred by gift, devise or inheritance, subject to the terms of Section 6.5 above. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "permanent disability" means a mental or physical disability, impairment or condition that is reasonably expected to prevent or actually does prevent such person from providing continuous and material supervision of the operation of Developer's MELTwich outlet(s) and remaining development schedule during the six (6) months from its onset.

## **7. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION.**

7.1. Default and Automatic Termination. Developer shall be deemed to be in material default under this Agreement, and all rights granted herein shall automatically terminate without notice to Developer, if any Developer shall become insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or if any Developer files a voluntary petition under any section or chapter of federal bankruptcy law or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any state thereof, or admits in writing his or her inability to pay debts when due; or if any Developer is adjudicated a bankrupt or insolvent in proceedings filed against any of Developer under any section or chapter of federal bankruptcy laws or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any state; or if a bill in equity or other proceeding for the appointment of a receiver of any Developer or other custodian for Developer's business or assets is filed and consented to by any of Developer; or if a receiver or other custodian (permanent or temporary) of any Developer's assets or property, or any part thereof, is appointed by any court of competent jurisdiction; or if proceedings for a composition with creditors under any state or federal law should be instituted by or against any Developer; or if a final judgment remains unsatisfied or of record for thirty (30) days or longer (unless supersedeas bond is filed); or if any Developer is dissolved; or if execution is levied against any of Developer's business or property; or if suit to foreclose any lien or mortgage against any of Developer's Franchised Business premises or equipment is instituted against any Developer and not dismissed within thirty (30) days.

- 7.2. Defaults with No Opportunity to Cure. Developer shall be deemed to be in material default and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement and all rights granted hereunder, without affording Developer any opportunity to cure the default, effective immediately upon notice to Developer, if Developer:
- 7.2.1. has misrepresented or omitted material facts in applying for the development rights granted hereunder;
  - 7.2.2. falsifies any report required to be furnished Franchisor hereunder;
  - 7.2.3. fails to comply with any federal, state or local law, rule or regulation, applicable to the development and operations of Developer's Franchised Businesses, including, but not limited to, the failure to pay taxes;
  - 7.2.4. fails to develop the Franchised Businesses in accordance with the Mandatory Development Schedule.
  - 7.2.5. attempts a Transfer in violation of the provisions of Article 6 of this Agreement;
  - 7.2.6. is convicted of, or pleads no contest to, a felony or to a crime that could damage the goodwill associated with the Marks or does anything to harm the reputation of the System or the goodwill associated with the Marks;
  - 7.2.7. receives an adverse judgment or a consent decree in any case or proceeding involving allegations of fraud, racketeering, unfair or improper trade practices or similar claim which is likely to have an adverse effect on the System, or the Marks, the goodwill associated therewith or Franchisor's interest therein, in Franchisor's sole opinion;
  - 7.2.8. fails to comply with the non-disclosure and non-competition covenants in Article 8 hereof;
  - 7.2.9. defaults, or an affiliate of any Developer defaults, under any other agreement, including any Franchise Agreement, with Franchisor or any of its affiliates, or with suppliers or any Developer's landlord and does not cure such default within the time period provided in such other agreement; or
  - 7.2.10. terminates this Agreement without cause.
- 7.3. Curable Defaults. Developer shall be deemed to be in material default and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement and all rights granted hereunder, if Developer fails to cure the default within the time period set forth in this Section 7.3, effective immediately upon notice to Developer, if Developer:

- 7.3.1. fails to pay when due any amounts due to Franchisor under this Agreement or any related agreement and does not correct the failure within five (5) days after written notice; provided, however, Franchisor has no obligation to give written notice of a late payment more than two (2) times in any twelve (12)-month period, and the third such late payment in any twelve (12)-month period shall be a non-curable default under Section 7.2;
  - 7.3.2. fails to perform any non-monetary obligation imposed by this Agreement (excepting those defaults of obligations set forth in Sections 7.1 and 7.2 for which there is no opportunity to cure) and such default shall continue for five (5) days after Franchisor has given written notice of such default, or if the default cannot be reasonably corrected within said five (5)-day period, then if it is not corrected within such additional time as may be reasonably required assuming Developer proceeds diligently to cure; provided, however, Franchisor has no obligation to give written notice of a non-monetary default more than two (2) times in any twelve (12)-month period, and the third such default, whether monetary or non-monetary, in any twelve (12) - month period shall be a non-curable default under Section 7.2.
- 7.4. Post-Termination Obligations. Upon termination or expiration of this Agreement, all rights and licenses granted hereunder to Developer shall immediately terminate and Developer shall (i) immediately cease all development operations pursuant to this Agreement; and (ii) comply with the non-disclosure and non-competition covenants contained in Article 8.

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

- 8.1. Confidential Information. Developer acknowledges and accepts that during the term of this Agreement, Developer will have access to Franchisor's trade secrets, including, but not limited to, formulas, recipes, methods, processes, customer lists, vendor partnerships and/or relationships, sales and technical information, financial information, costs, product prices and names, software tools and applications, website and/or email design, products, services, equipment, technologies and procedures relating to the operation of the Franchised Business; the Manual; methods of advertising and promotion; instructional materials; any other information which Franchisor may or may not specifically designate as "confidential" or "proprietary"; and the components of the System, whether or not such information is protected or protectable by patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights (collectively referred to herein as the "Confidential Information"). Developer shall not, during the term of this Agreement and thereafter, communicate or divulge to, or use for the benefit of, any other person or entity, and, following the expiration or termination of this Agreement, shall not use for Developer's own benefit, any Confidential Information that may be communicated to Developer or of which Developer may be apprised in connection with the development of Franchised Businesses under the terms of this Agreement. Developer shall not at any time copy, duplicate, record or otherwise reproduce any Confidential Information, in whole or in part, or otherwise make the same available to any person, without Franchisor's prior

written consent. The covenant in this Section 8.1 shall survive the expiration, termination or transfer of this Agreement or any interest herein and shall be perpetually binding upon Developer.

- 8.2. Protection of Information. Developer shall take all steps necessary, at Developer's own expense, to protect the Confidential Information and shall immediately notify Franchisor if Developer finds that any Confidential Information has been divulged in violation of this Agreement.
- 8.3. Noncompetition Covenants. Developer acknowledges that, pursuant to this Agreement, and the Franchise Agreement, Developer will receive valuable training, trade secrets and Confidential Information of the System that are beyond the present knowledge, training and experience of Developer. Developer acknowledges that such specialized training, trade secrets and Confidential Information provide a competitive advantage and will be valuable to him or her in the development and operation of Franchised Businesses, and that gaining access to such specialized training, trade secrets and Confidential Information is, therefore, a primary reason why Developer is entering into this Agreement. In consideration for such specialized training, trade secrets, Confidential Information and rights, Developer covenants that, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor:
- 8.3.1. During the term of this Agreement, Developer shall not, either directly or indirectly, for himself or herself or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with, any person or entity (i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business or customer of any Franchised Business to be developed hereunder or of other franchisees in the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise; (ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or serve in any other capacity in any restaurant or eatery business similar to the System ("Competitive Business"); or (iii) seek to employ any person who is at that time employed by Franchisor, or otherwise induce such person to leave his or her employment; or (iv) do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Marks and the System or (v) in any manner interfere with, disturb, disrupt, decrease or otherwise jeopardize the business of the Franchisor or any MELTwich franchisees or Franchisor-affiliated outlets.
- 8.3.2. Upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement or upon a Transfer and continuing for twenty-four (24) months thereafter, Developer shall not, either directly or indirectly, for himself or herself or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with any person or entity (i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business or customer of the Franchised Businesses to be developed hereunder or of other franchisees in the System to any competitor, by direct or indirect inducement or otherwise; or (ii) participate as an owner, partner, director, officer, employee, consultant or agent or serve in any other capacity in any Competitive Business within twenty five (25) miles of the Territory or any MELTwich location; or (iii) seek to employ any person who is at that time employed by Franchisor, or

otherwise induce such person to leave his or her employment or (iv) do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Marks and the System or (v) in any manner interfere with, disturb, disrupt, decrease or otherwise jeopardize the business of the Franchisor or any MELTwich franchisees.

- 8.4. Reasonableness of Restrictions. Developer acknowledges and agrees that the covenants not to compete set forth in this Agreement are fair and reasonable and will not impose any undue hardship on Developer since Developer has other considerable skills, experience and education which afford Developer the opportunity to derive income from other endeavors.
- 8.5. Reduction of Time or Scope. If the period of time or the geographic scope specified above, should be adjudged unreasonable in any proceeding, then the period of time will be reduced by such number of months or the geographic scope will be reduced by the elimination of such portion thereof, or both, so that such restrictions may be enforced for such time and scope as are adjudged to be reasonable. In addition, Franchisor shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to reduce the scope of any covenant set forth in this Article 8 or any portion thereof, without Developer's consent, effective immediately upon receipt by Developer of written notice thereof, and Developer agrees to forthwith comply with any covenant as so modified.
- 8.6. Injunctive Relief. Developer acknowledges that a violation of the covenants not to compete contained in this Agreement would result in immediate and irreparable injury to Franchisor for which no adequate remedy at law will be available. Accordingly, Developer hereby consents to the entry of an injunction prohibiting any conduct by Developer in violation of the terms of the covenants not to compete set forth in this Agreement.
- 8.7. No Defense. Developer expressly agrees that the existence of any claims he or she may have against Franchisor, whether or not arising from this Agreement, shall not constitute a defense to the enforcement by Franchisor of the covenants in this Section.

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

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**10. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

10.1. Internal Dispute Resolution. Developer shall first bring any claim, controversy or dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Attachments hereto or the relationship created by this Agreement to Franchisor’s president and/or chief executive officer for resolution. After providing notice as set forth in Section 12.7 below. Developer must exhaust this internal dispute resolution procedure before Developer may bring Developer’s dispute before a third party. This agreement to first attempt resolution of disputes internally shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

10.2 Arbitration.

10.2.1. Except disputes not subject to alternative dispute resolution as set forth in Section 10.3, any dispute between Franchisor and Developer arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Attachments hereto or any breach thereof, including any claim that this Agreement or any of its parts, is invalid, illegal or otherwise voidable or void, which has not been resolved in accordance with

Section 10.1, will be resolved by submission to the American Arbitration Association or its successor organization to be settled by a single arbitrator in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules then in effect for such Association or successor organization.

- 10.2.2. All issues relating to arbitrability or the enforcement of the agreement to arbitrate contained in this Article 10 will be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §1 *et seq.*) and the federal common law of arbitration. All hearings and other proceedings will take place in the then-current location of Franchisor's U.S. corporate headquarters, or the offices of the American Arbitration Association, or, if Franchisor so elects, in the county where the principal place of business of Developer is then located.
  - 10.2.3. This arbitration provision is self-executing and will remain in full force and effect after expiration or termination of this Agreement. Any arbitration will be conducted on an individual, and not a class-wide or multiple plaintiffs, basis. If either party fails to appear at any properly noticed arbitration proceeding, an award may be entered against the party by default or otherwise, notwithstanding the failure to appear. Judgment upon an arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction and will be binding, final and not subject to appeal. No punitive or exemplary damages will be awarded against Franchisor, Developer, or entities related to either of them, in an arbitration proceeding or otherwise, and are hereby waived.
  - 10.2.4. The provisions of this Section 10.2 are independent of any other covenant or provision of this Agreement; provided, however, that if a court of competent jurisdiction determines that any of the provisions are unlawful in any way, the court will modify or interpret the provisions to the minimum extent necessary to have them comply with the law.
  - 10.2.5. In proceeding with arbitration and in making determinations hereunder, no arbitrator shall extend, modify or suspend any terms of this Agreement or the reasonable standards of business performance and operation established by Franchisor in good faith. No notice, request or demand for arbitration shall stay, postpone or rescind the effectiveness of any termination of this Agreement.
  - 10.2.6. Except as expressly required by law, Franchisor and Developer shall keep all aspects of any mediation and/or arbitration proceeding in confidence and shall not disclose any information about the proceeding to any third party other than legal counsel who shall be required to maintain the confidentiality of such information.
- 10.3. Exceptions. Notwithstanding the requirements of Sections 10.2 or 10.3, the following claims shall not be subject to mediation or arbitration:
- 10.3.1. Franchisor's claims for injunctive or other extraordinary relief;

- 10.3.2. disputes and controversies arising from the Sherman Act, the Clayton Act or any other federal or state antitrust law;
- 10.3.3. disputes and controversies based upon or arising under the Lanham Act, as now or hereafter amended, relating to the ownership or validity of the Marks; and
- 10.3.4. enforcement of Developer's post-termination obligations, including but not limited to, Developer's non-competition covenants.

DEVELOPER IRREVOCABLY WAIVES TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM, WHETHER AT LAW OR IN EQUITY, SUBMITTED TO COURT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION 10.3 OR OTHERWISE, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY STATE OR FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY RIGHTS OR PROVISIONS.

- 10.4. Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement is made in and shall be substantially performed in the State of Delaware. Any claims, controversies, disputes or actions arising out of this Agreement shall be governed, enforced and interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware. Developer and its Principals, except where specifically prohibited by law, hereby irrevocably submit themselves to the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts in Rhode Island. Developer and its Principals, hereby waive all questions of personal jurisdiction for the purpose of carrying out this provision.
- 10.5. Mutual Benefit. Developer and Franchisor acknowledge that the parties' agreement regarding applicable state law and forum set forth in Section 10.4 provide each of the parties with the mutual benefit of uniform interpretation of this Agreement and any dispute arising hereunder. Each of Developer and Franchisor further acknowledge the receipt and sufficiency of mutual consideration for such benefit and that each party's agreement regarding applicable state law and choice of forum have been negotiated in good faith and are part of the benefit of the bargain reflected by this Agreement.
- 10.6. Waiver of Jury Trial and Certain Damages. Developer hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any right to or claim for a trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim brought by or against Franchisor. Developer hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any right to or claim for any punitive, exemplary, incidental, indirect, special, consequential or other damages (including, without limitation, loss of profits) against Franchisor, its affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, partners, agents, representatives, independent contractors, servants and employees, in their corporate and individual capacities, arising out of any cause whatsoever. Each of Developer agrees that in the event of a dispute, Developer shall be limited to the recovery of any actual damages sustained.
- 10.7. Limitations of Claims. Any and all claims by Developer arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the relationship among the parties will be barred unless a proceeding for relief is commenced within one (1) year from the date on which Developer knew or

should have known of the facts giving rise to such claims.

- 10.8. Survival. The provisions of this Article 10 shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the expiration or termination of this Agreement or a transfer by Franchisee or any Principal of their respective interests in this Agreement.

## 11. WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CERTAIN CLAIMS

- 11.1. Waiver of Claim for Lack of Business Success. Developer acknowledges that Developer has conducted an independent investigation of all aspects relating to the financial, operational and other aspects of the business of developing and operating Franchised Businesses. Developer further acknowledges that no representations of performance (financial or otherwise) for the Franchised Businesses provided for in this Agreement has been made to Developer by Franchisor and Developer hereby waives any claim against Franchisor for any business failure Developer may experience as a developer under this Agreement.

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- 11.2. Release of Prior Claims. BY EXECUTING THIS AGREEMENT, DEVELOPER INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF DEVELOPER'S HEIRS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, HEREBY FOREVER RELEASE AND DISCHARGE MELTWICH USA, INC., MELTWICH HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC., THE MELTWICH INDEMNITEES, AND ALL OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, SHAREHOLDERS, AGENTS AND SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND JUDGMENTS RELATING TO OR ARISING UNDER THE STATEMENTS, CONDUCT, CLAIMS OR ANY OTHER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES EXECUTED PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, WHETHER PRESENTLY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, SUSPECTED OR UNSUSPECTED, ARISING UNDER THE FRANCHISE, SECURITIES, TAX OR ANTITRUST LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF ANY STATE OR TERRITORY THEREOF.

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## 12. GENERAL

- 12.1. Independent Licensee. Developer is and shall be an independent Licensee under this Agreement, and no partnership shall exist between Developer and Franchisor. This Agreement does not constitute Developer as an agent, legal representative, or employee of Franchisor for any purpose whatsoever, and Developer is not granted any right or authority to assume or create any obligation for or on behalf of, or in the name of, or in any way to bind Franchisor. Developer agrees not to incur or contract any debt or obligation on behalf of Franchisor or commit any act, make any representation or advertise in any manner which may adversely affect any right of Franchisor or be detrimental to Franchisor or other developers or franchisees of Franchisor. Pursuant to the above, Developer agrees to

indemnify Franchisor and hold Franchisor harmless from any and all liability, loss, attorneys' fees, or damage Franchisor may suffer as a result of claims, demands, taxes, costs or judgments against Franchisor arising out of the relationship hereby established which specifically, but not exclusively, includes costs, losses, expenses, attorneys fees relative to assignment or the transfer of right to develop and transactional costs relative thereto, defaults under any leases, subleases, notes, receipt of revenues or any other relationships arising directly or indirectly out of the development and operation of the Franchised Businesses.

- 12.2. Successors. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of Franchisor and shall be personally binding on and inure to the benefit of Developer and his or her respective heirs, executors, administrators and successors or assigns; provided, however, the foregoing provision shall not be construed to allow a transfer of any interest of Developer in this Agreement, except in accordance with Article 6 hereof.
- 12.3. Invalidity of Part of Agreement. Should any provisions in this Agreement, for any reason, be declared invalid, then such provision shall be invalid only to the extent of the prohibition without in any way invalidating or altering any other provision of this Agreement.
- 12.4. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all attachments, is the entire agreement of the parties, superseding all prior written or oral agreements of the parties concerning the same subject matter, and superseding all prior written or oral representations made to Developer, except that nothing in this Agreement or in any related agreement is intended to disclaim the representations Franchisor made to Developer in Franchisor's Franchise Disclosure Document. No agreement of any kind relating to the matters covered by this Agreement and no amendment of the provisions hereof shall be binding upon either party unless and until the same has been made in writing and executed by all interested parties.
- 12.5. Construction. All terms and words used in this Agreement, regardless of the number and gender in which they are used, shall be deemed and construed to include any other number, singular or plural, and any other gender, masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context or sense of this Agreement or any provision herein may require, as if such words had been fully and properly written in the appropriate number and gender. All covenants, agreements and obligations assumed herein by Developer shall be deemed to be joint and several covenants, agreements and obligations of each of the persons named as Developer, if more than one person is so named.
- 12.6. Captions. Captions and section headings are used herein for convenience only. They are not part of this Agreement and shall not be used in construing it.
- 12.7. Notices. Whenever notice is required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement, it shall be given in writing and be delivered personally or by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom intended, and shall be deemed given on the date of delivery or delivery is refused. All such notices shall be

addressed to the party to be notified at their respective addresses as first above written, or at such other address or addresses as the parties may from time to time designate in writing.

12.8. Effect of Waivers No waiver, delay, omission or forbearance on the part of Franchisor to exercise any right, option, duty or power arising from any default or breach by Developer shall affect or impair the rights of Franchisor with respect to any subsequent default of the same or of a different kind.

12.9. Remedies Cumulative. All rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement shall be cumulative and not alternative, in addition to and not exclusive of any other rights or remedies that are provided for herein or that may be available at law or in equity in case of any breach, failure or default or threatened breach, failure or default of any term, provision or condition of this Agreement or any other agreement between Developer or any of its affiliates and Franchisor or any of its affiliates. The rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement shall be continuing and shall not be exhausted by any one or more uses thereof, and may be exercised at any time or from time to time as often as may be expedient; and any option or election to enforce any such right or remedy may be exercised or taken at any time and from time to time. The expiration, earlier termination or exercise of Franchisor's rights pursuant to Article 7 shall not discharge or release Developer from any liability or obligation then accrued, or any liability or obligation continuing beyond, or arising out of, the expiration, the earlier termination or the exercise of such rights under this Agreement.

12.10. Consent to Do Business Electronically. The parties to this Agreement hereby consent to do business electronically. Pursuant to the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act as adopted by the State of Delaware, the parties hereby affirm to each other that they agree with the terms of this Agreement, and by attaching their signature electronically to this Agreement, they are executing the document and intending to attach their electronic signature to it. Furthermore, the parties acknowledge that the other parties to this Agreement can rely on an electronic signature as the respective party's signature.

12.11. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

12.10. Survival. Any obligation of Developer that contemplates performance of such obligation after termination, expiration or transfer of this Agreement shall be deemed to survive such termination, expiration or transfer.

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

FRANCHISOR:

MELTWICH USA, INC.

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

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(Print Name, Title)

DEVELOPER:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

PRINCIPAL:

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(Print Name)

**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**DEVELOPMENT AREA DESCRIPTION**

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

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE**

<b>Outlet for Development</b>	<b>Mandatory Open Date</b>
1	On or before:
2	On or before:
3	On or before:

**EXHIBIT D**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MELTWICH USA, INC.**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024**



**MELTWICH USA, INC.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023, AND PERIOD FROM  
AUGUST 17, 2022 (INCEPTION DATE) TO DECEMBER 31, 2022**



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Stockholder  
Meltwich USA, Inc.  
Mississauga, Ontario

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinion*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Meltwich USA, Inc., which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2024, 2023, and the period from August 17, 2022 (inception date) to December 31, 2022, and the related statements of operations, stockholder's deficit, and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2022, and the period from August 17, 2022 (inception date) to December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Meltwich USA, Inc., as of December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and the period from August 17, 2022 (inception date) to December 31, 2022, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of Meltwich USA, Inc., and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

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

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

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an 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 Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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



**CliftonLarsonAllen LLP**

Tampa, Florida  
April 30, 2025

**MELTWICH USA, INC.**  
**BALANCE SHEETS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023, AND 2022**

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 34,387	\$ 1,698	\$ 23,582
Accounts Receivable	63,745	-	-
Other Current Assets	9,244	2,646	-
Deferred Tax Asset	24,940	-	-
Deferred Costs, Current Portion	2,750	-	-
Total Current Assets	\$ 135,066	\$ 4,344	\$ 23,582
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>			
Deferred Costs, Net of Current Portion	24,750	12,500	-
Total Assets	\$ 159,816	\$ 16,844	\$ 23,582
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S DEFICIT</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable and Accruals	\$ 32,376	\$ 30,907	\$ 16,635
Due to Affiliates	142,504	103,955	28,938
Deferred Revenue	260,000	75,000	-
Total Liabilities	434,880	209,862	45,573
Total Stockholder's Deficit	(275,064)	(193,018)	(21,991)
Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Deficit	\$ 159,816	\$ 16,844	\$ 23,582

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**MELTWICH USA, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023, AND PERIOD FROM AUGUST 17, 2022**  
**(INCEPTION DATE) TO DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Franchise Sales	\$ 50,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -
Franchise Fees	2,057	-	-
Other Income	15,000	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>67,057</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Legal and Professional Fees	62,141	64,107	13,412
Advertising and Marketing	22,837	44,967	6,634
Office Expenses	51,471	35,341	1,008
Lease Expense	8,595	9,000	166
Utilities	965	454	35
Travel	20,625	29,702	69
Other Operating Expenses	1,240	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	<u>167,874</u>	<u>183,571</u>	<u>21,324</u>
<b>OPERATING LOSS</b>	(100,817)	(168,571)	(21,324)
<b>OTHER EXPENSE</b>			
Interest Expense	(2,039)	(1,906)	-
Foreign Exchange Loss	<u>(1,440)</u>	<u>(550)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	<u>\$ (104,296)</u>	<u>\$ (171,027)</u>	<u>\$ (21,324)</u>
<b>INCOME TAX BENEFIT</b>			
Provision:			
Federal	(22,250)	-	-
State	-	-	-
Total Income Tax Expense	<u>(22,250)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<u><u>(82,046)</u></u>	<u><u>(171,027)</u></u>	<u><u>(21,324)</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**MELTWICH USA, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDER'S DEFICIT**  
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<b>BALANCE - AUGUST 17, 2022</b>	\$ -
Distributions	(667)
Net Loss	<u>(21,324)</u>
<b>BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2022</b>	(21,991)
Net Loss	<u>(171,027)</u>
<b>BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2023</b>	<u>\$ (193,018)</u>
Net Loss	<u>(82,046)</u>
<b>BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 2024</b>	<u><u>\$ (275,064)</u></u>

*See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.*

**MELTWICH USA, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023, AND PERIOD FROM AUGUST 17, 2022**  
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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net Loss	\$ (82,046)	\$ (171,027)	\$ (21,324)
Charges and Credits to Net Loss Not Affecting Cash:			
Deferred Taxes	(24,940)		
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities:			
Accounts Receivable	(63,745)		
Due (to) from Affiliate	38,549	75,017	28,938
Deferred Costs	(15,000)	(12,500)	-
Other Current Assets	(6,598)	(2,646)	-
Accounts Payable	1,469	14,272	-
Deferred Revenue	185,000	75,000	16,635
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>32,689</u>	<u>(21,884)</u>	<u>24,249</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Distributions	-	-	(667)
Net Cash Used by Financing Activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(667)</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN CASH</b>	32,689	(21,884)	23,582
Cash - Beginning of Year	<u>1,698</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>CASH - END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 34,387</u>	<u>\$ 1,698</u>	<u>\$ 23,582</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**MELTWICH USA, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Nature of Business**

Meltwich USA, Inc. (the Company), a wholly owned subsidiary of 1000286511 Ontario Inc. (the Parent), operates a franchising business under the concept name Meltwich®. The Company currently sells franchises in the United States and was organized in the State of Delaware in August 2020. The Company's year-end is December 31.

**Basis of Accounting**

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

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Management periodically evaluates estimates used in the preparation of the financial statements for continued reasonableness. Appropriate adjustments, if any, to the estimates used are made prospectively based upon such periodic evaluation. It is reasonably possible that changes may occur in the near term that would affect management's estimates.

**Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Expected Credit Losses**

Accounts receivable represent amounts due for fees. Royalties are billed at the time of a business transaction and are due within 5 days of funds clearing. Service fees are billed monthly and offer 30-day terms. The Company follows Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-13, Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326: Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments, as amended, which modifies the measurement of expected credit losses. The Company extends credit terms to customers (franchisees), in the normal course of business. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers' financial conditions and generally requires no collateral. Accounts receivables are recorded at their estimated net realizable value, net of an allowance for credit losses. The Company's estimate of the allowance for credit losses is based upon historical experience, its evaluation of the current status of receivables, current economic conditions, certain forward-looking information and unusual circumstances, if any. Expected credit losses are recorded through a charge to earnings and a credit to the allowance for expected credit losses based on its assessments. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off. The Company has determined that no allowance was necessary as of December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022.

**MELTWICH USA, INC.**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Income Taxes**

The Company utilizes an asset and liability approach to financial accounting and reporting of income taxes. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are computed annually for differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on enacted tax laws and rates available in the periods in which differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized. The provision for income taxes is the tax payable or refundable for the period plus or minus the change during the period of deferred tax assets and liabilities.

The Company follows the income tax standard for uncertain tax positions. The Company has evaluated its tax positions and determined it has no uncertain tax positions at December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022. The Company's 2024, 2023, and 2022 tax years are open for examination with federal and state taxing authorities.

**Deferred Costs and Deferred Revenue**

Deferred costs represent commissions paid for a broker closing a franchise deal. The costs have been incurred but will be expensed over the life of the contract. As such, deferred costs are considered contract assets. The balance at December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 was \$27,500, \$12,500, and \$-, respectively.

Deferred revenue represents franchise fees received that have not been fully earned and will be recognized in future periods. Deferred revenues are considered contract liabilities. The balance at December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 was \$260,000, \$75,000, and \$-, respectively.

**Revenue Recognition**

The Company generates revenue from the sale of franchise licenses under various agreements. This initial franchise fee is due at signing and is earned based on the recognition of specific performance obligations. The Company also generates revenue from royalty fees. See Note 2 for further information regarding revenue recognition.

**Advertising and Promotion**

Advertising and marketing expenses are charged to operations in the year incurred. Advertising costs were \$22,837, \$44,967, and \$6,634 for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and the period ended December 31, 2022 .

**Foreign Currency Transactions**

Foreign currency transaction gains and losses result from assets and liabilities that are settled in foreign currencies during the period. These gains and losses are included in other expense. The Company recorded foreign currency transaction losses for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 of \$1,440 and \$549, respectively.

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Leases**

The Company leases office space. The Company determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. The Company has elected to record short-term leases expensed as incurred. Lease expense for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and the period ended December 31, 2022 was \$8,595, \$9,000, and \$166, respectively.

**Reclassifications**

Certain amounts in the 2022 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2023 presentation.

**NOTE 2 REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS**

The Company recognizes revenue in accordance with *Topic 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. The Company generates revenue primarily through franchise fees, royalties, tech fees, and advertising fund revenue.

**Franchise Fees:**

The Company requires the entire nonrefundable initial franchise fee to be paid upon execution of a franchise agreement, which typically has an initial term of ten years and commences once the location is opened. The Company typically does not provide financing to franchisees and offers no guarantees on their behalf. The services provided by the Company are highly interrelated with the franchise license and as such are considered to represent a single performance obligation.

Franchisees have the option to renew the franchise agreement at the end of the initial franchise term. When a franchisee chooses to renew their agreement, a nonrefundable renewal fee is charged to the franchisee similar to the initial franchise fee.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update 2021-02, *Franchisors—Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Subtopic 952-606)—Practical Expedient*. FASB Subtopic 952-606 creates a practical expedient allowing franchisors that are not public business entities to account for certain pre-opening services enumerated in FASB ASC 952-606-25-2 as a single performance obligation.

The Company also made an accounting policy election to recognize certain pre-opening services as a single performance obligation. The remainder of the initial franchise fee is amortized over the life of the franchise agreement, as such over time.

**Royalties:**

The Company collects royalties, as stipulated in the franchise agreement, currently equal to 6% of gross revenue. The royalties are related entirely to the Company's performance obligation under the franchise agreement and are recognized as monthly franchisee store level sales occur. Royalties are collected monthly and are recognized as of a point in time.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**(INCEPTION DATE) TO DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**NOTE 2 REVENUE FROM CONTRACTS WITH CUSTOMERS (CONTINUED)**

**Brand Development Fee:**

The Company collects a service fee for technical support, as stipulated in the franchise agreement, currently equal to \$50 per month. Service fees are collected monthly and are recognized as of a point in time.

**NOTE 3 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

At December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, there was \$142,504, \$103,955, and \$28,938, respectively, recorded as Due to Affiliates related to various expense reimbursements and advances.

**NOTE 4 STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY**

The Company has authorized 10,000 shares of common stock with a par value of \$0.001. 100 shares have been issued as of December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022.

**NOTE 5 INCOME TAXES**

The provision for income taxes relating to the subsidiary, consists of the following as of December 31, 2024:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Deferred</u>
Income Tax Expense (Benefit)		
Federal	\$ 2,690	\$ (24,940)
State	-	-
Total Income Tax Expense (Benefit)	<u>\$ 2,690</u>	<u>\$ (24,940)</u>
Deferred Tax Asset		
Federal	\$ 24,940	
State	-	
Total Deferred Tax Asset	<u>\$ 24,940</u>	

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the effective tax rate approximated the federal statutory rate of 21%.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company applied a full valuation allowance against their deferred tax asset of approximately \$40,000 and \$4,000. The Company recognized \$-, in current provision for the years then ended.

Deferred income tax expense (benefit) and deferred tax assets result predominately from temporary differences in the recognition of franchise fee revenue for income tax and consolidated financial statement purposes as well as a net operating loss of approximately \$75,000 for federal and state reporting, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2024.

**MELTWICH USA, INC.**  
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023, AND PERIOD FROM AUGUST 17, 2022**  
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**NOTE 5 INCOME TAXES (CONTINUED)**

The losses will be carried forward and offset against future taxable income and start expiring in 2037 for federal reporting and 2039 for state reporting.

**NOTE 6 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In preparing the accompanying financial statements, the Company evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through April 30, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



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**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**OF MELTWICH USA, INC.'S PREDECESSOR, MELTWICH AMERICA, INC.**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021**

**MELTWich America Inc.**  
**Financial Statements**  
*July 19, 2021*  
*(Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)*

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the balance sheet of MELTWich America Inc. as at July 19, 2021. We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of this financial statement and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Mississauga, Ontario  
July 21, 2021

*MNP LLP*  
Chartered Professional Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants

**MELTWich America Inc.**  
**Balance Sheet**  
*As at July 19, 2021*  
*(Unaudited - see Notice to Reader)*

*As of*  
*July 19,*  
*2021*  
*In US Dollars*

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**Assets**

**Current**

Cash

24,911

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**Liabilities**

Due to shareholder

24,811

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**Shareholder's Equity**

Share capital

100

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100

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24,911

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**EXHIBIT E**

**MELTwich OPERATIONS MANUAL**

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**PARTNERS OPERATIONS MANUAL**

**Meltwich Hospitality Group Inc.**

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**EXHIBIT F**

**FRANCHISED OUTLETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**Franchised Outlets:**

<b>Franchisee Name</b>	<b>Franchisee Address</b>	<b>Territory</b>	<b>Contact Number</b>
Zynah Business, LLC	2518 Rice Boulevard Suite A, Houston, TX 77005	Texas	+1 346-692-3029

**Franchise Agreements Signed But Not Open as of December 31, 2024:**

<b>Franchisee Name</b>	<b>Franchisee Address</b>	<b>Territory</b>	<b>Date Signed</b>
A & Z Restaurant Richmond, Inc	7507 Stillwell Lane, Sugar Land, Texas 77479	Richmond, TX	November 3, 2023
Meltwich Massachusetts Franchisee, LLC	31 Pages Court, Billerica, Massachusetts 01821	Boston, MA	October 5, 2023
Sector Portsmouth, Inc.	557 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY	Portsmouth, VA	January 29, 2024
Meltwich Lombard, LLC	331 West, Central Avenue, Lombard, IL	Lombard (Chicago), IL	February 12, 2024
Mukkoti Devas, LLC	17148 Salty Dog Road, Wintergarden, FL	Orlando, FL	June 14, 2024
My Foods Tucker, LLC	6119 Brookechase Lane, Norcross, GA	Atlanta, GA	June 18, 2024
ANNAPURNA FOOD, LLC	5705 Red Anchor Cove, Sanford, FL	Orlando, FL	September 2, 2024
Flavorful Journeys, LLC	795 Summer Palm Court, Sanford, FL	Gainesville, FL	November 6, 2024

**Former Franchisees**

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

**None.**

**EXHIBIT G**

**GENERAL RELEASE**

\_\_\_\_\_ (“Franchisee”) and its principal(s):  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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(a) Franchisee and Franchisee’s Principal(s) do, for themselves and their successors and assigns, hereby release and forever discharge generally Franchisor and any affiliate, wholly owned or controlled limited liability company, subsidiary, successor or assign thereof and any shareholder, officer, director, employee, agent, executor, administrator, estate, trustee or heir of any of them (the “Released Franchisor Party”), from any and all claims, demands, damages, injuries, agreements and contracts, indebtedness, accounts of every kind or nature, whether presently known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, disclosed or undisclosed, actual or potential, which Franchisee or Franchisee’s Principal(s) may now have, or may hereafter claim to have or to have acquired of whatever source or origin, arising out of or related to any and all transactions of any kind or character at any time prior to and including the date hereof, including generally any and all claims at law or in equity, those arising under the common law or state or federal statutes, rules or regulations such as, by way of example only, franchising, securities and antitrust statutes, rules or regulations, in any way arising out of or connected with the Franchise Agreement or this General Release, and further promises never from this day forward, directly or indirectly, to institute, prosecute, commence, join in, or generally attempt to assert or maintain any action thereon against any Released Franchisor Party, in any court or tribunal of the United States of America, any state thereof, or any other jurisdiction for any matter or claim arising before execution of this General Release. In the event Franchisee or Franchisee’s Principal(s) breaches any of the promises, covenants, or undertakings made herein by any act or omission, Franchisee and Franchisee’s Principal(s) shall pay, by way of indemnification, all costs and expenses of any Released Franchisor Party caused by the act or omission, including reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.

(b) Franchisee and Franchisee’s Principal(s) represent and warrant that no portion of any claim, right, demand, obligation, debt, guarantee, or cause of action released hereby has been assigned or transferred by Franchisee or Franchisee’s Principal(s) to any other party, firm or entity in any manner including, but not limited to, assignment or transfer by subrogation or by operation of law. In the event that any claim, demand, or suit shall be made or institute against any Released Franchisor Party because of any such purported assignment, transfer or subrogation, Franchisee and Franchisee’s Principal(s) agree to indemnify and hold such Released Franchisor Party free and harmless from and against any such claim, demand, or suit, including reasonable costs and attorneys’ fees incurred in connection therewith. It is further agreed that this indemnification and hold harmless agreement shall not require payment to such claimant as a condition precedent to recovery under this paragraph.

(c) THIS RELEASE IS A GENERAL RELEASE AND THE PARTIES INTEND AND AGREE THAT IT SHALL BE INTERPRETED, CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED AS SUCH.

(d) Franchisee and Franchisee’s Principal(s) acknowledge, warrant, and represent that no promises, representations, or inducements, except as set forth in this General Release, have been offered or made by any Franchisor Released Party to secure the execution of this General Release, and that this General Release is executed without reliance on any statements or any representations not contained herein. Franchisee and Franchisee’s Principal(s) knowingly waive

(1) any claim that this General Release was induced by any misrepresentation or nondisclosure, and (2) any right to rescind or avoid this General Release based upon presently existing facts, known or unknown.

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

Executed as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

FRANCHISEE:

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, Title)

FRANCHISEES'S PRINCIPAL:

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

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

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

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

**EXHIBIT H**

**MELTWICH USA, INC. FRANCHISEE ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT**

**\*NOT FOR USE IN CALIFORNIA**

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

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

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

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

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

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

represents, as an inducement to Franchisor's entry into this Agreement, that it has made no misrepresentations in obtaining the Franchise Agreement (or Multi-Unit Development Agreement).

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

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

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7. Franchisee (or Developer) acknowledges that it has received the Meltwich USA, Inc. Franchise Disclosure Document with a complete copy of the Franchise Agreement (and Multi-Unit Development Agreement) and all related Attachments and agreements at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date on which the Franchise Agreement (or Multi-Unit Development Agreement) was executed. Franchisee (or Developer) further acknowledges that Franchisee (or Developer) has read such Franchise Disclosure Document and understands its contents.

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

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9. Franchisee (or Developer), together with Franchisee's (or Developer's) advisers, has sufficient knowledge and experience in financial and business matters to make an informed investment decision with respect to the Franchise granted by the Franchise Agreement (or Multi-Unit Development Agreement).

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

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

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

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FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name, Title)

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

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

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

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

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

**EXHIBIT I**  
**STATE ADDENDA**

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

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

1. THE CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW REQUIRES THAT A COPY OF ALL PROPOSED AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE FRANCHISE BE DELIVERED TOGETHER WITH THE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.
2. OUR WEBSITE HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED OR APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION. ANY COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE CONTENT OF THIS WEBSITE MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL PROTECTION AND INNOVATION at [www.dfpi.ca.gov](http://www.dfpi.ca.gov).
3. California Business and Professions Code 20000 through 20043 provide rights to the franchisee concerning transfer, termination or non-renewal of a franchise. If the franchise agreement contains a provision that is inconsistent with the law, the law will control. (Note: This is required to be disclosed in all filings.)
4. Item 3 is amended to add:

The franchisor, any person or franchise broker in Item 2 of the FDD is (or not) 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 persons from membership in such association or exchange.

5. Item 17 is amended to state:
  - (a) The Franchise Agreement provides for termination upon bankruptcy. This provision may not be enforceable under federal bankruptcy law (11 U.S.C.A. § 101 et seq.). <sup>[17]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>
  - (b) The Franchise Agreement contains a covenant not to compete which extends beyond the termination of the franchise. This provision may not be enforceable under California law.
  - (c) The franchise agreement contains a liquidated damages clause. Under California Civil Code section 1671, certain liquidated damages clauses are unenforceable.
  - (d) The Franchise Agreement requires application of the laws of Pennsylvania. This provision may not be enforceable under California law.
  - (e) 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
  - (f) You must sign a general release of claims if you renew or transfer your franchise.

California Corporations Code Section 31512 voids a waiver of your rights under the Franchise Investment Law (California Corporations Code Sections 31000 Through 31516). Business and Professions Code Section 20010 Voids a waiver of your rights under the Franchise Relations Act (Business and Professions Code Sections 20000 through 20043).

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

Illinois law shall apply to and govern the Franchise Agreement.

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

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

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

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.

Item 5 is supplemented to state that we will defer collection of the Initial Franchise Fees until we have satisfied our pre-opening obligations to you, and you have commenced business operations. The Illinois Attorney General's Office imposed this deferral requirement due to Franchisor's financial condition.

For info about obtaining a liquor license in Illinois, see:  
<https://www.illinois.gov/ilcc/Pages/Forms-and-Applications.aspx>

For info about obtaining TIPS certification in Illinois, see:  
<https://www.tipscertified.com/tips-state-pages/illinois/>

See: the Liquor Control Act of 1934, 235 ILCS 5/ (West 2018) for Illinois Dram Shop laws.

**AMENDMENT TO THE MELTWICH USA, INC. FRANCHISE AGREEMENT  
REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

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

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

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

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

“Illinois law governs the terms of this Franchise Agreement.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Section 6.1.1 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to state that Franchisor shall defer collection of the Initial Franchise Fee until Franchisor has satisfied its pre-opening obligations to Franchisee, and Franchisee has commenced business operations. The Illinois Attorney General’s Office imposed this deferral requirement due to Franchisor’s financial condition.

8. For info about obtaining a liquor license in Illinois, see:

<https://www.illinois.gov/ilcc/Pages/Forms-and-Applications.aspx>

9. For info about obtaining TIPS certification in Illinois, see:

<https://www.tipscertified.com/tips-state-pages/illinois/>

10. See: the Liquor Control Act of 1934, 235 ILCS 5/ (West 2018) for Illinois Dram Shop laws.

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

FRANCHISOR:  
MELTWICH USA, INC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name, Title)

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name)

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name)

**AMENDMENT TO THE MELTWICH USA, INC. MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT  
REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Section 4 of the Multi-Unit Development Agreement is hereby amended to state that Franchisor shall defer collection of the Multi-Unit Development Fee and any application Initial Franchise Fees until Franchisor has satisfied its pre-opening obligations to Franchisee, and Franchisee has commenced business operations.

The Illinois Attorney General's Office imposed this deferral requirement due to Franchisor's financial condition.

8. For info about obtaining a liquor license in Illinois, see:

<https://www.illinois.gov/ilcc/Pages/Forms-and-Applications.aspx>

9. For info about obtaining TIPS certification in Illinois, see:

<https://www.tipscertified.com/tips-state-pages/illinois/>

10. See: the Liquor Control Act of 1934, 235 ILCS 5/ (West 2018) for Illinois Dram Shop laws.

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

FRANCHISOR:  
MELTWICH USA, INC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name, Title)

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

## **NEW YORK ADDENDUM TO FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

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

**INFORMATION COMPARING FRANCHISORS IS AVAILABLE. CALL THE STATE ADMINISTRATORS LISTED IN EXHIBIT A OR YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR SOURCES OF INFORMATION. REGISTRATION OF THIS FRANCHISE BY NEW YORK STATE RECOMMENDS IT OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT. IF YOU LEARN THAT ANYTHING IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT IS UNTRUE, CONTACT THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF LAW, 120 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10271. THE FRANCHISOR MAY, IF IT CHOOSES, NEGOTIATE WITH YOU ABOUT ITEMS COVERED IN THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT. HOWEVER, THE FRANCHISOR CANNOT USE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO PREVAIL UPON A PROSPECTIVE FRANCHISEE TO ACCEPT TERMS WHICH ARE LESS FAVORABLE THAN THOSE SET FORTH IN THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

**NEW YORK RIDER TO MELTWICH USA, INC.**

**FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

THIS RIDER TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR NEW YORK (“Rider”) is entered into by and between MELTwich USA, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, with its principal office at 2200 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305 (“we,” “us” or “our”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (“you” or “your”), whose principal business address is \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, we and you have entered into a certain Franchise Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ which grants you the right to operate a MELTwich franchise (the “Franchise Agreement”);

WHEREAS, you are domiciled in New York and the MELTwich franchise will be located in New York, and/or any of the offering or sales activity relating to the Franchise Agreement occurred in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the requirements of the General Business Law of the State of New York, Article 33, Sections 680-695, we and you desire to amend certain terms of the Franchise Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in this Rider.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in the Franchise Agreement and this Rider and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we and you agree as follows:

1. Sections 5.2.5 and 16.3.7 of the Franchise Agreement are amended by adding the following language to each Section:

However, to the extent required by applicable law, notwithstanding the signing of a General Release, all rights you enjoy and any causes of action arising in your favor from the provisions of Article 33 of the General Business Law of the State of New York and the regulations issued thereunder shall remain in force.

2. Section 16.1.1 of the Franchise Agreement is amended by adding the following language to this Section:

However, to the extent required by applicable law, Franchisor will not transfer and assign its rights and obligations under the Franchise Agreement unless the transferee will be able to perform the Franchisor’s obligations under the Franchise Agreement, in Franchisor’s good faith judgment.

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

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

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

4. In the event of any conflict between a provision of the Franchise Agreement and this Rider, the provision of this Rider shall control. All terms which are capitalized in this Rider and not otherwise defined, will have the meanings given to them in the Franchise Agreement. Except as amended by this Rider, the Franchise Agreement is unmodified and in full force and effect in accordance with its terms.

5. Each provision of this Rider will be effective only to the extent that the jurisdictional requirements of the New York General Business Law, Article 33, Sections 680-695 are met independent of this Rider.

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

FRANCHISOR:

MELTWICH USA, INC.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name, Title)

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

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

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

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

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

2. Item 17 is amended to state:

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Item 5 and 7 are amended to state:

Franchisor will defer collection of the Initial Franchisee Fee until Franchisor has fulfilled its initial pre-opening obligations and Franchisee may open for business.

4. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgement 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 with the franchisee

**AMENDMENT TO THE  
MELTWICH USA, INC  
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND MULTI UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT  
REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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

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

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

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

3. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 6.4 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to state that the non-sufficient funds fee is Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per occurrence.

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

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

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

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

6. Each provision of this Amendment shall be effective only to the extent, with respect to such provision, that the jurisdictional requirements of the Minnesota Statutes Chapter 80C are met independently without reference to this Amendment.

7. Section 6.1 of the Franchise Agreement relating the payment of the Initial Franchise Fee is hereby amended to state that the Franchisor will defer collection of the Initial Franchise Fee

until Franchisor has fulfilled its initial pre-opening obligations and Franchisee has opened their Franchise for business.

8. In addition, all development fees and initial payments by Multi-Unit Developers shall be deferred until the first Franchise under the Development Agreement opens.

9. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgement 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 with the franchise

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

FRANCHISOR:

MELTWICH USA, INC.

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

\_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name, Title)

PRINCIPAL:

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(Print Name)

PRINCIPAL:

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(Print Name)

**DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY SOUTH CAROLINA LAW**

The State of South Carolina has not reviewed and does not approve, recommend, endorse or sponsor any business opportunity. The information contained in this disclosure has not been verified by the State. If you have any questions about this investment, see an attorney before you sign a contract or agreement.

Item 5, Item 6, and Item 7 of the Franchise Disclosure Document and relevant provisions of the Franchise Agreement are revised such that, for franchisees established in the State of Connecticut, if the seller fails to deliver the products, equipment or supplies or fails to render the services necessary to being substantial operation of the business within forty-five days of the delivery date state in your contract, you may notify the seller in writing and demand that the contract be cancelled.

The parties hereto have duly executed, sealed and delivered this Addendum dated this day of \_\_\_\_\_.

**(FRANCHISOR)**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

## **VIRGINIA ADDENDUM TO FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

1. The following shall be added to the “Special Risks to Consider About This Franchise” cover page”

**Estimated Initial Investment.** The franchisee will be required to make an estimated initial investment ranging from \$246,250 to \$475,150 for a food court outlet or \$252,500 to \$548,150 for a fast casual restaurant. This amount exceeds the franchisor's stockholder's equity as of December 31, 2022, which is \$6,947.

2. The following statements are added to Item 17.h.

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

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

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.
4. Item 5 of this Franchise Disclosure Document is revised to include the following language:

The Virginia State Corporation Commission's Division of Securities and Retail Franchising requires us to defer payment of the initial franchise fee and other initial payments owed by franchisees to the franchisor until the franchisor has completed its pre-opening obligations under the franchise agreement.

## **VIRGINIA ADDENDUM TO FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

1. Section 6.1 of the Franchise Agreement is revised to include the following language:

The Virginia State Corporation Commission's Division of Securities and Retail Franchising requires us to defer payment of the initial franchise fee and other initial payments owed by franchisees to the franchisor until the franchisor has completed its pre-opening obligations under the franchise agreement.

**VIRGINIA ADDENDUM TO MULTI-UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

1. Section 4.1 of the Multi-Unit Development Agreement is revised to include the following language:

The Virginia State Corporation Commission's Division of Securities and Retail Franchising requires us to defer payment of the initial franchise fee and other initial payments owed by franchisees to the franchisor until the franchisor has completed its pre-opening obligations under the franchise agreement.

## STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

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

This Franchise Disclosure Document is registered, on file or exempt from registrations in the following states having franchise disclosure laws, with the following effective dates:

<u>STATE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Illinois	Pending
Indiana	Pending
Michigan	Pending
New York	Pending
North Carolina	Pending
Virginia	Pending

Other states may require registration, filing, or exemption of a franchise under other laws, such as those that regulate the offer and sale of business opportunities or seller-assisted marketing plans.

**EXHIBIT J**  
**RECEIPT**

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

If MELTwich USA, Inc. offers you a franchise, it must provide this Disclosure Document to you 14 calendar-days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make a payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale.

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

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

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

Tom Mavrou 2200 NE 26 <sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305 289-913-6496	Ryan Hillis 2200 NE 26 <sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305 289-913-6496
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Issuance Date: April 30, 2025

I received a Disclosure Document dated \_\_\_\_\_, that included the following Exhibits:

- EXHIBIT A: List of State Franchise Administrators and Agents for Service of Process
- EXHIBIT B: Franchise Agreement
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- EXHIBIT E: Operations Manual Table of Contents
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- EXHIBIT H: Franchisee Acknowledgment Statement
- EXHIBIT I: State Addenda  
State Effective Dates
- EXHIBIT J: Receipt

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If other than date signed)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of recipient)

**Please return signed receipt to MELTwich USA Inc.**  
2200 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305

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(Signature of recipient)

**KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**