

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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You will operate a retail salon which offers affordable hair care services and other related services for all members of a customer's family.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Lemon Tree franchise ranges from \$180,794 - \$273,939. This includes \$35,144 that must be paid to us or our affiliates.

You may wish to receive your disclosure document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Jonathan Shaw, 8 Campus Drive, Suite 105, PMB 1029, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, (973) 884-2330.

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

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read 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:

<b>QUESTION</b>	<b>WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION</b>
<b>How much can I earn?</b>	Item 19 may give you information about outlet sales, costs, profits or losses. You should also try to obtain this information from others, like current and former franchisees. You can find their names and contact information in Item 20 or Exhibit E.
<b>How much will I need to invest?</b>	Items 5 and 6 list fees you will be paying to the franchisor or at the franchisor's direction. Item 7 lists the initial investment to open. Item 8 describes the suppliers you must use.
<b>Does the franchisor have the financial ability to provide support to my business?</b>	Item 21 or Exhibit 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 Lemon Tree 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 Lemon Tree 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 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:

**Out-of-State Dispute Resolution.** The franchise agreement requires you to resolve disputes with the franchisor by mediation, arbitration and/or litigation only in New Jersey. Out-of-state 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 New Jersey than in your own state.

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

**Mandatory Minimum Payments.** You must make minimum royalty, advertising, and other payments regardless of your sales levels. Your inability to make the payments may result in termination of your franchise and loss of your investment.

**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.

Certain states may require other risks to be highlighted. If so, check the "State Specific Addenda" (if any) to see whether your state requires other risks to be highlighted.

**ADDENDUM TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT PURSUANT TO THE MICHIGAN  
FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW**

The State of Michigan prohibits certain unfair provisions that are sometimes in franchise documents. If any of the following provisions are in these franchise documents, the provisions are void and cannot be enforced against you:

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

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

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

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

If the franchisor's most recent financial statements are unaudited and show a net worth of less than \$100,000, the franchisor shall, at the request of a franchisee, arrange for the escrow of initial investment and other funds paid by the franchisee until the obligations to provide real estate, improvements, equipment, inventory, training, or other items included in the franchise offering are fulfilled. At the option of the franchisor, a surety bond may be provided in place of escrow.

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

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to: Michigan Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Division, Attention: Franchise Section, G. Mennen Williams Building, 1st Floor, 525 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 4893, Telephone Number: 517-373-7117.

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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 Lemon Tree Development LLC, the Franchisor. The terms “we,” “us” and “Franchisor” do not include you, the “Franchisee”. We refer to the purchaser(s) of a Lemon Tree franchise, as “you,” “your” or “Franchisee,” whether an individual, a partnership, corporation, or limited liability company. If you are a corporation, partnership or other entity, our Franchise Agreement also will apply to your owners, officers and directors. If you are married and your spouse is not a partner in the franchise business, certain provisions of our Franchise Agreement will also apply to that spouse.

We were formed as a limited liability company in the State of New Jersey on October 6, 2009. Our principal business address is 8 Campus Drive, Suite 105, PMB 1029, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, and our telephone number is 973-884-2330. We do business under our company name, “Lemon Tree” and its associated design (the “Marks”). 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 “Lemon Tree” Marks. We began offering franchises in December 2009.

Our agents for service of process are listed in Exhibit A.

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

We have no predecessors.

We have a parent company, Lemon Tree Holdings, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company with a principal place of business at 8 Campus Drive, Suite 105, PMB 1029, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054. Lemon Tree Holdings, LLC, was formed on June 20, 2017 and is our owner. Lemon Tree Holdings, LLC, has not offered franchises in this or in any other lines of business previously.

We have an affiliated company, Lemon Tree IP, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company with a principal place of business at 8 Campus Drive, Suite 105, PMB 1029, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054. Lemon Tree IP was formed on June 20, 2017, and is the owner of the certain of our Marks and has exclusively licensed use of the Marks to us. Lemon Tree IP, LLC has not offered franchises in this or in any other lines of business previously.

We have operated, through our affiliates, hair salon businesses using both the trade name “Lemon Tree” and the Marks, since December 2009. Our affiliates currently operate twelve outlets located in New York and New Jersey. We may operate other Lemon Tree concepts, including additional Lemon Tree Family Salon outlets, or other hair care concepts in the future.

### **The Franchise Offered:**

We grant franchises for the right to own and operate a single Lemon Tree Family Salon, which offers affordable hair care services and other related services for all members of a customer’s family. You will offer services and products to individuals under the “Lemon Tree<sup>®</sup>” Marks, using our distinctive operating procedures and standards in a designated territory and from a single location (the “Franchised Business”). The distinguishing characteristics of a Lemon Tree Franchised Business include, the Lemon Tree distinctive trade dress, service techniques, operations methods, inventory, procedures for management, training, advertising, and promotional programs, all of which may be changed, improved or further developed by us at any time (the “System”).

## **Market and Competition:**

The market for your Lemon Tree Franchised Business consists of the general public who seek affordable hair care services for themselves and their family members. The hair care industry is well-developed and highly competitive. You will compete with businesses, including national, regional and local businesses, offering services similar to those offered by your Lemon Tree Franchised Business, including other haircut, hair care, hair styling and beauty salons and spas that offer similar services. There are other hair styling franchises, as well as independent businesses throughout the United States, that may offer similar services. The market for our products and services is not seasonal but does have peak periods and may be affected by changing economic conditions.

## **Industry Specific Regulations:**

You must comply with all best practices and environmental laws regarding the use, storage and disposal of shampoos, conditioners, aerosols and products containing oils. You must comply with all best practices and health and sanitation laws, rules and regulations regarding the use, maintenance and cleaning of your work stations and tools.

All personnel who render hair care or other esthetic services at your Franchised Business must have a current barber, cosmetology or esthetician license, if required, or otherwise meet state-specific requirements. You may be required to obtain an operating license for your Franchised Business outlet.

You must comply with all local, state and federal laws and regulations that apply to the operation of your Lemon Tree Franchised Business, including, among others, business operations, land use, insurance, discrimination, employment 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: Jonathan Shaw**

Jonathan Shaw is our President, a position he has held since December of 2009. Jonathan has also served as President and CEO since 1999 of Salon Development Corporation, a privately-owned chain of value priced, family hair salons headquartered in Parsippany, New Jersey. Salon Development currently owns and operates approximately 30 hair salons.

### **Vice President of Operations: Heidi O'Neill**

Heidi O'Neill is our Vice President of Operations, a position she has held since November 2018. Prior to joining Lemon Tree, Heidi served from April 2013 to June 2017 as President of Brain Balance Achievement Centers, headquartered in South San Francisco, California. From June 2017 to September 2018, Heidi was Chief Operating Officer at Brain Balance Achievement Centers.

### **Senior Director-Training: Maura Shannon**

Maura Shannon is our Senior Director-Training. Prior to joining Lemon Tree, Maura was Senior Vice President, Support Services, at Brain Balance Achievement Centers, headquartered in South San Francisco, California, where she worked from 2011 through November 2018, and developed the Support Services Department, including the Training, Coaching Services, and Nutrition Departments.

#### **ITEM 3: LITIGATION**

No litigation is required to be disclosed in this Item.

#### **ITEM 4: BANKRUPTCY**

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

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

We will charge you an initial franchise fee (“Initial Franchise Fee”) when you sign the Franchise Agreement. The Initial Franchise Fee is Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00). This payment is fully earned by us, and due in a lump sum payment when you sign the Franchise Agreement. The Initial Franchise Fee is not refundable under any circumstance.

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 giving notice to you. We currently offer an incentive whereby we will reduce the Initial Franchise Fee to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) if you sign a second franchise agreement within eighteen months upon the execution of the first franchise agreement and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) if you sign a third franchise agreement within eighteen months upon the execution of the second franchise agreement.

In 2024, we offered a special incentive period from January 1, 2024, until February 1, 2024, for existing Franchisees, allowing them to sign a Franchise Agreement with no Initial Franchise Fee being due. We signed two (2) new Franchise Agreement waiving the Initial Franchise Fee.

We currently offer a ten percent (10%) discount of the initial franchise fee to active members and honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

You must pay us a fee to establish and maintain your Lemon Tree email address. The fee is \$144 per calendar year, or the then-current rate charged by Google or other email provider, which we will prorate, and must be paid to us before you open for business. This fee is not refundable and is included in the amount owed to us when you sign the Franchise Agreement.

**ITEM 6: OTHER FEES**

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Continuing Royalty Fee	The greater of: \$75 and 6% of Gross Revenue	Weekly on Tuesday for Gross Revenues of the prior week (Monday through Sunday).	Payable to us. See footnote 1.
Required Minimum Expenditure for Local Marketing and Advertising	\$250 per month	Monthly	Payable to third parties. All advertising must be pre-approved by us. See footnote 2.
Brand Fund Contribution	\$135 per week	Weekly	Brand Fund Contributions are paid directly to the Brand Fund. See footnote 3.
Advertising Cooperative	Your share of actual cost of advertising.	As determined by cooperative.	No cooperatives have been established as of our last fiscal year end. You are required to join an advertising cooperative if one is formed. Cooperatives will be comprised of all franchised Lemon Tree outlets in a designated geographic area. Any affiliate-owned outlets may participate in an advertising cooperative, in our sole discretion.
Late Charge	\$50	As incurred	We may assess a late charge if you fail to pay us the Continuing Royalty Fee, Brand Fund Fee, Technology Fee or if you fail to submit your Gross Revenue report when due.
Interest Charge	18% per annum from due date, or maximum allowed by law	As incurred	If you fail to pay us any amount when due, we may charge you interest on the unpaid balance until the payment is received.
Non-Sufficient Funds Fee	\$75	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 Non-Sufficient Funds Fee.

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Transfer Request Fee	\$1,000	Upon your request to transfer your franchise.	This fee is non-refundable. If we approve the transfer, the Transfer Request Fee will be applied to the Transfer Fee payable.
Transfer Fee	\$10,000. For transfers to an entity owned and controlled by the franchisee for convenience purposes or for transfers among owners that does not change management control, the transfer fee is \$500.	Before we approve the transfer.	Payable to us. See Item 17
Initial Training	No charge for up to 2 individuals. You pay all travel and other related expenses incurred by all trainees. The current fee to train additional personnel is \$500 per person per day.	Travel and related expenses are due as incurred. Fees for training your key personnel are due prior to the commencement of training.	Initial training will be held virtually at your salon, or at a location we determine near you, and you will need a desktop or laptop computer. See Item 11.
Additional Training	A reasonable fee for each training session. Current annual convention fee is \$195 per person and \$95 for your spouse and each employee	As incurred.	See footnote 4.
Remedial Training Fee	Our then-current per diem rate for each trainer, plus travel and other expenses. Our current per diem rate is \$500 per day.	As incurred.	We may impose this fee, payable to us, if you request additional training at your premises from time-to-time, or if you are operating below our standards and we require you to have additional training. You must also pay all costs of our trainer, which include but

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
			are not limited to, airfare, transportation, hotel and meals.
Interim Management Support Fee	Our then-current per diem rate for on-site management, plus expenses. Our current rate is the greater of 10% of Gross Revenue plus travel and other expenses.	As incurred.	We may impose this fee (in addition to all regularly occurring fees such as the Continuing Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contributions), payable to us, if we provide on-site or virtual management of your Franchised Business. See footnote 5.
Examination of Books and Records	Cost of examination plus related expenses.	As incurred.	We have the right under the Franchise Agreement to examine your books, records and tax returns. If an examination reveals that you have understated any Gross Revenue report by two percent (2%) or more, you must pay to us the cost of the audit and all travel and related expenses, in addition to repaying monies owed and interest on the monies owed.
Evaluation Fee of Unapproved Item or Supplier	Actual costs	As incurred.	Payable to us. We may refund this fee if the product or supplier is approved.
Quality Review Services	Up to \$95 per month	As incurred	Payable to third-party providers. See footnote 6.
Software/ Applications Fees	\$150 monthly, subject to increase	Monthly, as required by providers	Payable to third-party suppliers or to us for access, support and updates to our approved software. These fees are subject to change by the software providers. We have the right to substitute or add different approved

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
			technologies, which you must use.
Technology Fee	Currently \$144, subject to increase	January 1	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.
Digital Marketing Fee	\$100 per month	Monthly	We impose this fee to provide a digital dashboard to you as well as to manage your SEO and advise on digital spending.
Accounting Services	Actual costs	As incurred.	We reserve the right to require you to use an external accounting service if (i) you do not keep your books and records in accordance with our requirements or (ii) we determine that use of an external service by all franchisees is beneficial to the System.
Liquidated Damages	Up to 24 months of Royalty Fees and Brand Fund Contributions	Upon termination of the Franchise Agreement due to your default, in a lump sum.	If your Franchise Agreement is terminated due to your default, you must pay us the average monthly Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution payable by you for the 24 months prior to your default multiplied by the lesser of 24 months or the number of months remaining in the term of your Franchise Agreement.
Indemnification	Amount of loss or damages plus costs	As incurred.	See footnote 7.

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Reimbursement of Cost and Expenses for Non-compliance	Actual costs and expenses	As incurred.	See footnote 8.
Reimbursement of legal fees and expenses	Our costs and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, incurred for your failure to pay amounts when due or failure to comply in any way with the Franchise Agreement.	As Incurred	Payable to us.
Confidential Operation Manual Replacement Fee	\$300	As incurred	Paid to us.
Insurance Reimbursement	Amount paid by us for your insurance obligations, plus a 10% administrative fee and our legal fees, if any.	As incurred	You must reimburse us for any insurance costs and other fees we incur due to your failure to meet the insurance obligations required by the Franchise Agreement.
Taxes	Amount of taxes	When incurred.	You must reimburse us for any taxes that we must pay to any taxing authority on account of either the operation of your Franchised Business or payments that you make to us, including, but not limited to any sales taxes or income taxes imposed by any authority.

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

<sup>1</sup> "Gross Revenue" includes all sales of every kind and nature at or from your Franchised Business location or made pursuant to the rights granted to you by the Franchise Agreement. "Gross Revenue" does not include (i) any sales tax or similar taxes collected from customers and turned over to the governmental authority imposing the tax, (ii) properly documented refunds to customers, and (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 you do not report revenues for any week, then we will collect 120% of the last Continuing Royalty Fee collected and settle the balance for 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> Upon our request, you must furnish us with a quarterly report and documentation of local advertising expenditures during the previous calendar quarter. You may not use social media platforms, such as Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, blogs and other networking and sharing websites, unless you first receive our written approval to do so and such use is in strict accordance with our requirements.

<sup>3</sup> Brand Fund Contribution payments are due at the same time and in the same manner as Royalty Fees. You are required to set up authorization at your bank to allow the Brand Fund to electronically transfer funds from your bank account to the Brand Fund's bank account. Interest and late fees will apply to any late payments or electronic funds transfer requests denied due to insufficient funds.

<sup>4</sup> 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 three (3) 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 three (3) days per year, at a location we designate. We reserve the right to impose a reasonable fee for all additional training programs, including the national business meeting or annual convention. You are responsible for any and all incidental expenses incurred by you and your personnel in connection with additional training or attendance at Franchisor's national business meeting or annual convention, including, without limitation, costs of travel, lodging, meals and wages.

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

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

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

<sup>8</sup> If you fail to do so, 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 Location upon the termination or expiration of the Franchise Agreement. 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**

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is Made
Initial Franchise Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$35,000	Lump sum payment in cash or available funds.	Upon signing the Franchise Agreement.	Us
Your Training Expenses <sup>2</sup>	\$1,000 - \$2,000	As required by suppliers	As required by suppliers.	Suppliers.
Premises deposits <sup>3</sup>	\$4,500 - \$9,500	As required by landlord, utility providers	As required by landlord, utility providers	Landlord, Utilities providers
Leasehold Improvements, Construction and/or Remodeling <sup>4</sup>	\$63,100 - \$120,000	As required by supplier, contractor or landlord	Before opening, as required by supplier.	Suppliers, contractor and/or Landlord
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment <sup>5</sup>	\$23,000 - \$28,000	As required by supplier	Before opening	Suppliers
Exterior & Interior Signage <sup>6</sup>	\$7,000 - \$10,000	As incurred	Before opening	Suppliers
Business Licenses and Permits <sup>7</sup>	\$800 - \$2,295	As required by government agencies	Before opening, as required by government agencies	Government Agencies
Computer Systems <sup>8</sup>	\$1,000 - \$2,000	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers
E-mail Address	\$144	Lump Sum	Before Opening	Us
Initial Inventory to Begin Operating <sup>9</sup>	\$4,000 - \$5,000	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers
Security and Surveillance System	\$750 - \$1,000	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers
Professional Fees <sup>10</sup>	\$3,500 - \$5,000	As required by providers	As incurred	Attorney, Accountant, Other Professional Service Providers

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is Made
Grand Opening Advertising	\$4,000 - \$8,000	As required by supplier	As required by supplier	Suppliers
Insurance <sup>11</sup>	\$3,000 - \$6,000	As required by insurer	Before opening	Insurer
Operating Expenses / Additional Funds – 4 months <sup>12</sup>	\$30,000 - \$40,000	As incurred	As arranged	Utility companies, advertising companies, employees, governmental agencies, and various suppliers as needed.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$180,794 - \$273,939</b>			

<sup>1</sup> Please see Item 5 for information on incentive programs that may offer a discount on the Initial Franchise Fee.

<sup>2</sup> The cost of the Initial Training Program for up to two (2) individuals is included in the Initial Franchise Fee. Your costs will depend on the number of people attending training. The duration of the training program is approximately 78 hours. This estimate includes food, beverages, payroll and additional supplies for individuals attending training.

<sup>3</sup> This estimate includes a one (1) month deposit of rent for an 800 – 1,200 square foot location at a minimum rent, common area maintenance (CAM) fees, real estate taxes and insurance costs ranging from \$22 - \$37 per square foot. Real estate costs vary widely from place to place. Rental rates may be more or less than this range depending on the location of your Franchised Business. You may also incur real estate broker fees, additional prepayments (e.g., first and/or last month's rent), advertising or promotional fund fees or other costs, depending on the terms of your lease. Pre-paid rent is generally non-refundable while security or other deposits may be refundable either in full or in part depending upon your lease or rental contract. Utility providers set the amounts of the utility deposits. A credit check may be required by the issuing utility company prior to the initiation of services, or a higher deposit required for first time customers. These costs will vary depending on the type of services required for the facility and the municipality or utility provider from which they are being contracted. We have based our estimate on the experiences of our affiliate. The figures in the chart include deposits that may be refundable to you at a later time. In most cases, your lease will require you to pay electric, gas, water, and other utilities directly; however, some landlords cover some utility charges through operating fees.

<sup>4</sup> This estimate is for the costs for improvements to your Franchised Business location. The low end of the range assumes a retrofit of existing space that already has a suitable layout, restrooms and utilities, or includes a tenant improvement allowance from the landlord.

<sup>5</sup> The typical equipment package includes 6 styling Stations, 2 Shampoo Basins and other related equipment. You must purchase equipment from our approved supplier; however, you may request permission to purchase equipment from a third-party vendor, provided that it is of like quality, color and design. All forms of art or other visual media displayed in your Franchised Business outlet must conform to our standards and specifications.

<sup>6</sup> This estimate is for the cost to produce and mount storefront signage on the exterior of the premises, as well as interior signage.

<sup>7</sup> This is an estimate of your professional fees, including fees payable to third parties for preliminary plans and specifications relating to the design and layout of your Salon, and other professional fees, such as legal fees in reviewing the franchise offering and lease agreement.

<sup>8</sup> We require you to purchase computer systems and software meeting our minimum specifications for use at your Franchised Business. 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 computer hardware and software at any time.

<sup>9</sup> This estimate is sufficient for the cost of the initial inventory for approximately two (2) months of operation. Your initial inventory will include hair care and styling products and other accessories.

<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. It is also advisable to consult these professionals to review any lease or other contracts that you will enter into as part of starting your franchise.

<sup>11</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>12</sup> This is an estimate of the amount of additional operating capital that you may need to operate your Franchised Business during the first four (4) months after commencing operations. We cannot guarantee that you will not incur additional expenses in starting the business that may exceed this estimate. This estimate includes such items as rent, utilities, internet service, initial payroll and payroll taxes, Royalties (as described in this disclosure document), Brand Fund Contributions, repairs and maintenance, bank charges, music fee, miscellaneous supplies and equipment, initial staff recruiting expenses, and other miscellaneous items. These estimates do not include any compensation to you, nor do they include debt service. These items are by no means all-inclusive of the extent of possible expenses.

We relied upon the experience of our affiliate-owned Lemon Tree Family Salon outlets and our experience in assisting in the development and opening of franchised 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. 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.

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

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

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

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

Neither we nor any of our affiliates are approved suppliers of required goods or services. No franchisor officer owns an interest in any supplier.

You must use, at your expense, our designated real estate leasing company for site selection services.

Before you open for business, you must purchase and maintain at your sole cost and expense the insurance coverage that we specify. This includes comprehensive general liability insurance in the amount of at least One Million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence; property and casualty insurance to cover the full replacement value of your leasehold improvements, equipment, furniture, fixtures, and inventory; business interruption insurance in an amount necessary to satisfy your obligations under your franchise agreement for at least twelve (12) months; statutory worker's compensation insurance in the limits required by state law; and employer's liability practices insurance in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000). Each policy must be written by a responsible carrier or carriers acceptable to us, with an A.M. Best rating of not less than A-VII, and we must name us and our respective officers, directors, partners, agents and employees as additional insured parties. Insurance costs and requirements may vary widely in different localities. The estimate is for the cost of deposit for one (1) year of required minimum coverage. We reserve the right to require additional types of insurance and coverage as provided in the Franchise Agreement.

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

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

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

We estimate that your purchase or lease of products, supplies and services from approved suppliers (or those which meet our specifications) will represent approximately 70-90% of your costs to establish your Franchised Business and approximately 70% of your costs for ongoing operation.

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

From time to time, we may negotiate purchase arrangements, including price terms, with designated and approved suppliers on behalf of all franchisees. As of our last fiscal year end, we have not created any purchasing arrangements with suppliers.

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

**ITEM 9: FRANCHISEE’S OBLIGATIONS**

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

Obligation	Section or Article in Franchise Agreement	Item in Franchise Disclosure Document
a. Site Selection and Acquisition/Lease	8.1	11
b. Pre-Opening Purchase/Leases	8.3, 10.5, 12.3.1	7, 11
c. Site Development & other Pre-Opening Requirements	8.2, 8.3, 12.1.1, 12.1.3	11
d. Initial and Ongoing Training	Article 7	11

<b>Obligation</b>	<b>Section or Article in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Item in Franchise Disclosure Document</b>
e. Opening	8.2.3, 8.3	11
f. Fees	5.1, 5.2.7, Article 6, 12.3.7, 12.6, 13.6.2, 15.6, 16.4, 18.1.4, 18.1.5, 18.1.8, 19.1.5	5, 6, 7
g. Compliance with Standards and Policies/Operating Manual	Article 9, 12.1, 19.1.1	8, 11
h. Trademarks and Proprietary Information	9.4, 12.1.8, Article 14, 19.2, 19.3, 19.4	13, 14
i. Restrictions on Products/Services Offered	12.1.1, 12.1.4, 12.6	8
j. Warranty and Customer Service Requirements	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
k. Territorial Development and Sales Quotas	13.2	12
l. Ongoing Product/Service Purchases	12.1.4, 12.3.5	8
m. Maintenance, Appearance and Remodeling Requirements	Article 9, 12.1.2, 12.1.5, 12.1.9	Item 11
n. Insurance	Article 15	7
o. Advertising	12.1.9, Article 13	6, 11
p. Indemnification	15.6, 16.3.6, 21.1	14
q. Owner's Participation, Management, Staffing	11.1, 11.3, 12.1.6	11, 15
r. Records /Reports	12.2	6

Obligation	Section or Article in Franchise Agreement	Item in Franchise Disclosure Document
s. Inspections and Audits	9.2, 12.1.7, 12.2.5	6, 11
t. Transfer	Article 16	17
u. Renewal	Article 5	17
v. Post-Termination Obligations	Article 18	17
w. Non-Competition Covenants	19.5	17
x. Dispute Resolution	Article 20	17
y. Guaranty	11.3, Attachment 8	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 forty-five (45) 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 ten (10) days, either accepting or rejecting the proposed location. We consider the following factors in approving a site: general location and neighborhood, distance from neighboring franchise territories, proximity to major roads and residential areas, traffic patterns, condition of premises, tenant mix, and demographic characteristics of the area. If you do not identify a site that meets our approval and sign a lease within one hundred twenty (120) 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 lease with the owner of a site we approve. (Franchise Agreement, Sections 8.1.2, 8.1.3 10.1).

- b. provide you with specifications for the layout, design, appearance, and signage for your Lemon Tree Family Salon outlet. You, your architect, and your contractor are required to adapt our specifications for the construction of your premises and obtain permits. We do not adapt plans or obtain permits for you. In our discretion, we may require you to use our designated architect and/or contractors for site development and sign installation (Franchise Agreement, Sections 8.2.2, 10.2).
- c. loan to you the Lemon Tree Family Salons Operations Manual, other manuals and training aids we designate, and give you access to on-line learning modules for use in the operation of your Lemon Tree Franchise, as they may be revised from time to time. (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.3).
- d. provide a written list of equipment, signage, supplies and products that will be required to open the Franchised Business. We and our affiliates are not obligated to install any of these items (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.5).
- e. provide initial training at our headquarters and/or affiliate-owned outlet. We reserve the right to designate an alternative location for the initial training. We will determine, in our sole discretion, whether you satisfactorily complete the initial training. (Franchise Agreement, Sections 7.1, 7.2).
- f. provide a trainer at your premises for on-site training, supervision and assistance for up to five (5) days upon the opening of your Franchised Business. (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.3).
- 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).
- h. subject to applicable law, set minimum and maximum prices for products and services at your Lemon Tree Family Salon outlet (Franchise Agreement, Section 12.5).

## 2. **Time to Open**

We estimate the typical length of time between the signing of the Franchise Agreement and the time you open your Franchised Business is 270 days. Factors that may affect this time period include your ability to acquire financing or permits, build out of your location, have signs and equipment installed in your location, and completion of required training. You must find a site that we accept and sign a lease within one hundred twenty (120) days of signing the Franchise Agreement, and in all cases you must commence operations within five (5) months after signing your lease. If you have not opened your Franchised Business within five (5) months after signing your lease or nine months after you sign the Franchise Agreement, whichever is earlier, you must obtain our consent to extend the time to open, which we may or may not grant, at our discretion. Failure to open your Franchised Business within the original time as extended is a default of the Franchise Agreement. (Franchise Agreement, Sections 8.1, 8.3)

## 3. **Obligations After Opening**

During the operation of your franchise, we will:

- a. offer from time to time, in our discretion, mandatory or optional additional training programs. If we require it, you must attend the mandatory additional training offered by us for up to three (3) days each year, and/or attend an annual business meeting or franchisee conference for up to three (3) 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 corrective on-site training and assistance at your premises. For any on-site remedial training, you must reimburse all costs for the services of our trainer, including but not limited to the trainer's then-current per diem fee and all travel-related expenses, such as transportation, meals and lodging. The current fee is \$500 per trainer per day of on-site training (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.5).
- c. upon your request, provide individualized assistance to you within reasonable limits by telephone, video conferencing, electronic mail or postage service, subject at all times to availability of our personnel and in reasonable limits (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.6).
- e. from time to time, as may become available, provide you with samples or digital artwork, advertising and promotional materials (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.6).
- f. conduct inspections of your Franchised Business, at the frequency and duration that we deem advisable. Such inspections include evaluating your service and premises to ensure that they meet our standards (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.4).
- g. provide you with any written specifications for required equipment, products and services and updated lists of any approved suppliers of these items (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.7).
- h. subject to applicable law, set minimum and maximum prices for products and services at your Lemon Tree Family Salon outlet (Franchise Agreement, Section 12.5).
- i. approve or disapprove of all advertising, direct mail, and other promotional material and campaigns you propose in writing to us. We will respond within ten (10) business days, either accepting or rejecting the proposed material and/or campaign; however, if we do not respond within ten (10) business days, the proposed material and/or campaign is deemed "disapproved". (Franchise Agreement, Section 13.7).
- j. monitor your social media accounts to safeguard the brand reputation. (Franchise Agreement, Section 13.6.2)

#### 4. **Advertising**

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

We require you to spend up to Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) in opening advertising and promotional activities within the first forty-five (45) days following the opening of your Franchised Business in your territory. You will conduct a grand opening campaign in accordance with plans approved by us, which may include the use of our designated vendor(s) to implement grand opening activities on your behalf. Thereafter, you are required to spend at least Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per month on advertising for the Franchised Business in your territory. Local Advertising may include promotion and marketing through social media platforms, with our prior approval. We must approve all advertising materials. We reserve the right to collect some or all of your grand opening funds and/or your Local Advertising expenditure and implement grand opening campaign activities and/or Local Advertising on your behalf.

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

We do not provide for placement of local advertising on your behalf, and we have no obligation to spend any amount on advertising in your area or territory. You are responsible for local advertising placement. If feasible, you may do cooperative advertising with other Lemon Tree Family Salon franchisees in your area, with our prior written approval. You may not maintain any business profile on Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube or any other social media and/or networking site, except in accordance with our specifications. You are required to pay us a monthly Digital Marketing Fee of \$100, subject to increase, for us to provide you with a digital dashboard as well as manage your SEO and advise on digital spending.

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

You are required to contribute to the Brand Fund One Hundred Thirty Five Dollars (\$135.00) per week. We reserve the right to increase your Brand Fund Contribution by ten percent (10%) annually. Your Brand Fund contribution is collected at the same time and in the same manner as your Royalty. Each Lemon Tree Family Salon outlet operated by our affiliate or us may contribute to the Brand Fund, in our discretion, but has no obligation to do so.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In our most recently concluded fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, Brand Fund contributions were used as follows: 54.93% for media placement, 9.11% on administrative costs, and 35.96% for production.

Although the Brand Fund is intended to be of perpetual duration, we may terminate it at any time and for any reason or no reason. We will not terminate the Brand Fund, however, until all monies in the Brand Fund have been spent for advertising or promotional purposes or returned to contributors, without interest, on the basis of their respective contributions.

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

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

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

## **Advertising Council** (Franchise Agreement, Section 9.5)

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

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

You must purchase and use the point-of-sale system ("POS System") we specify, and have the latest versions of hardware, software and computer platforms to operate the POS System. The current POS System requirement is a POS System developed by ProPoint Solutions. The POS System performs a variety of functions, including inventory management, employee scheduling, gift card and loyalty program management, payment processing, bookkeeping, and sales report generation.

You are required to use all software and applications that we specify and pay any subscription or access fees associated with them. You are required to have QuickBooks bookkeeping application to provide the financial information and reports in the format and using the accounting methods, that we require.

The current cost of the required hardware and software for the POS System is \$1,000 - \$2,000 and includes a cash drawer and receipt printer. Software and applications access fees are approximately \$150 monthly, subject to increase, and two cents (\$0.02) per text, which is an optional feature.

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

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

6. **Table of Contents of Operations Manual**

The Table of Contents of our Lemon Tree Family Salons Operations Manual, current as of our last fiscal year end is attached as Exhibit D. The Operations Manual has a total of 58 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 Training Program, to our satisfaction, at least two (2) weeks before opening your Franchised Business. We will train you virtually at your salon or a location near you at our headquarters, or at another location we specify.

Phase 1 of your Initial Training is virtual for up to 50 hours. You are required to have a personal computer to access this training. Phase 2 of Initial Training concludes with On-site training dedicated to practical application for up to 28 hours.

**TRAINING PROGRAM**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Hours of Classroom Training</b>	<b>Hours of On-the-Job Training</b>	<b>Location</b>
Personnel Management	12	0	Virtually and at your salon or location near you
Customer Relations	5	8	Virtually and at your salon or location near you
Merchandising and Marketing	8	6	Virtually and at your salon or location near you
Inventory Control	2	0	Virtually and at your salon or location near you
Product Purchasing	5	0	Virtually and at your salon or location near you
Point of Sale	6	4	Virtually and at your salon or location near you
In-Salon Management	12	10	Virtually and at your salon or location near you
<b>Totals</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>28</b>	

We periodically conduct our Initial Training Program throughout the year, as needed. Training is currently provided by Maura Shannon. Maura is our Senior Director – Training. She has over 20 years’ experience training franchisees and had developed the Support Services Department of the Brain Balance Achievement Centers franchise system.

Our training materials consist of our Operations Manual, handouts and visual presentations.

The cost of our instructors and training materials for up to two (2) individuals is included in the Initial Franchise Fee. You must pay for all travel and personal expenses, including, but not limited to, all

costs for your transportation, meals, and lodging for yourself and your personnel. Our current fee to provide initial training to any additional trainee is \$500 per person, per day.

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

We will provide you with on-site training, supervision and assistance for up to five (5) days upon the opening of your Franchised Business.

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 three (3) 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 three (3) days per year, at a location we designate. We reserve the right to impose a reasonable fee for tuition and/or attendance for all additional training programs, including the annual business meeting or conference. Our current fee is \$195 per person and \$95 for your spouse and each employee. 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) Lemon Tree outlet within a territory that will be defined after the location of your Lemon Tree outlet is identified and approved by us (the "Territory"). You are required to find and obtain possession of a specific location for your Franchised Business that meets our site selection criteria and our approval. The Territory is determined on an individual basis taking into account minimum numbers of households and population demographics. In the States of New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and the counties of Nassau and Suffolk in New York, the area will be a one (1) mile radius around your Lemon Tree Family Salon outlet. In all other areas, the size of the Territory will depend on a number of factors, including population and competition. We anticipate the size of the Territory in other areas will range from ½ mile to 2 miles. Your Territory will be identified and attached to your Franchise Agreement as Attachment 2. If you do not yet have a location at the signing of the Franchise Agreement, you will receive a non-exclusive site search area list as Attachment 2.

You will not receive an exclusive territory. You may face competition from other franchisees, from outlets that we own, or from other channels of distribution or competitive brands that we control.

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

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

You may not change the location of your Franchised Business, without our written consent, which we may withhold in our sole discretion. 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 Lemon Tree Family Salon outlets, lease requirements, traffic patterns, vehicular and pedestrian access, proximity to major roads, available parking, and overall suitability. If you wish to relocate, you must identify a new location for the Franchised Business that meets our approval, in accordance with our then-current site selection procedures, and complete your build-out within 120 days. If you do not meet these timelines, you will be in default of your Franchise Agreement. You must continue to operate at your original premises until construction of the new site is complete.

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

We reserve all rights not expressly granted in the Franchise Agreement. For example, we or our affiliates may own, operate or authorize others to own or operate Lemon Tree Family Salon outlets outside of the Territory and may operate other kinds of businesses within the Territory. Our affiliates, Salon Development Corporation and Salon Development, LLC, both having a principal place of business at 8 Campus Drive, Suite 105, PMB 1029, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, currently own and operate 15 hair salons under the trademark "Cutting Crew" and 12 hair salon under the trademark "Lemon Tree" that sell products and services similar to those you will sell at your Franchised Business, and may solicit or accept orders in a territory within geographic proximity. We do not maintain, and do not intend to maintain, a physically separate office or training facility from Salon Development Corporation or Salon Development, LLC. We and our affiliates may own, acquire, conduct, or authorize others to conduct, any other 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 reserve the right to merge with, acquire, or be acquired by, an existing competitive or non-competitive franchise network, chain, or other business; however, we will not convert any acquired business in your Territory to a franchise using our primary trademarks during the Term of your Franchise Agreement.

We and our affiliates may sell products and services under the Mark within or outside the Territory through any method of distribution other than a dedicated Lemon Tree Family Salon outlet location, such as distribution of products through retail outlets, including but not limited to, beauty supply outlets; co-branding with other hair salons; and through the Internet ("Alternative Distribution Channels"). You will receive no compensation for our sales through Alternative Distribution Channels in the Territory.

You may not use Alternative Distribution Channels such as the Internet, catalog sales, telemarketing, or other direct marketing, to make sales inside or outside your Territory; however, we will include a listing on our website of your Lemon Tree Family Salon outlet location.

You may only sell products and services in the manner we prescribe. You may only solicit sales from customers in your Territory. Your local advertising must target customers in your Territory, although the reach of your local advertising may extend beyond your Territory. You may service a customer located outside of your Territory, provided that you did not solicit the customer in violation of your Franchise Agreement.

**ITEM 13: TRADEMARKS**

Our affiliate Lemon Tree IP, LLC, (“Licensor”) is the owner of the Marks and has granted us the exclusive right to use the Marks and license to others the right to use the Marks in the operation of a Lemon Tree Family Salon outlet in accordance with the system. The Franchise Agreement will license to you the right to operate your Lemon Tree Family Salon outlet under the Lemon Tree Family Salon service mark, as described below (“Principal Mark”). Licensor has filed the following Marks for registration on the Principal Register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

Mark	Registration Number	Registration Date	Register
	5859920	September 17, 2019	Principal
Lemon Tree	4044841	October 25, 2011	Principal
Lemon Tree	4275086	January 15, 2013	Principal

Licensor has filed all required affidavits.

You must notify us immediately when you learn about an infringement of or challenge to your use of the Principal Mark or other Marks. 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 Marks. Licensor and we have the right to control any administrative proceedings or litigation involving the Principal Mark or other Mark licensed by us to you. You must cooperate fully with 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 Marks, or if we determine that substitution of different Marks will be beneficial to the System. In such event, we may require you, at your expense, to modify or stop using any Mark, including the Principal Mark, or to use one or more additional or substitute Marks.

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

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

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 Marks in a manner material to the franchise.

Our license agreement with Licensor gives us broad rights to use the Marks in connection with the operation of the Lemon Tree Family Salons franchise System, and to sublicense to franchisees the right to use the Marks, in strict accordance with our Franchise Agreement. The term of our license agreement is for twenty (20) years, commencing July, 2018, and will automatically renew every ten (10) years. The license agreement will terminate only by either party’s election not to renew by providing 60 days’ notice prior to the end of the then-current term. The termination of the license agreement will have no effect on sublicenses granted to franchisees prior to the date of termination.

As of our last fiscal year end, 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 and website.

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

There are no agreements currently in effect that limit your right to use any of our copyrights. As of our last fiscal year end, we are unaware of any infringing uses of or superior previous rights to any of our copyrights that could materially affect your use of them.

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

During the term of the Franchise Agreement, you may have access to and become acquainted with our trade secrets, including, but not limited to, formulas, 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; and any other information which Franchisor may or may not specifically designate as "confidential" or "proprietary"; and the components of the System, whether or not such information is protected or protectable by patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights (collectively called the "Confidential Information"). You agree that you will take all reasonable measures to maintain the confidentiality of all Confidential Information in your possession or control and that all such Confidential Information and trade secrets shall remain our exclusive property. You may never (during the Initial Term, any Renewal 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 9).

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 a general manager manages the day-to-day operation of your Franchised Business. You may appoint a non-owner manager of the Franchised Business, provided that he or she is an individual that meets our standards and criteria. Your manager must successfully complete our Initial Management Training Program. Your manager must devote full time to the job and cannot have an interest or business relationship with any of our competitors. If you replace your Manager, the new Manager must complete our Initial Training Program to our satisfaction.

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 9. If your Franchised Business is owned by an entity, all owners of the entity must personally sign the Franchise Agreement as a Principal. If you are a married individual, your spouse must sign our Spouse Guaranty, which is attached to our Franchise Agreement as Attachment 8.

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

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

You may not use our Marks 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 our affiliates, or us or with Lemon Tree Family Salon 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, provided that you do not advertise in any medium whose primary circulation is in another Lemon Tree Family Salon franchisee's territory. You may service a customer located outside of your Territory, provided that you did not solicit the customer in violation of your Franchise Agreement.

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

**THE FRANCHISE RELATIONSHIP**

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

	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
a.	Length of the franchise term	Art. 4	Term is ten (10) years
b.	Renewal	Sections 5.1 and 5.4	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; continue to maintain your location, current trade dress and other standards; execute a general release; comply with then-current qualifications and training requirements; including completion of additional training.  You may be asked to sign a new Franchise Agreement with materially different terms and conditions than your original Franchise Agreement.
d.	Termination by franchisee	None	You may seek termination upon any grounds available by state law.
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

Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
		<p>than 30 days; or foreclosure proceeding that is not dismissed within 30 days.</p> <p>We may terminate the Franchise Agreement upon notice to you if you: do not acquire a site, do not complete construction, obtain permits and/or open the Franchised Business within required time frames; falsify any report to us; cease operations for 5 days or more, unless the premises are damaged and you apply to relocate; lose possession of the premises, unless you are not at fault for loss and you timely apply to relocate; fail to restore and re-open the Franchised Business within 120 days after a casualty, as may be extended by us; fail to comply with applicable laws; default under any lease for the premises; understate Gross Revenue two (2) or more times; fail to comply with insurance and indemnification requirements; attempt a transfer in violation of the Franchise Agreement; fail, or your legal representative fails to transfer as required upon your death or permanent disability; misrepresent or omit a material fact in applying for the Franchise; are convicted or plead no contest to a felony or crime 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</p>

	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
			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.
i.	Franchisee's obligations on termination/ non-renewal	Article 18	Upon termination, you must: cease operations; cease to identify yourself as a Lemon Tree Family Salon 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; pay liquidated damages; sell to us, at our option, all furnishing, fixtures, equipment, inventory and supplies of your Franchised Business; and assign, at our option, your telephone numbers, directory and internet listings, and social media and software accounts and the lease for the location.
j.	Assignment of contract by franchisor	Section 16.1.1	No restrictions on our right to assign.
k.	"Transfer" by franchisee 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		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;

	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
			transferee meets our then-current standards for qualifying franchisees; transferee signs our then-current form of Franchise Agreement, which may have materially different terms from your Franchise Agreement; transferee successfully completes our Initial Training Program; you have paid us and third-party creditors all amounts owed; you and the transferee sign a General Release in the 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 3 years following the transfer; our approval of the material terms and conditions of the transfer; payment of a transfer request fee of \$1,000 and payment of a transfer fee equal to \$10,000, or \$500 for transfer among existing owners, or to add a new entity or shareholder or member to your entity and such transfer does not change management control of your entity. If we consent to the transfer, the transfer request fee paid will be applied to the transfer fee.
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 equipment, furniture, fixtures, signs, advertising materials, supplies, and inventory at your cost or fair market value, whichever is less.
p.	Death or disability of franchisee	Sections 16.3, 16.4 and 16.7	The Franchise Agreement will terminate upon your death or permanent disability, and the

	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
			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 Lemon Tree Family Salon outlet (including yours) to any competitor, participate in any capacity, including, but not limited to as an owner, investor, officer, director, employee or agent, in any competing business; do any act that could damage the goodwill of the Marks or System, or disrupt or jeopardize our business or that of our franchisees.
r.	Non-competition covenants after the franchise is terminated or expires	Section 19.5.2	For 24 months after the termination of the Franchise Agreement, you may not: divert, or attempt to divert, customers of any Lemon Tree Family Salon 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 five (5) miles of your former Lemon Tree Family Salon outlet location or any other Lemon Tree Family Salon outlet location (franchised or company owned); do any act that could damage the goodwill of the Marks or System, or disrupt or jeopardize our business or that of our franchisees.
s.	Modification of the agreement	Sections 9.4, 14.6, 19.1.4 and 22.4	No oral modifications generally, but we may change the Operations Manual and System standards at any time. You may be required to implement these changes at your own costs. We have the right to modify our Marks at any time upon written notice to you.
t.	Integration/merger clause	Section 21.12	Only the terms of the Franchise Agreement and other related written agreements, such as any attachments to the Franchise Agreement or addenda, are binding (subject to applicable state law.) Any representations or promises outside of the disclosure document and Franchise Agreement may not be enforceable.

	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Franchise Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
u.	Dispute resolution by arbitration or mediation	Sections 20.1, 20.2, 20.3	At our option, claims that are not resolved internally may be submitted to non-binding mediation at our headquarters, and then to binding arbitration, excluding claims related to injunctive relief, anti-trust, the trademarks, possession of the Franchised Business premises and post-termination obligations.
v.	Choice of forum	Section 20.5	Litigation takes place in New Jersey (subject to applicable state law)
w.	Choice of law	Section 20.5	New Jersey 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 Franchise 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 performance at a particular location or under particular circumstances.

This financial performance representation is a historic representation based on the past performance of our existing outlets in 2024.

As of December 31, 2024, 34 franchised Lemon Tree® Salons were open and reporting their gross sales to us (each, a "Franchised Salon"). Of those 34 Franchised Salons, 32 were open and reporting for at least one (1) full year as of December 31, 2024. We have excluded 1 Franchised Salon that was new to the system and 1 Franchised Salon that closed for several months due to staffing issues. This information was not audited or independently verified.

**GROSS SALES DATA FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR**

**Gross Revenue  
From January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024**

	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Median</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Quartile 1</b> 8 Franchised Outlets	\$ 604,874	\$ 623,999	\$ 707,006	\$ 497,622
<b>Quartile 2</b> 8 Franchised Outlets	\$ 366,722	\$ 359,910	\$ 453,107	\$ 324,992
<b>Quartile 3</b> 8 Franchised Outlets	\$ 278,631	\$ 300,203	\$ 311,120	\$ 224,363
<b>Quartile 4</b> 8 Franchised Outlets	\$ 157,919	\$ 169,967	\$ 215,973	\$ 79,737

**Average Annual % Growth**

**From January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024**

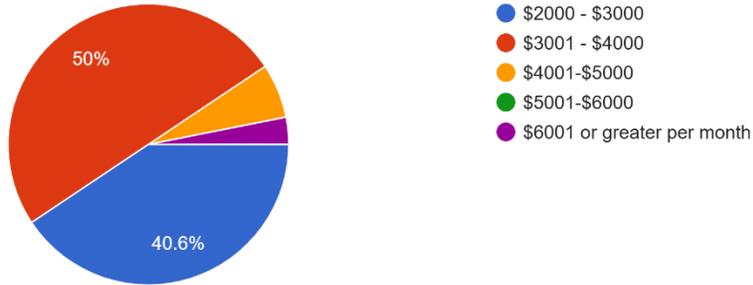
	<b>YOY Average</b>	<b>Median</b>
<b>Franchised Outlets</b>	6.6%	3.9%

The following pie charts includes expenses incurred by the 32 franchisees who's financial performance is represented in this Item 19. Each franchisee in the System asked to complete a survey containing the questions on the top line of each of the following charts. The franchisee's self-reported answers are included below.

## FRANCHISEE EXPENSES FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR

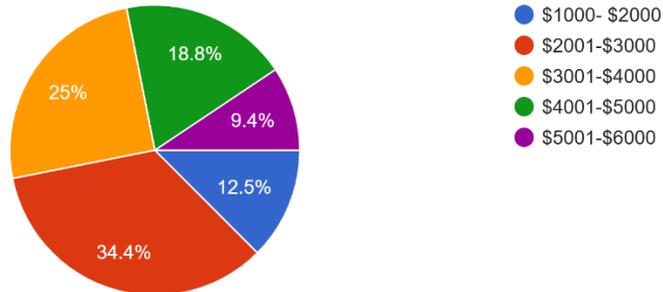
Salon rent: Below are ranges of monthly rent. What range was your average monthly rent in 2024?  
(This would include base rent and CAM charges only) Select one.

32 responses



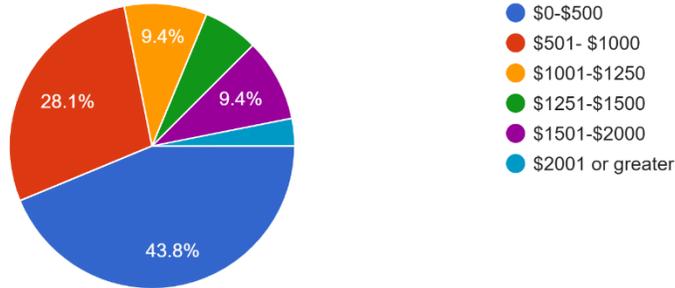
Salon payroll: Below are ranges of weekly gross payroll. What was your average weekly gross payroll in 2024? Select one.

32 responses



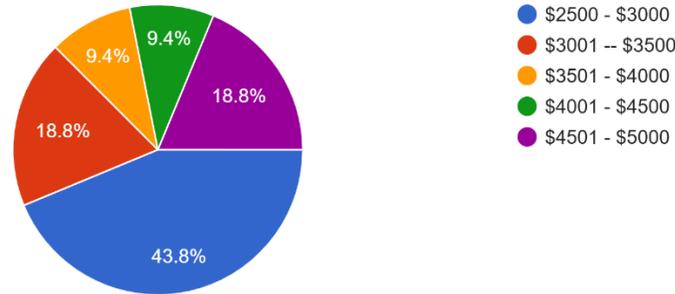
Salon supplies: Below are ranges of weekly supply cost. What was your average weekly supply cost in 2024? Select one.

32 responses



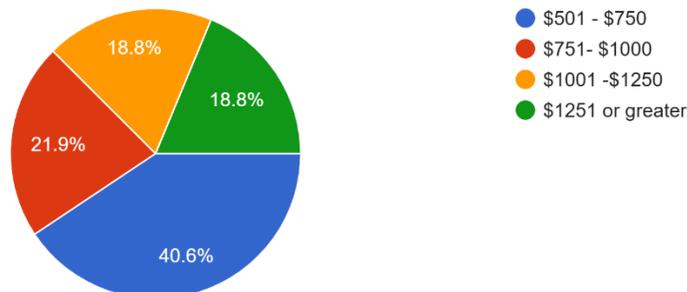
Salon Insurance: Below are ranges for yearly insurance. What was your yearly cost in 2024? (Please do not include any health insurance cost.) Select one.

32 responses



Salon Utilities: Below are ranges for monthly utility bills. What were your average monthly utility bills in 2024? (Electric, Gas, Water, Internet) Select one.

32 responses



## Definitions and General Notes

1. The term Gross Revenue, as used in the above tables, means total sales, less sales taxes and discounts.
2. Gross Revenue reports printed from the computer system used by our franchisees were the source of the data presented in this Financial Performance Representation. We have not independently audited or verified this information.
3. Each of the franchisees studied has been in business for at least one year. Additionally, several of the franchisees studied have a two (2) mile Approved Territory.
4. These results are unaudited.
5. These results represent sales of products and services which will be available for franchisees to sell.

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

**Some outlets have earned this amount. Your individual results may differ. There is no assurance that you'll earn as much.**

Other than the preceding financial performance representation, we do not make any representations about a franchisee's future financial performance or the past financial performance of company-owned or franchised outlets. We also do not authorize our employees or representatives to make any such representations either orally or in writing. If you are purchasing an existing outlet, we may provide you with the actual records of that outlet. If you receive any other financial performance information or projections of your future income, you should report it to the franchisor's management by contacting Jonathan Shaw at 8 Campus Drive, Suite 105, PMB 1029, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, or 973-884-2330, 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

Outlet Type	Year	Outlets at the Start of the Year	Outlets at the End of the Year	Net Change
Franchised	2022	33	32	-1
	2023	32	34	2
	2024	34	34	0
Company – Owned*	2022	9	9	0
	2023	9	12	3
	2024	12	12	0
Total Outlets	2022	42	41	-1
	2023	41	46	5
	2024	46	46	0

\* Company-owned stores are operated by our affiliates.

Table No. 2  
Transfers of Outlets From Franchisees to New Owners (Other than the Franchisor)  
For Years 2022 to 2024

State	Year	Number of Transfers
New York	2022	2
	2023	1
	2024	0
Total	2022	2
	2023	1
	2024	0

Table No. 3

Status of Franchised Outlets  
For Years 2022 to 2024

State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Terminations	Non-renewals	Reacquired by Franchisor	Ceased Operations - Other Reasons	Outlets at End of the Year
Florida	2022	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	2023	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	2024	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
New York	2022	28	0	0	0	0	1	27
	2023	27	0	0	0	0	0	27
	2024	27	0	0	0	0	1	26
Ohio	2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2024	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oklahoma	2022	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2023	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2024	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Texas	2022	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	2023	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
	2024	3	1	0	0	0	0	4
Total	2022	33	0	0	0	0	1	32
	2023	32	2	0	0	0	0	34
	2024	34	1	0	0	0	1	34

Table No. 4

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

State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Outlets Reacquired from Franchisees	Outlets Closed	Outlets Sold to Franchisees	Outlets at End of the Year
New Jersey	2022	2	0	0	0	0	2
	2023	2	2	0	0	0	4
	2024	4	0	0	0	0	4
New York	2022	7	0	0	0	0	7
	2023	7	1	0	0	0	8
	2024	8	0	0	0	0	8
Total	2022	9	0	0	0	0	9

	2023	9	3	0	0	0	12
	2024	12	0	0	0	0	12

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

Table No. 5  
Projected Openings as of December 31, 2024

State	Franchise Agreements Signed But Outlet Not Opened	Projected New Franchised Outlets in the Next Fiscal Year	Projected New Company Owned Outlets in the Next Fiscal Year
California	1	1	0
Connecticut	0	0	2
Florida	0	2	0
New Jersey	0	2	1
New York	0	2	0
Ohio	0	0	0
Texas	2	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>

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

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

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

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

**ITEM 21: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

We have attached, in our Exhibit C, our audited financial statements which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2022, December 31, 2023, and December 31, 2024, and the related Statements of Operations, Member's Equity, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Our fiscal year end is December 31.

**ITEM 22: CONTRACTS**

A copy of all proposed agreements regarding the franchise offering are included in this Disclosure Document, as follows:

- Exhibit B – The Franchise Agreement and all attachments to it (Marks, Territory, General Release, ACH Authorization, Collateral Assignment of Lease, Statement of Ownership Interests in Franchisee, Telephone, Internet, and Social Media Listing Assignment Agreements, Spousal Guaranty, and Confidentiality and Non-Compete Agreement).
- Exhibit F -- Franchisee Acknowledgement Statement, as permitted by state law. 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 23: RECEIPT**

A receipt in duplicate is attached to this Disclosure Document as Exhibit H. You should sign both copies of the receipt. Keep one copy for your own records and return the other signed copy to us at 8 Campus Drive, Suite 105, PMB 1029, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054.

## EXHIBIT A

### AGENCIES/AGENTS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

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

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

<b>State</b>	<b>State Agency</b>	<b>Agent for Service of Process</b>
MINNESOTA	Minnesota Department of Commerce 85 7 <sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 280 St. Paul, MN 55101-2198 (651) 539-1500	Minnesota Commissioner of Commerce
NEW YORK	NYS Department of Law Investor Protection Bureau 28 Liberty Street, 21 <sup>st</sup> Floor New York, NY 10005 (212) 416-8222 Phone	Attention: New York Secretary of State New York Department of State One Commerce Plaza 99 Washington Avenue, 6 <sup>th</sup> Floor Albany, NY 11231-0001 (518) 473-2492
NORTH DAKOTA	North Dakota Securities Department 600 East Boulevard 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**

**LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC  
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**FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered this \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Effective Date”) between the franchisor Lemon Tree Development, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company, with its principal address at 8 Campus Drive, Suite 105, PMB 1029, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 (herein referred to as “Franchisor”) and \_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, with its principal place of business located at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_’s principals \_\_\_\_\_, an individual residing at \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, an individual residing at \_\_\_\_\_ (“Principal(s)”). \_\_\_\_\_ and Principal(s) shall be individually and collectively referred to, and each is, the “Franchisee”.

**RECITATIONS**

Through the expenditure of considerable time, effort and money, Franchisor has developed and established unique retail hair salons offering affordable hair care services and other related services for all members of a customer’s family under the Lemon Tree trademarks, and using Franchisor’s confidential operations manual (“Manual”) of business practices and policies, and Franchisor’s distinctive décor, fixtures and furnishings, operations methods, sales techniques, inventory, procedures for management control and training, assistance, advertising, and promotional programs, all of which may be changed, improved or further developed by Franchisor at any time (taken together herein the “System”).

The System is identified by certain trade names, service marks, trademarks, logos, emblems and indicia of origin, including but not limited to the Lemon Tree 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 Lemon Tree Family Salon (the “Franchise” or “Franchised Business”), using only the Marks licensed hereunder, in strict conformity with the System, which may be changed, improved and further developed by Franchisor from time to time. This grant applies only to a single location within a territory that is designated in Attachment 2 attached hereto and incorporated herein (the “Territory”).

### 3. **TERRITORY.**

3.1 Territory. This Agreement grants Franchisee the right to operate the Franchised Business at a single location and from within the Territory. Subject to Section 3.2 below, Franchisor agrees that during the Term of this Agreement, Franchisor will not operate, and will not authorize any other franchisees to operate, a Lemon Tree Family Salon 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 been terminated. Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, Franchisor reserves the right to open, operate or franchise Lemon Tree Family Salons bordering and adjacent to the Territory. Franchisee will be selling its products and services from a single location that will be determined by Franchisee with Franchisor’s prior written approval, which may be withheld or denied in Franchisor’s sole discretion.

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 within or outside of the Territory. By way of example only, Franchisor reserves the rights to offer (i) other products or services not offered under the Marks, (ii) other salon and style concepts under the Marks or other trademarks, and (iii) products or services through any channel in the Territory other than a dedicated Lemon Tree Family Salon, such as distribution through retail outlets, including but not limited to, beauty supply outlets; co-branding within other hair salons, and the Internet (“Alternate Distribution Channels”). Franchisee will receive no compensation for Franchisor’s sales through Alternate Distribution Channels made within the Territory. Franchisee agrees that such implementation of Franchisor’s rights pursuant to this Section 3.2 is deemed not to impair or injure Franchisee’s rights pursuant to Section 2 hereof.

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 Salon is located (the “Successor Franchise Agreement”) for an additional ten (10)-year term. The term of such Successor Franchise Agreement shall commence upon the date of expiration of the immediately preceding term.

5.1 Form and Manner of Successor 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 six (6) months prior to the expiration of the Term of this Agreement, Franchisee shall request from Franchisor in writing, a copy of Franchisor’s then current Disclosure Document (including Franchisor’s then current franchise agreement).

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

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

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

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

5.2 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 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 Lemon Tree Development, LLC, 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 Attachment 3. 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 at the time that the Successor Franchise Agreement is executed. Franchisee shall have six (6) months from the effective date of the Successor Franchise Agreement to complete such updates as prescribed by Franchisor.
- 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 Lemon Tree Family Salon 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 renewal 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 enter into a successor franchise agreement for this Franchise as a result of a decision to withdraw from the Territory in which Franchisee's Franchised Business is located.

## 6. FEES

6.1 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-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) (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, weekly and throughout the Term, a royalty fee equal to the greater of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) and 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. 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, 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.

6.1.3 Gross Revenue Reports. Franchisee shall, on the Tuesday of the week following the close of immediately prior calendar week, 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 and the Brand Fund Contribution and Digital Management Fee, both as defined and more particularly described in Article 13, then due. At Franchisor’s request, Franchisee must execute documents,

including but not limited to, the Authorization attached as Attachment 4, that allow Franchisor to automatically take the Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution due as well as other sums due Franchisor, from business bank accounts via electronic funds transfers or Automated Clearing House (“ACH”) payments. Franchisee’s failure to allow electronic funds transfers or ACH payments on an ongoing basis is a material breach of this Agreement. If Franchisee fails to timely report Gross Revenue, then, in addition to a late fee and interest pursuant to Sections 6.2 and 6.3 hereof, Franchisor shall collect one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the last Royalty Fee payable. Franchisor shall reconcile amounts when Gross Revenues are reported. Franchisor reserves the right to modify the method and frequency of collection of the Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution upon forty-five (45) days’ prior notice to Franchisee.

- 6.2 Late Fee. If the Royalty Fee, Brand Fund Contribution, 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 Fifty Dollars (\$50.00). This late fee is reasonably related to Franchisor’s costs resulting from the delay in payment and/or receipt of any report, is not a penalty, and is in addition to any other remedy available to Franchisor under this Agreement for Franchisee’s failure to pay the Royalty Fee, the Brand Fund Contribution, 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 eighteen (18%) per annum or at the highest rate permitted by law, whichever is lower.
- 6.4 Internal Systems Fee. Franchisor reserves the right to impose a technology fee, in an amount that Franchisor reasonably determines, for the development, adoption and/or use of new or improved technology for the benefit of the System and Franchised Business, including but not limited to, assigned phone numbers and email addresses required for use in the Franchised Business, a franchise portal, benchmarking platform or other operations or communications systems (“Internal Systems Fee”). In Franchisor’s sole discretion, Franchisor may (i) increase the amount of the technology fees or (ii) replace the technology with different technology, developed by Franchisor or a third-party, and Franchisee shall pay the then-current fees for the replacement technology and for continuous access thereto. Payment of the Technology Fee will be made in the manner and frequency as reasonably determined by Franchisor.
- 6.5 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 Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) per occurrence. This non-sufficient funds fee is reasonably related to Franchisor’s costs resulting from the delayed and declined payment, is not a penalty, and is in addition to any other remedy available to Franchisor under this Agreement.

6.6 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.

## 7. TRAINING.

- 7.1 Initial Management Training Program. Franchisee (specifically including all Franchisee's principals) and Franchisee's general manager shall attend and complete to Franchisor's sole and absolute satisfaction, Franchisor's initial management training program ("Initial Management Training Program") at least two (2) weeks (but no more than eight (8) weeks, prior to the opening of the Franchised Business. The Initial Management Training Program consists of a course conducted virtually and hands on training at Franchisee's Lemon Tree Family Salon. Franchisor reserves the right to designate an alternate location for any component of the Initial Management Training Program. 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 one (1) Principal and one (1) General Manager (as defined below) 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. If the Initial Management Training Program is not satisfactorily completed or if Franchisor, in Franchisor's reasonable business judgment based upon the performance of the Initial Trainees, determines that the Initial Management Training Program cannot be satisfactorily completed by Franchisee and Franchisee's Principal(s), Franchisor may terminate this Agreement.
- 7.3. Opening Assistance. Upon the opening of the Franchised Business, Franchisor shall provide Franchisee with opening assistance by a trained representative of Franchisor. The trainer will provide on-site opening training, supervision, and assistance to Franchisee for up to five (5) days 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 for up to three (3) days per year, at a location designated by Franchisor.

(ii) a national business meeting or annual convention for up to three (3) days per year, at a location designated by Franchisor.

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, electronic mail or video conferencing, as determined by Franchisor, in Franchisor's sole discretion, with respect to the operation of the Franchised Business, including consultation and advice regarding employee training, marketing, operation issues, purchasing and inventory control, bookkeeping and System improvements.

## **8. FRANCHISED BUSINESS SITE 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 within the Territory and for constructing and equipping the Franchised Business at such site. Franchisee shall not make any binding commitment to a prospective vendor or lessor of real estate

with respect to a site for the Franchised Business unless the site 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 Franchisor, in Franchisor's discretion, may require Franchisee to use Franchisor's designated broker and/or consultant for the purposes of locating a site for the Franchised Business and negotiating a lease therefor. In such case, Franchisee shall pay all fees required by such broker or consultant for site selection and lease negotiation assistance.
- 8.1.3 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 forty-five (45) days after the execution of this Agreement. Franchisor shall have ten (10) 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 ten (10) 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.
- 8.1.4 Within thirty (30) 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 5. Failure by Franchisee to acquire the site for the Franchised Business within one hundred twenty (120) days following the Effective Date shall constitute a material event of default under this Agreement.
- 8.1.5 Upon consent by Franchisor to the location for the Franchised Business, Franchisor shall set forth the location and Territory in Attachment 2 of this Agreement and shall provide a copy thereof to Franchisee. Attachment 2, as completed by

Franchisor, shall be incorporated herein and made a part hereof. Franchisee shall notify Franchisor within fifteen (15) days of any error or rejection of Attachment 2; otherwise, the Attachment 2 provided to Franchisee shall be deemed final.

## 8.2 Construction.

8.2.1 Franchisee shall be responsible for obtaining clearances that may be required by state or local laws, ordinances or regulations or that may be necessary as a result of any restrictive covenants relating to the Franchised Business premises. Prior to beginning the construction of the Franchised Business, Franchisee shall (a) obtain Franchisor's approval of Franchisee's architect and contractor, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, (b) adapt Franchisor's prototypical construction plans and specifications, provided to Franchisee, for the construction of the Franchised Business premises and submit such adapted plans and specifications to Franchisor for approval, (c) 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 (d) 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.

8.3 Time to Open. Franchisee acknowledges that time is of the essence in this Agreement. Subject to Franchisee's compliance with the conditions stated below, Franchisee shall open the Franchised Business and commence business within one hundred fifty (150) days after Franchisee has executed a lease for the premises, unless Franchisee obtains a written extension of such time period from Franchisor. The date the Franchised Business opens for business to the public shall be defined herein as the "Opening Date". Prior to the Opening Date, Franchisee shall (i) complete all exterior and interior preparations for the Franchised Business, including installation and cleaning of equipment, fixtures, furnishings, décor and signs, in accordance with System requirements and the plans and

specifications consented to by Franchisor, (ii) satisfactorily complete Franchisor's Initial Management Training Program, as further set forth in Article 7, (iii) hire and train staff, (iv) obtain all required licenses to operate the Franchised Business and (v) obtain all required insurance and provide Franchisor with certificates therefor. If Franchisee fails to comply with any of such obligations, Franchisor shall have the right to prohibit Franchisee from opening for business. Franchisee's failure to open the Franchised Business and commence business (i) in accordance with the foregoing and (ii) within two hundred seventy (270) days following the Effective Date of this Agreement, as may be extended by Franchisor in Franchisor's sole discretion, shall be deemed a material event of default under this Agreement.

- 8.4 **No Relocation.** Franchisee's rights to operate the Franchised Business shall be limited to the Territory set forth in Attachment 2, and no other. Franchisee shall not relocate the premises of the Franchised Business at any time without Franchisor's written approval, which approval shall be granted only in the sole and complete discretion of Franchisor, and, if permitted, shall be at Franchisee's sole expense. In the event such permission is granted, Franchisee shall (i) secure and outfit the replacement premises in accordance with Section 8.1 within one hundred twenty (120) days of Franchisor's consent, (iii) if feasible, continue to operate at the original premises during the construction of the replacement premises, (iv) upon relocation, remove any signs or other property from the original Franchised Business premises which identified the original Franchised Business premises as part of the System, and (iv) Franchisor shall issue a revised Attachment 2, in accordance with Section 8.1.5, to reflect the address of the new Franchised Business location. Failure to comply with the foregoing requirements shall be a default of this Agreement.

## **9. SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT**

- 9.1 **Maintenance of Franchised Business Site and Equipment.** Franchisee shall equip and maintain the Franchised Business location 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 (i) air quality, (ii) handling and disposal of products used at the Franchised Business, including but not limited to, shampoos, conditioners, aerosols and products containing oils, and (iii) health, safety and sanitation practices; and in a manner that will ensure the highest rating possible for businesses of like kind from the governmental authorities that may inspect such businesses in the Territory. Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor a copy of any inspection reports. It shall be a default of this Agreement if, upon inspection, Franchisee does not obtain such rating or if Franchisee fails to operate in accordance with the general standards of quality,

maintenance, repairs and sanitation required by the System, and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement.

9.3 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 exterior building designs, new interior decors, new color schemes, new or modified marks, and new furnishings (collectively, "Trade Dress Modifications").

9.4.2 No more than once in a five (5) year period, at Franchisor's request, Franchisee shall refurbish the Franchised Business location at Franchisee's sole expense, as required by Franchisor, to conform to Trade Dress Modifications. This includes, without limitation, structural changes, remodeling, redecoration, and modifications to existing improvements. Notwithstanding the foregoing restriction on the frequency of Trade Dress Modifications, Franchisee, upon notice by Franchisor and in accordance with Section 14.6 hereof, shall immediately discontinue the use of any Mark that is no longer desirable or available to Franchisor and substitute a different Mark or Marks as Franchisor directs.

9.4.3 Franchisee will accept, use and display any such Trade Dress Modifications as if they were a part of this Franchise Agreement at the time of execution hereof.

9.5 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 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 site in accordance with Section 8.1.2.
- 10.2 Construction. Provide to Franchisee criteria and specifications for construction of a Lemon Tree Family Salon outlet. Such criteria and specifications include, but are not necessarily limited to, criteria with respect to design and layout. 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 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 digital artwork of certain advertising and promotional materials and information developed by Franchisor from time to time for use by Franchisee in marketing and conducting local advertising for the Franchised Business.
- 10.7 List of Suppliers. Make available from time to time, and amend as deemed appropriate by Franchisor, required products and services and a list of approved and/or recommended suppliers therefor.
- 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 Fund. Administer a Brand Fund in accordance with Section 13.3.

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

- 11.1 Best Efforts. Franchisee, including each Principal, 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 Franchisee is duly organized and validly existing under the state law of its formation;
- 11.2.2 Attachment 6 of this Agreement accurately reflects all individuals with an ownership interest, whether direct or beneficial, in the Franchisee entity;
- 11.2.3 Franchisee is duly qualified and is authorized to do business in the jurisdiction of the Franchised Business location and the Territory;
- 11.2.4 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;
- 11.2.6 Any financial statements and tax returns provided to Franchisor shall be certified as true, complete and correct and shall have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to the respective periods involved and, except as expressly described in the applicable notes, applied on a consistent basis. No material liabilities, adverse claims, commitments or obligations of any nature exist as of the date of the statements or returns, whether accrued, unliquidated, absolute, contingent or otherwise, that are not reflected as liabilities; and
- 11.3 Spouse 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 designate and retain at all times a general manager ("General Manager") to direct the operation and management of the Franchised Business

location. Franchisee shall designate its General Manager prior to attending the Business Management Training Program. The General Manager shall be responsible for the daily operation of the Franchised Business location.

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 The General Manager shall meet Franchisor's standards and criteria for such individual, 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 The General Manager shall 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 competitive business activity without the Franchisor's consent, which may be withheld in Franchisor's sole discretion.

11.4.2.3 The General Manager shall 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. 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 the then-current interim management support fee 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 any other requirement, rule, law or regulation of any federal, state or local jurisdiction. Franchisee shall further comply with all industry's best practices with respect to sanitation and the handling, storage, and disposal of shampoos, conditioners, aerosols and products containing oils.

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 relates to or affects the operation or financial condition of the Franchised Business. Any and all media inquiries concerning the Franchised Business or Franchised Business premises, including, but not limited to, the business operation and incidents and occurrences related to a customer or employee, shall be referred to Franchisor. Neither Franchisee, 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 as Franchisor deems necessary 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 and listings; and provide Franchisor with 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 tax returns and reports related to the Franchised Business 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. 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, marketing material, signage, and all branded items 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 and hold all necessary licenses or permits to allow sale of products and provision of services as required hereby, and otherwise comply with all applicable governmental laws, ordinances, rules and regulations including those related to health and sanitation and the use and disposal of shampoos, conditioners, aerosols and products containing oils;
- 12.1.4 Maintain sufficient inventories of supplies and merchandise, as prescribed by Franchisor;
- 12.1.5 Conduct sales in accordance with Franchisor's standards and specifications, which includes the implementation of any membership, gift card and/or customer incentive or convenience programs, as Franchisor directs. Franchisee acknowledges and accepts that Franchisee may only engage in providing System products and services to end-users. Franchisee is expressly prohibited from selling products or services outside of the Franchised Business location, on the Internet, or to dealers and/or distributors for subsequent re-sale, and engaging in such sales shall be a material default of this Agreement;
- 12.1.6 Employ only qualified individuals who are trained in accordance with Franchisor's standards, including but not limited to the protection of Franchisor's confidential and proprietary information, and who will at all times enhance Franchisor's brand and conduct themselves in a competent and courteous manner in accordance with this Agreement and the image and reputation of the System. Franchisee shall use its best efforts to ensure that Franchisee's employees maintain a neat and clean appearance, in accordance with the dress code outlined in the Manual and render competent and courteous service to patrons of the Franchised Business. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that poorly trained employees, sloppy or unclean appearances and incompetent or discourteous service are extremely damaging to the goodwill of the System and the Marks and are a material default of this Agreement;
- 12.1.7 Permit Franchisor or its agents, to inspect the Franchised Business 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 not display in or upon the Franchised Business location or elsewhere any sign or advertising media or interior décor of any kind to which Franchisor reasonably objects, including signs, advertising media or interior décor which are outdated. Upon giving Franchisee notice of its objection to same or upon termination hereof, Franchisor may at any time enter upon the Franchised Business location or elsewhere and remove any objectionable or non-approved signs, advertising media or interior décor and keep or destroy same without paying therefor or without being deemed guilty of trespass or any other tort;

12.1.9 Conduct all advertising programs in a manner consistent with Franchisor's standards and specifications, in a manner satisfactory to Franchisor and that will not detract from the reputation of the System or the Marks.

12.1.10 Accept and honor all loyalty cards, promotional coupons, or other System-wide offers, on a uniform basis, as accepted by other franchisees in the System.

## 12.2 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 and chart of accounts 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 two percent (2%) or more, 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 Franchisee may capture customer data only in strict accordance with Franchisor's specifications and only using those technologies and processes that are approved by Franchisor. 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 Lemon Tree Family Salon System (the "Website"). Franchisor has sole discretion and control over the Website. Franchisor shall include a listing on its Website with Franchisee's Franchised Business location, and may, at Franchisor's option, provide Franchisee with a linked webpage for the Franchised Business. Franchisee has no ownership or other proprietary rights to Franchisor's website and Franchisee will lose all rights to such listing and/or webpage of Franchisee's location upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason.
- 12.3.7 In addition to the requirements of Section 6.4, whether to Franchisor or to third party vendor(s), Franchisee shall pay all fees and expenses for technology required by this Agreement, including but not limited to, the costs of computer hardware and software, audio equipment and music programs and/or playlists, installation costs and regularly recurring fees for software, Internet access, license fees, help desk fees, and licensing or user-based fees.
- 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 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 or, if Franchisor fails to respond within thirty (30) days, such proposed item or supplier shall be deemed "disapproved". 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 Critical Operations Standards. 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.

12.9 Variations in Standards. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement and this Section 12 in particular, Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that because complete and detailed uniformity under many varying conditions may not be possible or practical, Franchisor specifically reserves the right and privilege, at its sole discretion and as it may deem in the best interests of all concerned in any specific instance, to vary performance standards for some franchisees based upon the peculiarities and characteristics of the particular site or circumstance, business potential, existing business practices or any other condition which Franchisor deems to be of importance to the successful operation of such particular franchise business. Franchisor has full rights to vary standard specifications and practices for any other franchisee at any time without giving Franchisee comparable rights. Franchisee shall not be entitled to require Franchisor to disclose or grant to Franchisee a like or similar variation.

### **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, Franchisee shall spend monthly, throughout the term of this Agreement, not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per month on advertising for the Franchised Business in the Territory ("Local Advertising"). Franchisor may require Franchisee to allocate to a regional advertising cooperative, as described in Section 13.4, up to one-half of Franchisee's required Local Advertising expenditures. 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 Franchisee shall spend up to Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) on Local Advertising and promotional activities in the Territory within the first forty-five (45) days after the opening of the Franchised Business to promote the opening of the Franchised Business. Franchisee shall conduct Franchisee's grand opening campaign in accordance with plans approved by Franchisor pursuant to Section 13.3. Franchisor reserves the right to require Franchisee to engage Franchisor's designated supplier(s) to implement grand opening campaign activities on Franchisee's behalf. 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 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 One Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$135.00) per week to the Brand Fund ("Brand Fund Contribution"). Franchisor reserves the right, in Franchisor's sole discretion and at any time and from time to time, to increase the amount of the Brand Fund Contribution up to ten percent (10%) annually. Payments will be made in the same manner and time as the Royalty Fees.

13.3.2 Franchisor shall direct the Brand Fund and shall have sole discretion to approve or disapprove the creative concepts, materials and media used in such programs and the placement and allocation thereof. Franchisee agrees and acknowledges that the Brand Fund is intended to maximize general public recognition and acceptance of the Marks and enhance the collective success of all Franchised Businesses operating under the System.

13.3.3 Franchisor may, but has no obligation to, contribute to the Brand Fund on the same basis as Franchisee with respect to Lemon Tree outlets operated by Franchisor or Franchisor's affiliates.

13.3.4 Franchisor may use the Brand Fund to satisfy any and all costs of developing, preparing, producing, directing, administering, conducting, maintaining and disseminating advertising, marketing, promotional and public relations materials, programs, campaigns, sales and marketing seminars and training programs of every kind and nature, through media now existing or hereafter developed (including, without limitation, the cost of television, radio, magazine, social media, newspaper and electronic advertising campaigns; direct mail and outdoor billboard advertising; public relations activities; conducting marketing research, employing

advertising agencies to assist therein; developing, enhancing and maintaining the Website; and staff salaries and other personnel and departmental costs for advertising that Franchisor internally administers or prepares). While Franchisor does not intend that any part of the Brand Fund will be used for advertising which is principally a solicitation for franchisees, Franchisor reserves the right to use the Brand Fund for public relations, to explain the franchise system, and/or to include a notation in any advertisement indicating “Franchises Available.”

13.3.5 The Brand Fund will not be used to defray any of Franchisor’s general operating expenses, except for reasonable administrative costs and overhead that Franchisor may incur in activities related to the administration and direction of the Brand Fund and such costs and expenses pursuant Section 13.3.4. The Brand Fund and its earnings shall not otherwise inure to Franchisor’s benefit except that any resulting technology and intellectual property shall be deemed the property of Franchisor.

13.3.6 In administering the Brand Fund, Franchisor undertakes no obligation to make expenditures for Franchisee that are equivalent or proportionate to Franchisee’s contribution or to ensure that any particular franchisee benefits directly or pro rata from the production or placement of advertising.

13.3.7 Although the Brand Fund is intended to be of perpetual duration, Franchisor may terminate it at any time and for any reason or no reason. Franchisor will not terminate the Brand Fund, however, until all monies in the Brand Fund have been spent for advertising or promotional purposes or returned to contributors, without interest, on the basis of their respective contributions.

13.4 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 equal to Franchisee’s share of the total cost of cooperative advertising, in addition to required Brand Fund Contributions.

13.5 Directory Listings. 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 Social Media Use. Franchisee may not maintain any business profile on Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter), LinkedIn, YouTube or any other social media and/or networking site except in strict accordance with Franchisor's requirements, as follows:

13.6.1 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.

13.6.2 Franchisee shall pay Franchisor a Digital Management Fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per month, subject to increase, to provide Franchisee with a digital dashboard, manage Franchisee's SEO, and advise on digital spending.

13.7 Approval of Advertising. All advertising and promotion by Franchisee, in any medium, shall be conducted in a professional manner and shall conform to the standards and requirements of Franchisor as set forth in the Manual or otherwise. Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor for its approval samples of all advertising, press releases, promotional plans and materials and public relations programs that Franchisee desires to use, including, without limitation, any materials in digital, electronic or computerized form, or in any form of media now or hereafter developed that have not been either provided or previously approved by Franchisor. Franchisor shall approve or disapprove such plans and materials within ten (10) business days of Franchisor's receipt thereof. If Franchisor fails to respond to Franchisee's submission within ten (10) business days, such plans and materials shall be deemed "disapproved". Franchisee shall not use such unapproved plans or materials until they have been approved by Franchisor in writing and shall promptly discontinue use of any advertising or promotional plans or materials, whether or not previously approved, upon notice from Franchisor. Any advertising, marketing or sales concepts, programs or materials proposed or developed by Franchisee for the Lemon Tree Family Salons brand and approved by Franchisor may be used by other System franchisees without any compensation to Franchisee.

## **14. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

14.1 Ownership.

14.1.1. Franchisee expressly understands and acknowledges that Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) are the record owner of the Marks. Franchisor holds the exclusive right to license the Marks to franchisees of the System for use pursuant to the System. Franchisee further expressly understands and acknowledges that Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) claim copyrights on certain written material used in the System, including but not limited to, instructional materials, the Website, documents, photographs, social media content, forms, advertisements,

promotional materials and the Manual, whether or not Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) have filed for copyrights thereto with the U.S. Copyright Office. The Marks and copyrights are hereafter together referred to as the "Intellectual Property".

14.1.2. As between Franchisor and Franchisee, Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) are the owners of all right, title and interest in and to the Intellectual Property and the goodwill associated with and symbolized by them.

14.2 No Interference. Neither Franchisee nor any Principal shall take any action that would prejudice or interfere with the validity of Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s)'s rights with respect to the Intellectual Property. Nothing in this Agreement shall give the Franchisee any right, title, or interest in or to any of the Intellectual Property or any of Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s)'s service marks, trademarks, trade names, trade dress, logos, copyrights or proprietary materials, except the right to use the Intellectual Property and the System in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement for the operation of a Franchised Business and only at or from the Franchised Business 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/or Franchisor's affiliate(s), and upon expiration or termination of this Agreement and the license herein granted, no monetary amount shall be assigned as attributable to any goodwill associated with Franchisee's use of the Intellectual Property.

14.4 Validity. Franchisee shall not contest the validity of, or Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s)'s interest in, the Intellectual Property or assist others to contest the validity of, or Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s)'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 and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s)'s rights in the Intellectual Property and a material event of default hereunder. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) with all assignments, affidavits, documents, information and assistance Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) reasonably requests to fully vest in Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) all such rights, title and interest in and to the Intellectual Property, including all such items as are reasonably requested by Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s) to register, maintain and enforce such rights in the Intellectual Property.

14.6 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 "Lemon Tree" 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 Lemon Tree Development, LLC"

14.7.2 Franchisee shall identify itself as the owner of the Franchised Business and as an independent Lemon Tree Family Salon 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 public liability, personal injury, completed operations, and products liability coverage in the amount of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence;

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 Five hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000); 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, windstorm and hail, and extended coverage insurance for property damage with primary and excess limits of not less than the full replacement value of the leasehold improvements, equipment, furniture, fixtures, and inventory, whichever is greater; and

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.

15.2 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. Franchisee shall deliver the initial Certificate of Insurance no later

than thirty (30) days before Franchisee opens the Franchised Business. In addition, if requested by Franchisor, Franchisee shall deliver to Franchisor a copy of the insurance policy or policies required hereunder.

- 15.3 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 an administrative fee of ten percent (10%) of the cost for Franchisor's expenses in so acting, including all attorneys' fees. Franchisee shall pay Franchisor immediately upon notice by Franchisor to Franchisee that Franchisor has undertaken such action and the cost thereof.
- 15.4 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 LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, LEMON TREE IP, LLC, LEMON TREE HOLDINGS, LLC, AND ANY OF THESE COMPANIES' PARENT COMPANY, SUBSIDIARIES, DIVISIONS, AFFILIATES, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS AND DESIGNEES AS WELL AS THEIR DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SHAREHOLDERS, SUCCESSORS, DESIGNEES AND REPRESENTATIVES (COLLECTIVELY REFERRED TO AS THE "FRANCHISOR PARTY INDEMNITEES"), FROM ALL CLAIMS BASED UPON, ARISING OUT OF, OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO THE OPERATION, CONDITION, OR ANY PART OF FRANCHISEE'S LEMON TREE FRANCHISE, 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. 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 LEMON TREE 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 within the Territory, proximate thereto, or proximate to any of Franchisee's locations). However, Franchisor represents that it will not convert any such acquired facilities that are

operating within the Territory to a Lemon Tree Family Salon franchise during the Term of this Agreement.

16.1.3 If Franchisor assigns its rights in this Agreement, nothing herein shall be deemed to require Franchisor to remain in any part of the business franchised herein 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 Principal(s) 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 or Principal(s). 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 Training Program to Franchisor's satisfaction;

16.3.4 Franchisee has paid all amounts owed to Franchisor and third-party creditors;

16.3.5 The transferee has executed Franchisor's then-standard form of Franchise Agreement, which may have terms and conditions different from this Agreement, except that the transferee shall not be required to pay the Initial Franchise Fee;

16.3.6 Franchisee and the transferee and each of Franchisee's and the transferee's Principals shall have executed a general release, in a form satisfactory to

Franchisor, of any and all claims against Franchisor and Franchisor's officers, directors, shareholders, members and employees in their corporate and individual capacities, including, without limitation, claims arising under federal, state and local laws, rules and ordinances. Franchisee will agree to subordinate any claims Franchisee may have against the transferee to Franchisor, and indemnify Franchisor against any claims by the transferee relating to misrepresentations in the transfer process, specifically excluding those representations made by Franchisor in the Franchise Disclosure Document given to the transferee;

16.3.7 Franchisor has granted written approval of the material terms and conditions of the Transfer, including, without limitation, that the price and terms of payment will not adversely affect the Franchised Business's operation. However, Franchisor's approval of a Transfer is not in any way a representation or warranty of the transferee's success or the soundness of transferee's decision to purchase the Franchise on such terms and conditions. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor all proposed transfer documents for Franchisor's review at least thirty (30) days prior to a closing of the proposed Transfer;

16.3.8 If Franchisee or any Principal finances any part of the sale price of the Transfer, Franchisee or its Principal have agreed that all obligations of the transferee under any notes, agreements or security interests to Franchisee or its Principal will be subordinate to the transferee's obligations to Franchisor; and

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

16.4 Transfer Fee. As a condition to any request to Transfer, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor a non-refundable Transfer Request Fee of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). If Franchisor consents to the Transfer, Franchisee shall pay a Transfer Fee equal to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), which shall be reduced by the Transfer Request Fee paid; provided however, for transfers of ownership interest among existing principals, shareholders or members, or to add a business entity or new shareholder or member of the Franchisee entity and such transfer does not change management control of the Franchise, the transfer fee is Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

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

16.6 Franchisor 's Right of First Refusal.

- 16.6.1 If Franchisee wishes to transfer all or part of its interest in the Franchised Business or this Agreement or if a Principal wishes to transfer any ownership interest in Franchisee, pursuant to any bona fide offer to purchase such interest, then Franchisee or such Principal shall promptly notify Franchisor in writing of each such offer, and shall provide such information and documentation relating to the offer as Franchisor may require.
- 16.6.2 Franchisor has the right, exercisable by written notice to Franchisee within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notification and copies of all documentation required by Franchisor describing such offer, to buy the interest in this Agreement and the Franchised Business or the Principal's interest in Franchisee for the price and on the terms and conditions contained in the offer, subject to Section 16.6.3.
- 16.6.3 Franchisee further agrees, in the event Franchisor exercises its right of first refusal, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the offer, that (i) Franchisor may substitute cash for any other form of consideration contained in the offer; (ii) at Franchisor's option, Franchisor may pay the entire purchase price at closing; (iii) Franchisor's credit will be deemed equal to the credit of any proposed transferee; (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, the executor, administrator, conservator or other personal representative of Franchisee or Principal, as the case may be, shall be required to transfer Franchisee's or Principal's interest in this Agreement within six (6) months from the date of death or permanent disability, to a third party approved by Franchisor. Failure to transfer in accordance with the forgoing will constitute a material default and the Franchise granted by this Agreement will terminate. A transfer under this Section 16.7, including without limitation, transfer by devise or inheritance, is subject to the conditions for Transfers in this Article 16 and unless transferred by gift, devise or inheritance, subject to the terms of Section 16.6 above. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "permanent disability" means a mental or physical disability, impairment or condition that is reasonably expected to prevent or actually does prevent such person from providing continuous and material supervision of the operation of Franchisee's Franchised Business during the six (6)-month period from its onset.

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

16.8 Effect of Consent to Transfer. Franchisor's consent to a Transfer will not waive any claims Franchisor may have against the Franchisee or any of 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 financing whereby funding is provided with the assistance of the United States Small Business Administration ("SBA Financing"), Franchisee shall be permitted to grant the lender of such SBA Financing a senior lien on any Uniform Commercial Code collateral Franchisee uses to secure the SBA Financing, and Franchisor agrees to (i) subordinate its interest in any lien on Franchisee's Uniform Commercial Code collateral to that of the lender of the SBA Financing and (ii) waive the requirement of the written acknowledgement referenced in this Section.

## 17. DEFAULTS

17.1 Default and Automatic Termination. Franchisee shall be deemed to be in material default under this Agreement, and all rights granted herein shall automatically terminate without notice to Franchisee, if Franchisee shall become insolvent or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or if Franchisee files a voluntary petition under any section or chapter of federal bankruptcy law or under any similar law or statute of the United States or any state thereof, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts when due; or if Franchisee is adjudicated as 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 premises, (iii) obtain all licenses and permits 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; subject to loss or casualty which is governed by Section 17.2.4 and Section 17.2.5;

17.2.4 loses for any cause whatsoever the right of possession of the Franchised Business premises; provided, however, that this provision shall not apply if through no fault of Franchisee, Franchisee loses right of possession and Franchisee applies within thirty (30) days after such event, for Franchisor's approval to relocate the Franchised Business (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld) and Franchisee diligently pursues such relocation in accordance with Section 8.4;

17.2.5 fails to restore the Franchised Business premises to full operation within a reasonable period of time but not more than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date the Franchised Business premises is rendered inoperable by any casualty, as may be extended by Franchisor in Franchisor's reasonable discretion;

17.2.6 fails to comply with any federal, state, or local law, rule, or regulation, applicable to the operation of the Franchised Business, including, but not limited to, the failure to pay taxes;

17.2.7 defaults under any lease or sublease of the real property on which the Franchised Business premises is located;

17.2.8 understates Net Sales 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 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 engages in any other conduct that may 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 the Franchised Business premises 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 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 or suppliers 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 17.2.20 and/or 17.2.21;

17.3.2 fails to perform any non-monetary obligation imposed by this Agreement (excepting those defaults of obligations set forth in Sections 17.1 and 17.2 for which there is no opportunity to cure) and such default shall continue for five (5) days after Franchisor has given written notice of such default, or if the default cannot be reasonably corrected within said five (5)-day period, then if it is not corrected within such additional time as may be reasonably required assuming Franchisee proceeds diligently to cure; provided, however, Franchisor has no obligation to give written notice of a non-monetary default more than two (2) times in any twelve (12)-month period, and the third such default, whether monetary or non-monetary, in any twelve (12) - month period shall be a non-curable default under Section 17.2.20.

17.4 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 exercise complete authority with respect to the operation thereof until such time as Franchisor determines that the default of Franchisee has been cured and that Franchisee is complying with the requirements of this Agreement. Franchisee specifically agrees that a designated representative of Franchisor may take over, control and operate the Franchised Business. In addition to all other fees paid under this Agreement, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor ten percent (10%) of the Gross Revenue generated by the Franchised Business during Franchisor's operation thereof as compensation therefor. Further, Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor for the full compensation paid to such representative including the cost of all fringe benefits plus all travel expenses, lodging, meals and other expenses reasonably incurred by such representative until the default has been cured and Franchisee is complying with the terms of this Agreement.

17.5 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 attorney's 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 Lemon Tree Family Salon owner, franchisee or licensee;

18.1.2 immediately and permanently cease to use the Marks, any imitation of any Mark, logos, copyrighted material or other intellectual property, confidential or proprietary material or indicia of a Lemon Tree Family Salon, or use any trade name, trade or service mark or other commercial symbol that suggests a current or past association with Franchisor and/or Franchisor's affiliate(s), or the System. In particular, Franchisee shall cease to use, without limitation, all signs, billboards, advertising materials, displays, stationery, forms and any other articles, which display the Marks;

18.1.3 take such action as may be necessary to cancel any assumed name or equivalent registration that contains the Mark or any other service mark or trademark of Franchisor, and Franchisee shall furnish Franchisor with evidence of compliance with this obligation which is satisfactory to Franchisor, within five (5) days after termination or expiration of this Agreement;

18.1.4 promptly pay all sums owing to Franchisor and its affiliates. Such sums shall include all damages, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor as a result of any default by Franchisee. The payment obligation herein shall give rise to and remain, until paid in full, a lien in favor of Franchisor against any and all of the personal property, furnishings, equipment, fixtures, and inventory owned by Franchisee and located at the Franchised Business location at the time of default;

18.1.5 pay to Franchisor all damages for any breach or early termination of this Agreement, plus costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by Franchisor in connection with obtaining any remedy available to Franchisor for any violation of this Agreement and, subsequent to the termination or expiration of this Agreement, in obtaining injunctive or other relief for the enforcement of any provisions of this Agreement that survive its termination;

- 18.1.6 immediately deliver at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, to Franchisor the Manual and all records, files, instructions, correspondence, invoices, agreements, designs, completed project signs, all confidential, proprietary and copyrighted material and all other materials related to operation of the Franchised Business, including but not limited to customer lists and records, (all of which are acknowledged to be Franchisor's property), delete all electronic copies and retain no copy or record of any of the foregoing, except Franchisee's copy of this Agreement and of any correspondence between the parties and any other documents that Franchisee reasonably needs for compliance with any provision of law;
- 18.1.7 comply with the non-disclosure and non-competition covenants contained in Article 19; and
- 18.1.8 in the event this Agreement is terminated due to Franchisee's default, pay Franchisor a lump sum payment (as liquidated damages and not as a penalty) in an amount equal to: (a) the average monthly Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution payable by Franchisee over the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of termination (or such shorter time period if the Franchised Business has been open less than twelve (12) months); (b) multiplied by the lesser of (i) twenty-four (24) months or (ii) the number of months then remaining in the then-current term of this Agreement. Franchisee acknowledges that a precise calculation of the full extent of the damages Franchisor will incur in the event of termination of this Agreement as a result of Franchisee's default is difficult to determine and that this lump sum payment is reasonable in light thereof. The liquidated damages payable by Franchisee pursuant to this Section 18.1.8 shall be in addition to all other amounts payable under this Agreement and shall not affect Franchisor's right to obtain appropriate injunctive relief and remedies pursuant to any other provision of this Agreement.

## 18.2 Right to Purchase.

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

against any payment therefor and shall pay the remaining amount in cash. Closing of the purchase shall take place no later than thirty (30) days after determination of the fair market value.

18.2.2 With respect to the options described in Sections 18.2.1, Franchisee shall deliver to Franchisor in a form satisfactory to Franchisor, such warranties, releases of lien, bills of sale, assignments and such other documents and instruments that Franchisor deems necessary in order to perfect Franchisor's title and possession in and to the assets being purchased or assigned and to meet the requirements of all tax and government authorities. If, at the time of closing, Franchisee has not obtained all of these certificates and other documents, Franchisor may, in its sole discretion, place the purchase price in escrow pending issuance of any required certificates or documents.

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

18.3 Assignment of Telephone Numbers. Franchisee, at the option of Franchisor, shall assign to Franchisor all rights to the telephone numbers of the Franchised Business and any related public directory listing or other business listings and execute all forms and documents required by Franchisor and any telephone company at any time, to transfer such service and numbers to Franchisor. Further, Franchisee shall assign to Franchisor any and all social media and internet listings, domain names, internet advertising, websites, listings with search engines, electronic mail addresses or any other similar listing or usage related to the Franchised Business. Notwithstanding any forms and documents that may have been executed by Franchisee under Section 11.6, Franchisee shall provide Franchisor with all passwords and administrative rights, and hereby appoints Franchisor its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, for the sole purpose of taking such action as is necessary to complete such assignment. This power of attorney shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Franchisee shall thereafter use different telephone numbers, social media accounts, electronic mail addresses 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 Principal(s) 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 Principal(s) 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, Principal(s), and any person working with Franchisee shall agree not, at any time to use, copy, duplicate, record or otherwise reproduce these materials, in whole or in part, or otherwise make the same available to any person other than those authorized above, without Franchisor's prior written consent.
- 19.1.3 The Manual, written directives, and other materials and any other confidential communications provided or approved by Franchisor shall at all times remain the sole property of Franchisor. Franchisee shall maintain the Manual and all Franchisor's confidential and proprietary materials at all times in a safe and secure location, shall take all reasonable measures to prevent unauthorized access thereto, whether any attempted unauthorized access takes the form of physical access or access via computer or telecommunications networks or otherwise, and shall report the theft or loss of the Manual, or any portion thereof, immediately to Franchisor. At a minimum, Franchisee shall, in the case of computer and telecommunications networks, use the latest available firewall, encryption and similar technology to prevent unauthorized access. Franchisee shall delete all electronic copies and return and cease using any physical copy of the Manual and other confidential and proprietary materials to Franchisor immediately upon request or upon transfer, termination or expiration of this Agreement.
- 19.1.4 Franchisor may from time to time revise the contents of the Manual and other materials created or approved for use in the operation of the Franchised Business. Franchisee expressly agrees to comply with each new or changed policy, standard or directive. In the event of any dispute as to the contents of the Manual, the terms of the master copy of the Manual maintained by Franchisor shall control.
- 19.1.5 If Franchisee loses, misplaces or otherwise requests a physical copy of the Manual, Franchisor, in its discretion, may provide such physical copy and Franchisee shall pay Franchisor the then-current replacement fee.

19.2 Confidential Information. Franchisee and Principal(s) acknowledge and accept that during the term of this Agreement, Franchisee and any Principal will have access to Franchisor's trade secrets, including, but not limited to, 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"). Neither Franchisee nor any Principal shall, during the term of this Agreement and thereafter, communicate or divulge to, or use for the benefit of, any other person or entity, and, following the expiration or termination of this Agreement, shall not use for their own benefit, any Confidential Information that may be communicated to Franchisee or any Principal or of which Franchisee or any Principal may be apprised in connection with the operation of the Franchised Business under the terms of this Agreement. Franchisee and any Principal shall not divulge and make any Confidential Information available to anyone other than those of Franchisee's employees who require the Confidential Information to operate the Franchised Business and who have themselves entered into confidentiality and non-compete agreements containing the same provisions as contained in this Agreement, in accordance with Section 19.10 hereof. Franchisee and any Principal shall not at any time copy, duplicate, record or otherwise reproduce any Confidential Information, in whole or in part, or otherwise make the same available to any person other than those authorized above, without Franchisor's prior written consent. The covenant in this Section 19.2 shall survive the expiration, termination or transfer of this Agreement or any interest herein and shall be perpetually binding upon Franchisee and each Principal.

19.3 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 Principal(s) develops any new concept, process, product, 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 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 Principal(s), specifically acknowledge that, pursuant to this Agreement, Franchisee and Principal(s) will receive valuable training, trade secrets and Confidential Information of the System that are beyond the present knowledge, training and experience of Franchisee and Principal(s), Franchisee's managers and employees. Franchisee and Principal(s) 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 Principal(s) are entering into this Agreement. In consideration for such specialized training, trade secrets, Confidential Information and rights, Franchisee and Principal(s) covenant that, except as otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor:

19.5.1 During the term of this Agreement, Franchisee and Principal(s) 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 hair salon, barbershop or hair care 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 Lemon Tree Family Salon 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 Principal(s) 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 hair salon, barbershop or hair care business similar to the System within five (5) miles of the Territory or any Lemon Tree Family Salon 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 Lemon Tree franchisees.

19.6 Reasonableness of Restrictions. Franchisee and Principal(s) 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 Principal(s) since Franchisee or

Principals, as the case may be, have other considerable skills, experience and education which afford Franchisee or Principal(s), 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 Principal(s) 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 Section (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 form 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 Mediation. At Franchisor's option, any claim, controversy or dispute that is not resolved pursuant to Section 20.1 hereof shall be submitted to non-binding mediation. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor with written notice of Franchisee's intent to pursue any unresolved claim, controversy or dispute, specifying in sufficient detail the nature thereof, prior to commencing any legal action. Franchisor shall have thirty (30) days following receipt of Franchisee's notice to exercise Franchisor's option to submit such claim, controversy or dispute to mediation. Mediation shall be conducted through a mediator or mediators in accordance with the American Arbitration Association Commercial Mediation Rules. Such mediation shall take place in the then-current location of Franchisor's corporate headquarters. The costs and expenses of mediation, including compensation and expenses of the mediator (and except for the attorneys' fees incurred by either party), shall be borne by the parties equally. Franchisor may specifically enforce Franchisor's rights to mediation, as set forth herein.

### 20.3 Arbitration.

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

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

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

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

20.5 Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement is made in and shall be substantially performed in, the State of New Jersey. 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 New Jersey. Franchisee and Principal(s), except where specifically prohibited by law, hereby irrevocably submit themselves to the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts in New Jersey. Franchisee and its Principal(s) hereby waive all questions of personal jurisdiction for the purpose of carrying out this provision.

20.6 Mutual Benefit. Franchisee, Principal(s) and Franchisor acknowledge that the parties' agreement regarding applicable state law and forum set forth in Section 20.5 provide each of the parties with the mutual benefit of uniform interpretation of this Agreement and any dispute arising hereunder. Each of Franchisee, Principal(s) 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 Jury Trial and Certain Damages. Franchisee and Principal(s) hereby waive, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any right to or claim for (i) a trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim brought by or against Franchisor, and (ii) any punitive, exemplary, incidental, indirect, special, consequential or other damages (including, without limitation, loss of profits) against Franchisor, its affiliates, and their respective officers, directors, shareholders, partners, agents, representatives, independent contractors, servants and employees, in their corporate and individual capacities, arising out of any cause whatsoever. Each of Franchisee and Principal(s) agree that in the event of a dispute, Franchisee and each Principal shall be limited to the recovery of any actual damages sustained.

20.8 Limitations of Claims. Any and all claims asserted by Franchisee arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the relationship among the parties will be barred unless a proceeding for relief is commenced within one (1) year from the date on which Franchisee or Principal(s) knew or should have known of the facts giving rise to such claims.

20.9 Attorneys' Fees. In the event of any action in law or equity by and between Franchisor and Franchisee concerning the operation, enforcement, construction or interpretation of this Agreement, the prevailing party in such action shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and court costs incurred.

## 21. GENERAL

### 21.1 Relationship of the 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 Franchisee or Principal(s) which are not expressly authorized under this Agreement. Franchisor will not be obligated for any damages to any person or property which directly or indirectly arise from or relate to Franchisee 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. Franchisor has no authority to control, either directly or indirectly, the essential terms and conditions of employment, which are defined in the Manual or otherwise defined by law. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that any training Franchisor provides for Franchisee's employees is geared to impart to those employees, with Franchisee's ultimate authority, the various procedures, protocols, systems, and operations of a Lemon Tree outlet and in no fashion reflects any employment relationship between Franchisor and such employees. If ever it is asserted that Franchisor is the employer, joint employer or co-employer of any of Franchisee's employees in any private or government investigation, action, proceeding, arbitration or other setting, Franchisee irrevocably 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 Principal(s) 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 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 Principal(s) shall be deemed to be joint and several covenants, agreements, and obligations of each of the persons named as Franchisee, if more than one person is so named.
- 21.5 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.
- 21.6 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.
- 21.7 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.

- 21.8 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.
- 21.9. Consent to Do Business Electronically. The parties to the Franchise Agreement hereby consent to do business electronically. Pursuant to the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act as adopted by the State of New Jersey, the parties hereby affirm to each other that they agree with the terms of the Franchise Agreement and its Addenda, and by attaching their signature electronically to the Franchise Agreement, they are executing the document and intending to attach their electronic signature to it. Furthermore, the parties acknowledge that the other parties to the Franchise Agreement can rely on an electronic signature as the respective party's signature.
- 21.10 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.
- 21.11 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.
- 21.12 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, provided that nothing in this Agreement is intended to disclaim the representations made to Franchisee in Franchisor's Franchise Disclosure Document. No agreement of any kind relating to the matters covered by this Agreement and no amendment of the provisions hereof shall be binding upon either party unless and until the same has been made in writing and executed by all interested parties.

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

FRANCHISOR:  
LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

FRANCHISEE (Entity):  
\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

FRANCHISEE (Principal):  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

FRANCHISEE (Principal):  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT 1**

Service Mark:



**ATTACHMENT 2**

**TERRITORY DESCRIPTION AND APPROVED LOCATION**

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

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

Radius = \_\_\_ miles

Approved Location Address:

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**ATTACHMENT 3**

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

Franchisor Name: **Lemon Tree Development, LLC**

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

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

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

ACH/Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 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:**

Lemon Tree Development, LLC  
8 Campus Drive, Suite 105, PMB 1029, Parsippany,  
New Jersey, 07054  
Phone #: 973-884-2330

**ATTACHMENT 4**

**CONDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE**

**FOR VALUE RECEIVED**, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ("Assignor") hereby assigns and transfers to Lemon Tree Development, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company, with a notice address of 8 Campus Drive, Suite 105, PMB 1029, Parsippany, New Jersey, 07054 ("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 Lemon Tree outlet between Assignee and Assignor (the "Franchise Agreement"), or in the event of a default by Assignor under any document or instrument securing the Franchise Agreement, Assignee shall have the right and is hereby empowered to take possession of the premises demised by the Lease, expel Assignor therefrom, and, in such event, Assignor shall have no further right, title or interest in the Lease.

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

ASSIGNOR:

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

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

**CONSENT AND AGREEMENT OF LANDLORD**

to that Conditional Assignment of Lease from \_\_\_\_\_ (Assignor) to Lemon Tree Development, LLC (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 thirty (30) days after delivery by Landlord of notice thereof in accordance with paragraph (a) above;
- (c) Consents to the foregoing Conditional Assignment and agrees that if Assignee takes possession of the premises demised by the Lease and confirms to Landlord the assumption of the Lease by Assignee as tenant thereunder, Landlord shall recognize Assignee as tenant under the Lease, provided that Assignee cures within the thirty (30)day period the non-monetary defaults, if any, of Assignor under the Lease;
- (d) Agrees that Assignee may further assign the Lease to a person, firm or corporation who shall agree to assume the tenant's obligations under the Lease and who is reasonably acceptable to Landlord and upon such assignment Assignee shall have no further liability or obligation under the Lease as assignee, tenant or otherwise.
- (e) Permits Assignee to enter upon the premises without being guilty of trespass or any other crime or tort to de-identify the premises as a Lemon Tree outlet if tenant fails to do so following termination of the Franchise Agreement or Lease, provided that Assignee shall repair any damage caused thereby.

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

LANDLORD:

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

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

**ATTACHMENT 5**

**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 Lemon Tree Development, LLC, a New Jersey Limited Liability Company with its principal place of business at 8 Campus Drive, Suite 105, PMB 1029, Parsippany, New Jersey, 07054 (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 Lemon Tree 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 Lemon Tree 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 New Jersey without regard to the application of New Jersey conflict of law rules.

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

FRANCHISOR:

**LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC**

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

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

FRANCHISEE (Entity):

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

FRANCHISEE (Principal):

\_\_\_\_\_

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

FRANCHISEE (Principal):

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**ATTACHMENT 6**

**STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN FRANCHISEE/ENTITY**

**Name**

**Percentage of Ownership**

**ATTACHMENT 7**

**SPOUSAL GUARANTY**

This Guaranty and Covenant (this “Guaranty”) is given by the undersigned (“Guarantor”) on \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Effective Date”), to Lemon Tree Development, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company (“Franchisor”), in order to induce Franchisor to enter into that certain Franchise Agreement dated on or about the Effective Date hereof (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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT 8**

**CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON-COMPETE AGREEMENT**

This Confidentiality and Non-Compete Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ (“Franchisee”), a franchisee of Lemon Tree Development, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company (“Franchisor”), and \_\_\_\_\_, an individual (“Covenantor”), in connection with a franchise agreement.

**WHEREAS**, Franchisee and Franchisor are parties to a franchise agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Franchise Agreement”), whereby Franchisor has granted Franchisee the right to use certain trademarks, including, the registered trademark “Lemon Tree” 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 Lemon Tree operations manual and other materials used in or related to the System and/or concerning the methods of operation of the System (collectively referred to as “Confidential Information”);

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

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

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

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

**1. Confidentiality Agreement.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business or customer of the Lemon Tree 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 hair care and style or salon 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 two (2) years thereafter, Covenantor shall not, for Covenantor or through, on behalf of or in conjunction with any person or entity:

(i) divert, or attempt to divert, any business or customer of the Franchised Business or of other franchisees in the Lemon Tree 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 hair care and style or salon business within ten (10) miles of Franchisee's salon or any Lemon Tree location.

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

d. If the period of time or the geographic scope specified in Section 2.b. above, should be adjudged unreasonable in any proceeding, then the period of time will be reduced by such number of months or the geographic scope will be reduced by the elimination of such portion thereof, or both, so that such restrictions may be enforced for such time and scope as are adjudged to be reasonable. In addition, Franchisor shall have the right, in its sole discretion, to reduce the scope of any covenant set forth in this Agreement or any portion thereof, without Covenantor's or Franchisee's consent, effective immediately upon receipt by 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 of Franchisee to object to or take action with respect to any breach of any provision of this Agreement by Covenantor shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of or consent to that breach or any subsequent breach by Covenantor.

e. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE INTERPRETED BY AND CONSTRUED AND ENFORCED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO NEW JERSEY CHOICE OF LAW PRINCIPLES. COVENANTOR HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS HIMSELF OR HERSELF TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY. 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 NEW JERSEY OR FEDERAL LAW. COVENANTOR FURTHER AGREES THAT VENUE FOR ANY PROCEEDING RELATING TO OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE IN NEW JERSEY; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION THAT INCLUDES INJUNCTIVE RELIEF OR OTHER EXTRAORDINARY RELIEF, FRANCHISOR OR FRANCHISEE MAY BRING SUCH ACTION IN ANY COURT IN ANY STATE THAT HAS JURISDICTION.

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

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

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

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

If directed to Franchisee: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If directed to Covenantor: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

COVENANTOR:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**EXHIBIT C**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT LLC**  
**(A Limited Liability Company)**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEARS ENDED**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023 AND 2022**

**LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT LLC**  
**(A Limited Liability Company)**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023 AND 2022**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Member  
Lemon Tree Development LLC  
East Hanover, New Jersey

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Lemon Tree Development LLC (a limited liability company) (the "Company"), which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of operations, member's deficit and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2024, 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 the Company as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three-year period ended December 31, 2024, 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Company and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of 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 the Company's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 the Company's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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



Florham Park, New Jersey  
April 10, 2025

**LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT LLC**  
**(A Limited Liability Company)**  
**BALANCE SHEETS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 152,018	\$ 198,380
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$1,369 for 2024 and 2023	20,485	14,286
Prepaid expense	3,625	1,751
Deferred charges, current	<u>20,589</u>	<u>10,512</u>
Total current assets	<u>196,717</u>	<u>224,929</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>1,479</u>	<u>1,993</u>
Other assets:		
Due from affiliates	602,821	614,830
Deferred charges, net of current	46,623	38,563
Goodwill, net	<u>50,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Total other assets	<u>699,444</u>	<u>753,393</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 897,640</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 980,315</u></b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S DEFICIT</u></b>		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 66,602	\$ 63,124
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	16,610	24,184
Economic Injury Disaster Loan payable - current	11,748	8,168
Deferred revenues - current (opened)	18,440	18,440
Deferred revenues - current (unopened)	10,703	1,125
Franchisee advertising funds payable	<u>37,095</u>	<u>34,390</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>161,198</u>	<u>149,431</u>
Long-term liabilities:		
Due to related parties	101,087	156,403
Long-term debt - net of current portion	106,159	172,761
Economic Injury Disaster Loan payable - net of current portion	531,012	524,010
Deferred revenues, net of current (opened)	65,256	83,420
Deferred revenues, net of current (unopened)	<u>19,834</u>	<u>4,781</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>823,348</u>	<u>941,375</u>
Total liabilities	984,546	1,090,806
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7)		
Member's deficit	<u>(86,906)</u>	<u>(110,491)</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>\$ 897,640</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 980,315</u></b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT LLC**  
**(A Limited Liability Company)**  
**STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues:			
Royalties	\$ 686,004	\$ 653,974	\$ 603,167
Advertising fund revenues	205,284	200,263	198,896
Franchise fees	25,032	27,683	18,712
Transfer and termination fees	20,000	5,000	20,500
Other income	<u>1,373</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>576</u>
Total revenues	<u>937,693</u>	<u>887,238</u>	<u>841,851</u>
General and administrative expenses:			
Salaries and wages	370,587	340,401	286,080
Advertising	207,324	197,578	203,176
Professional fees	79,000	78,197	97,239
Depreciation and amortization	50,514	51,467	51,093
Professional Employer Organization service fees	59,246	40,006	-
Health insurance	37,569	38,251	30,169
Franchise sales expense	48,388	35,794	73,229
Office expense	24,849	22,015	18,981
Franchise sales commissions	11,863	10,512	10,436
Travel and entertainment	6,863	9,760	4,670
Training and education	442	9,141	2,106
Payroll taxes	-	7,896	25,165
License, permits and other taxes	3,472	7,433	2,309
Bad debt expense	-	5,000	7,615
Bank charges	183	2,056	2,141
Payroll processing	1,800	1,669	1,009
Telephone	<u>949</u>	<u>1,062</u>	<u>1,250</u>
Total general and administrative expenses	<u>903,049</u>	<u>858,238</u>	<u>816,668</u>
Income from operations	<u>34,644</u>	<u>29,000</u>	<u>25,183</u>
Other income (expense):			
Employee Retention Tax Credit	-	-	16,894
Interest income	3	-	635
Interest expense	<u>(11,062)</u>	<u>(14,295)</u>	<u>(14,809)</u>
Other income (expense), net	<u>(11,059)</u>	<u>(14,295)</u>	<u>2,720</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>\$ 23,585</u>	<u>\$ 14,705</u>	<u>\$ 27,903</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**STATEMENTS OF MEMBER'S DEFICIT**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Member's deficit - beginning	\$ (110,491)	\$ (125,196)	\$ (153,099)
Net income	<u>23,585</u>	<u>14,705</u>	<u>27,903</u>
<b>MEMBER'S DEFICIT - ENDING</b>	<b><u>\$ (86,906)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (110,491)</u></b>	<b><u>\$ (125,196)</u></b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT LLC**  
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**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, 2023 AND 2022**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 23,585	\$ 14,705	\$ 27,903
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	50,514	51,467	51,093
Bad debt expense	-	5,000	7,615
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(6,199)	(1,467)	(11,412)
Deferred charges	(18,137)	10,512	10,436
Prepaid expense	(1,874)	2,803	(1,787)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(7,574)	(13,518)	(2,437)
Franchisee advertising funds payable	2,705	15,259	10,193
Deferred revenues	<u>6,467</u>	<u>(27,682)</u>	<u>10,538</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>49,487</u>	<u>57,079</u>	<u>102,142</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchases of property and equipment	-	-	(2,535)
Advances to related parties	<u>22,591</u>	<u>(19,476)</u>	<u>(505,000)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>22,591</u>	<u>(19,476)</u>	<u>(507,535)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from long-term debt	-	-	325,000
Repayments of debt	(63,124)	(59,893)	(359,845)
Advances from (repayments to) affiliates	(55,316)	1,652	376
Proceeds of Economic Injury Disaster Loan	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500,000</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>(118,440)</u>	<u>(58,241)</u>	<u>465,531</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(46,362)	(20,638)	60,138
Cash - beginning	<u>198,380</u>	<u>219,018</u>	<u>158,880</u>
<b>CASH - ENDING</b>	<u><u>\$ 152,018</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 198,380</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 219,018</u></u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:			
Interest paid	<u><u>\$ 11,062</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 14,295</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 14,809</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Organization

Lemon Tree Development LLC (the "Company") was formed as a limited liability company in the state of New Jersey on October 6, 2009, and began operations as a franchisor on December 8, 2009. The Company offers and sells franchises nationwide with a complete salon platform inclusive of a well recognized brand, operating systems, pre-opening training programs, site selection assistance, marketing and advertising, plans and specifications for furniture and decor, and the use of the Company's confidential standard business policies and operations data.

As a limited liability company, the members are not liable for debts, obligations, or other liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise, unless a member has signed a specific guarantee.

Basis of presentation

The accompanying financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Variable interest entities

In accordance with the provisions of the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2018-17, *Consolidation (Topic 810): Targeted Improvements to Related Party Guidance for Variable Interest Entities* ("ASU 2018-17"), The Company has determined that the entity disclosed in Note 8 meets the conditions under ASU 2018-17, and accordingly, it is not required to include the accounts of the related party in the Company's financial statements.

Revenue recognition

The Company derives its revenues from royalties, advertising fund fees, franchise fees and transfer fees.

*Franchise fees and royalties*

Contract consideration from franchising primarily consists of initial or renewal franchise fees, sales-based royalties, fixed advertising fund fees, and transfer fees payable by a franchisee for the transfer of a franchise unit to another franchisee. The initial franchise fees are nonrefundable and collected when the underlying franchise agreement is signed by the franchisee. Sales-based royalties and fixed advertising fund fees are payable weekly or monthly. Renewal fees are payable when an existing franchisee renews the franchise agreement for an additional term or when a transfer to a third party occurs, respectively.

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**NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Revenue recognition (continued)

*Franchise fees and royalties (continued)*

The Company's primary performance obligation under the franchise agreement mainly includes granting certain rights to access the Company's intellectual property and a variety of activities relating to opening a franchise unit, including site selection, training and other such activities commonly referred to collectively as "pre-opening activities." The Company has determined that a certain portion of its site selection services, construction management and training provided to the franchisee is not brand-specific and provides the franchisee with relevant general business information that is separate and distinct from the operation of a company-branded franchise unit. The portion of these services provided that is not brand-specific is deemed to be distinct as it provides a benefit to the franchisee and is not highly interrelated or interdependent to the access of the Company's intellectual property and therefore is accounted for as a separate distinct performance obligation. All other pre-opening activities have been determined to be highly interrelated and interdependent to the access of the Company's intellectual property and therefore are accounted for as a single performance obligation, which is satisfied by granting certain rights to access the intellectual property over the term of each franchise agreement.

The Company estimates the stand-alone selling price for site selection services, construction management and training services that are not brand-specific using an adjusted market assessment approach. The Company first allocates the initial franchise fees and the fixed consideration, under the franchise agreement to the stand-alone selling price of these services that are not brand-specific and the residual, if any, to the right to access the Company's intellectual property. Consideration allocated to the services that are not brand-specific are recognized ratably as the services are rendered.

Initial and renewal franchise fees allocated to the right to access the Company's intellectual property are recognized as revenue on a straight-line basis over the term of the respective franchise agreement.

Royalties are earned based on a percentage of franchisee gross revenues or a predetermined minimum fee, as defined in each respective franchise agreement. Franchise royalties represent sales-based royalties that are related entirely to the use of the Company's intellectual property and are recognized as franchisee sales occur and the royalties are deemed collectible.

Periodically, the Company may conduct audits of the records of its franchisees to verify the accuracy of the revenue reported by the franchisees upon which the royalties paid to the Company are based. Any adjustments resulting from such audits are recorded in the year in which the audits are completed and the adjustments are known.

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**NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Revenue recognition (continued)

*Advertising fund*

The Company maintains an advertising fund established to collect and administer funds contributed for use in advertising and promotional programs for franchise units. Advertising fund fees are collected from franchisees at a fixed agreed-upon rate. The Company has determined that it acts as a principal in the collection and administration of the advertising fund and therefore recognizes the revenues and expenses related to the advertising fund on a gross basis. The Company has determined that the right to access its intellectual property and administration of the advertising fund are highly interrelated and therefore are accounted for as a single performance obligation. When advertising fund fees exceed the related advertising fund expenses in a reporting period, advertising costs are accrued up to the amount of advertising fund revenues recognized.

Incremental costs of obtaining a contract

The Company capitalizes direct and incremental costs, principally consisting of commissions, associated with the sale of franchises which are amortized over the term of the franchise agreement.

Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable consist primarily of royalties and advertising fees due from franchisees. Accounts receivable is stated at the amount the Company expects to collect. The Company maintains allowances for doubtful accounts and changes in the allowance are included in general and administrative expense on the statements of operations. The Company assesses collectibility by reviewing accounts receivable on a collective basis where similar risk characteristics exist. In determining the amount of the allowance for doubtful accounts, management considers historical collectibility and make judgments about the creditworthiness of the pool of customers based on credit evaluations. Current market conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts of future economic conditions adjust the historical losses to determine the appropriate allowance for doubtful accounts. Uncollectible accounts are written off when all collection efforts have been exhausted.

At December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, accounts receivable were \$21,854, \$15,655 and \$31,810, respectively. The allowance for credit losses as of both December 31, 2024 and 2023, was \$1,369.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are carried at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expensed, while renewals and betterments that materially extend the life of an asset are capitalized. The costs of assets sold, retired, or otherwise disposed of, and the related allowance for depreciation, are eliminated from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is recognized.

Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the related asset.

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**NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired. In 2016, the Company adopted the accounting alternative for goodwill available to private companies under Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 350-20, *Intangibles - Goodwill and Other*. Accordingly, the Company began amortizing goodwill prospectively as of January 1, 2016, on a straight-line basis over 10 years. The Company evaluates goodwill for impairment at the entity's level when a triggering event occurs that indicates that the fair value of the entity may be below its carrying amount. When a triggering event occurs, the Company first assesses qualitative factors to determine whether the quantitative impairment test is necessary. If that qualitative assessment indicates that it is more likely than not that goodwill is impaired, the Company performs the quantitative test to compare the entity's fair value with its carrying amount, including goodwill. If the qualitative assessment indicates that it is not more likely than not that goodwill is impaired, further testing is unnecessary. The goodwill impairment loss, if any, represents the excess of the carrying amount of the entity over its fair value. There was no impairment of goodwill as of December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022. Amortization of goodwill amounted to \$50,000 for each of the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022. Accumulated amortization amounted to \$450,000 and \$400,000 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Income taxes

The Company is a single-member limited liability company and it is considered to be a disregarded entity for tax purposes. As such, its activities are combined with Lemon Tree Holdings LLC (its "parent") and are reflected on the parent's income tax return. The parent is also a limited liability company, that is treated as a partnership for income tax reporting purposes. Accordingly, no provision has been made for income taxes in the accompanying financial statements.

The Company recognizes and measures its unrecognized tax benefits in accordance with FASB ASC 740, *Income Taxes*. Under that guidance, the Company assesses the likelihood, based on their technical merit, that tax positions will be sustained upon examination based on the facts, circumstances and information available at the end of each period. The measurement of unrecognized tax benefits is adjusted when new information is available, or when an event occurs that requires a change.

Advertising costs

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred or committed to be spent as part of the advertising fund and are included in "Selling, general and administrative expenses" in the accompanying statements of operations. Advertising costs amounted to \$207,324, \$197,578 and \$203,176 for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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**NOTE 1. ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Franchised outlets

The following data reflects the status of the Company's franchised outlets as of and for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Franchises sold during the year	1	1	1
Franchises purchased during the year	-	-	-
Franchised outlets in operation during the year	34	34	32
Franchisor-owned outlet operating during the year	-	-	-

Reclassification

Certain amounts in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassification adjustments had no effect on the Company's previously reported net income.

Subsequent events

In accordance with FASB ASC 855, *Subsequent Events*, the Company has evaluated subsequent events through April 10, 2025, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material subsequent events that required recognition or additional disclosure in these financial statements.

**NOTE 2. REVENUES AND RELATED CONTRACT BALANCES**

Disaggregated revenues

The Company derives its revenues from franchisees located throughout the United States. The economic risk of the Company's revenues are dependent on the strength of the economy in the United States, and its ability to collect on its contracts. The Company disaggregates revenue from contracts with customers by timing of revenue recognition by type of revenues, as it believes this best depicts how the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows are affected by economic factors.

Revenues by timing of recognition were as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><i>Point in time:</i></b>			
Franchise fees	\$ -	\$ 8,393	\$ -
Franchise royalties	686,004	653,974	603,167
Advertising fund fees	205,284	200,263	198,896
Transfer and termination fees	20,000	5,000	20,500
Other income	<u>1,373</u>	<u>318</u>	<u>576</u>
Total point in time	912,661	867,948	823,139
<b><i>Over time:</i></b>			
Franchise fees	<u>25,032</u>	<u>19,290</u>	<u>18,712</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 937,693</u>	<u>\$ 887,238</u>	<u>\$ 841,851</u>

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**NOTE 2. REVENUES AND RELATED CONTRACT BALANCES (CONTINUED)**

Contract balances

Contract liabilities are comprised of unamortized initial and renewal franchise fees received from franchisees, which are presented as "Deferred revenues - current (opened/unopened)" and "Deferred revenues - net of current (opened/unopened)" in the accompanying balance sheets. A summary of changes in deferred revenues as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, is as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Deferred revenues - beginning of period	\$ 107,766	\$ 135,448
Additions for initial/renewal franchise fees received	31,500	-
Revenue recognized during the period	<u>(25,033)</u>	<u>(27,682)</u>
Deferred revenues - end of period	<u>\$ 114,233</u>	<u>\$ 107,766</u>

Deferred revenues are expected to be recognized as revenue over the remaining term of the associated franchise agreement as follows:

<u>Year ending December 31:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 29,143
2026	20,459
2027	20,037
2028	14,007
2029	9,420
Thereafter	<u>21,167</u>
Total	<u>\$ 114,233</u>

Contract assets are comprised of unamortized commission costs incurred to obtain franchise agreements, which are presented as "Deferred charges - Current" and "Deferred charges - net of current" in the accompanying balance sheets. A summary of changes in deferred charges as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, is as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Deferred charges - beginning of year	\$ 49,075	\$ 59,587
Additional costs incurred	30,000	-
Commission costs recognized during the year	<u>(11,863)</u>	<u>(10,512)</u>
Deferred charges - end of year	<u>\$ 67,212</u>	<u>\$ 49,075</u>

At December 31, 2024, deferred charges are expected to be amortized over the remaining term of the associated franchise agreement as follows:

<u>Year ending December 31:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 20,589
2026	12,688
2027	12,542
2028	7,054
2029	3,151
Thereafter	<u>11,188</u>
Total	<u>\$ 67,212</u>

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**NOTE 3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

Property and equipment consisted of the following at December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 7,790	\$ 7,790
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>6,311</u>	<u>5,797</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 1,479</u>	<u>\$ 1,993</u>

Depreciation expense amounted to \$514, \$1,467 and \$1,093 for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

**NOTE 4. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

Trademark license agreement

In June 2017, the Company entered into a trademark license agreement with Lemon Tree IP LLC ("IP"), an affiliate of the Company, whereby IP has granted the Company an exclusive license to use certain trademarks in connection with the development, expansion, advertisement and administration of the Lemon Tree Franchise System (the "System") and businesses operated thereunder, as well as the right to license others to use the trademarks in connection with the System. The agreement expires in June 2037, but is renewable indefinitely in successive 10-year terms, unless the Company or IP expresses their intent not to renew the Agreement upon expiration of the then-current term. No licensing fees were assessed by IP under the Agreement during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022.

Legal matters

The Company is subject to various legal matters which may arise during the ordinary course of business. At December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, the Company was unaware of any such matters which would have a material effect on the Company's financial statements.

**NOTE 5. LONG-TERM DEBT**

Long-term debt as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, consisted of the following:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Note payable to ConnectOne Bank; due June 2027. Payable in monthly installments of \$6,182, including interest at the rate of 5.25% per annum. The note is secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company and is guaranteed by a member of the parent. See Note 9.	<u>\$ 172,761</u>	<u>\$ 235,885</u>
	172,761	235,885
Less: current maturities	<u>66,602</u>	<u>63,124</u>
Long-term debt, net	<u>\$ 106,159</u>	<u>\$ 172,761</u>

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**NOTE 5. LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)**

Future annual maturities of long-term debt as of December 31, 2024, are as follows:

<u>Year ending December 31:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 66,602
2026	70,235
2027	<u>35,924</u>
	<u>\$ 172,761</u>

**NOTE 6. ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN**

On April 15, 2022, the Company received Economic Injury Disaster Loan ("EIDL") proceeds of \$500,000 under Section 7(b) of the Small Business Act, which was established as part of the The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") which provides loans to qualifying businesses to be used solely as working capital to alleviate economic injury caused by disaster. The EIDL loan matures 30 years from the effective date of the loan and accrues interest at a fixed rate of 3.75%. If it is determined that the Company was not eligible to receive the EIDL or that the Company has not adequately complied with the rules, regulations and procedures applicable to the SBA's Loan Program, the Company could be subject to penalties.

Payments are deferred for the first 30 months and are payable in equal consecutive monthly installments of principal and interest of \$2,575 thereafter.

Maturities of the EIDL at December 31, 2024, are as follows:

<u>Year ending December 31:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 11,748
2026	12,189
2027	12,646
2028	18,476
2029	17,984
Thereafter	<u>469,717</u>
Total	<u>\$ 542,760</u>

**NOTE 7. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

An entity wholly owned by one of the founding members of the Company provides management services to the Company. No fees were incurred in the year ended December 31, 2024, 2023, or 2022, respectively.

In the normal course of business, the Company and its commonly-owned affiliates periodically pay certain expenses on each others' behalf. The receivables due from the affiliates as a result of these transactions amounted to \$602,821 and \$614,830 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The payables due to the affiliates as a result of these transactions amounted to \$101,087 and \$156,403 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Expenses included in the accompanying statements of operations which were paid on the behalf of the Company by its affiliates totaled \$5,097, \$32,804 and \$65,690 for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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**NOTE 7. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)**

The Company is a co-borrower of a loan from ConnectOne Bank along with its affiliate, Salon Development Corp. The principal amount of the loan was \$325,000 and was received by the Company during 2022. See Note 5 for terms of the loan.

The Company obtained an EIDL loan, the proceeds of which were used by its parent, Lemon Tree Holdings. The principal amount of the loan was \$500,000 and was received by the Company in 2022. See Note 6 for terms of the loan.

**NOTE 8. CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK**

As of December 31, 2024, three multi-store franchisees accounted for 37% of the Company's accounts receivable. As of December 31, 2023, two multi-store franchisees accounted for 28% of the Company's accounts receivable.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, two multi-store franchises accounted for 26% of the Company's royalties. For the year ended December 31, 2023, two multi-store franchises accounted for 25% of the Company's royalties. For the year ended December 31, 2022, two multi-store franchises accounted for 25% of the Company's royalties.

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## EXHIBIT E

### Franchised Outlets As of December 31, 2024

Contact	Telephone Number	Business Address
<b>Florida</b>		
Scott McClure	(352) 515-5229	11230 Spring Hill Drive Spring Hill, FL 34609
Kimberly Zaun James Zaun Donna Calabro	(772) 247-7245	3322 SE Federal Hwy. Stuart, FL 34999
<b>New York</b>		
Peter Fournaris	(631) 567-1568	1095 Smithtown Avenue Bohemia, NY 11716
Peter Fournaris	(631) 878-1565	625 Montauk Highway Center Moriches, NY 11934
Anthony Pisani	(631) 496-9171	1315-2 Middle Country Road Centereach, NY 11720
Alicia Paolucci	(631) 543-8899	1167 Jericho Turnpike Commack, NY 11725
Angela Diver	(516) 482-5217	110 Northern Blvd. Great Neck, NY 11020
Patricia Pisani	(631) 471-4972	411A Furrows Road Holbrook, NY 11741
Frank Greco	(631) 581-8186	562 Main Street Islip, NY 11751
Kelly Roe	(631) 588-4902	228 Portion Road Lake Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
Dennis Kyro	(631) 226-9622	163B North Wellwood Avenue Lindenhurst, NY 11757
Deena & Christopher Scotto	(914) 381-2302	255 Mamaroneck Avenue Mamaroneck, NY 10543
Dennis Kyro	(516) 795-9780	591 Broadway Massapequa, NY 11758
Patricia Pisani	(631) 475-3340	2080 Route 112 Medford, NY 11763
Florence Fournaris	(631) 345-2086	1275 Middle Country Road Middle Island, NY 11953

Peter Fournaris	(631) 821-6922	691 Route 25A Miller Place, NY 11764
Fran Aquilino	(516) 437-8881	1625 Hillside Avenue New Hyde Park, NY 11040
Laurie Klugewicz	(631) 667-2233	1482 B. Deer Park Ave North Babylon, NY 11703
Diane Robles	(516) 781-4244	2457 Jerusalem Avenue North Bellmore, NY 11712
Dennis Kyro	(516) 536-8833	400 Merrick Road Oceanside, NY 11572
Chandani Kathiria	(631) 654-3667	123 1/2 Medford Avenue Patchogue, NY 11772
Shabana Zahoor	(631) 474-5660	650 Route 112 - Store M Port Jefferson, NY 11776
Marci Kaye	(631) 727-4043	1102 Old Country Road Riverhead, NY 11901
Donna Pfluke	(631) 849-6200	678 Route 25A Rocky Point, NY 11778
Chandani Kathiria	(631) 567-7676	195 Main Street Sayville, NY 11782
Patricia Pisani	(631) 399-3399	464 William Floyd Pkwy. Store 4 Shirley, NY 11967
Chris Vrontzos	(631) 265-2111	266 West Main Street Smithtown, NY 11787
Paula Cefalo	(516) 741-3105	491 Willis Avenue Williston Park, NY 11596
<b>Ohio</b>		
Allan & Hilda Barnum	(614) 392-1065	5949 Sunbury Rd. Westerville, OH 43081
<b>Oklahoma</b>		
Terry Gliddon	(580) 699-8500	1348 NW Homestead Dr Lawton, OK 73505
<b>Texas</b>		
Megan Curneal	(817) 849-2400	1828 Precinct Line Road Hurst, TX 76054
Bernie Jezercak	(972) 364-1913	11613-11617 N. Central Expressway Suite 116 Dallas, TX 75254
Megan Corneal	(817) 479-3757	2041 Rufe Snow Dr. Keller, TX 76248

Megan Curneal	(817) 532-3230	2707 East Southlake Blvd. Southlake, TX 76092
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Outlets Signed But Not Yet Open  
As of December 31, 2024

Franchisee	City/State	Phone
Charles & Alejandra Pierre	San Diego, CA	(972) 837-3471
Megan Curneal	Grapevine, TX	(817) 683-3030
Bernard Jezercak	Plano, TX	(214) 501-3030

**Former Franchisees**

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

Franchisee	City/State	Phone
Marie Lombardi	Plainview, NY	(516) 681-7666142

**EXHIBIT F**  
**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 14 DAYS PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT.
2. OUR WEBSITE, [www.lemontree.com](http://www.lemontree.com), 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. Any provision of a franchise agreement, franchise disclosure document, acknowledgement, questionnaire, or other writing, including any exhibit thereto, disclaiming or denying any of the following shall be deemed contrary to public policy and shall be void and unenforceable:
  - (a) Representations made by the franchisor or its personnel or agents to a prospective franchisee.
  - (b) Reliance by a franchisee on any representations made by the franchisor or its personnel or agents.
  - (c) Reliance by a franchisee on the franchise disclosure document, including any exhibit thereto.
  - (d) Violations of any provision of this division.
4. Item 3 is amended to add:

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

- (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 New Jersey. This provision may not be enforceable under California law.
6. The following statement is added to Item 6:
- The highest interest rate allowed by law in California for late payments is 10% annually.
7. **The registration of this franchise offering by the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation does not constitute approval, recommendation, or endorsement by the commissioner.**
8. California's Franchise Investment Law (Corporations Code sections 31512 and 31512.1) states that any provision of a franchise agreement or related document requiring the franchisee to waive specific provisions of the law is contrary to public policy and is void and unenforceable. The law also prohibits a franchisor from disclaiming or denying (i) representations it, its employees, or its agents make to you, (ii) your ability to rely on any representations it makes to you, or (iii) any violations of the law.
9. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

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

Payment of Initial Franchise Fees will be deferred until Franchisor has met its initial obligations to franchisee, and franchisee has commenced doing business. This financial assurance requirement was imposed by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General due to Franchisor's financial condition.

By reading this disclosure document, you are not agreeing to, acknowledging, or making any representations whatsoever to the Franchisor and its affiliates.

Illinois law governs 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.

Your rights upon Termination and Non-Renewal of an agreement 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 of Illinois** 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.

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

Payment of Initial Franchise Fees will be deferred until Franchisor has met its initial obligations to franchisee, and franchisee has commenced doing business. This financial assurance requirement was imposed by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General due to Franchisor's financial condition.

Illinois law governs 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.

Your rights upon Termination and Non-Renewal of an agreement 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 of Illinois** 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.

~Signatures to Follow~

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:

LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC

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

Jonathan Shaw, President  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**ADDENDUM TO THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT PURSUANT TO  
THE INDIANA FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE LAW AND THE INDIANA DECEPTIVE  
FRANCHISE PRACTICES ACT**

The Indiana Securities Commissioner requires that certain provisions contained in franchise documents be amended to be consistent with Indiana law, including the Indiana Franchises Act, Ind. Code Ann. §§ 1 - 51 (1994) and the Indiana Deceptive Franchise Practices Act, Ind. Code Ann. § 23-2-2.7 (1985) (collectively referred to as the "Acts"). To the extent that (a) the jurisdictional requirements of the Acts are met and (b) this Franchise Disclosure Document and Franchise Agreement contain provisions that are inconsistent with the following, such provisions are hereby amended:

(a) To the extent the Franchise Agreement contains provisions allowing the establishment of franchisor-owned outlets that are inconsistent with the Indiana Deceptive Franchise Practices Act § 23-2-2.7(2), the requirements of this section of the Indiana Act will control.

(b) The franchisor may not make any substantial modification of the Franchise Agreement without the franchisee's written consent.

(c) To the extent any provision regarding renewal or termination of the Franchise Agreement is inconsistent with the Indiana Deceptive Franchise Practices Act §§ 23-2-2.7(7) and (8), the provisions of these sections of the Indiana Act will control.

(d) Any requirement in the Franchise Agreement that requires the franchisee to prospectively assent to a release, assignment, novation, wavier or estoppel shall not relieve any person from liability arising under the Acts.

(e) To the extent the covenants not to compete upon expiration or termination of the Franchise Agreement are inconsistent with the Indiana Deceptive Franchise Practices Act § 23-2-2.7(9), the provisions of this section of the Indiana Act will control.

(f) To the extent that any provision of the Franchise Agreement would be deemed unenforceable pursuant to the Indiana Deceptive Franchise Practices Act § 23-2-2.7(10), as this section of the Indiana Act is interpreted and applied, such provision of the Franchise Agreement shall be so deleted therefrom.

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

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

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

2. Item 5 is hereby amended to state:

On the basis of the financial information submitted, the Commissioner has determined that all fees paid to the franchisor by the franchisee, including payments for goods and services received from the franchisor before the business opens, shall be deferred pending satisfaction of all of the franchisor’s pre-opening obligations to the franchisee.

3. Item 17 is amended to state:

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

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

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

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

4. Exhibit F of the Franchise Disclosure Document is hereby deleted.

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

**AMENDMENT TO THE LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC  
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND**

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

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

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

“On the basis of the financial information submitted, the Commissioner has determined that all fees paid to the franchisor by the franchisee, including payments for goods and services received from the franchisor before the business opens, shall be deferred pending satisfaction of all of the franchisor’s pre-opening obligations to the franchisee.”

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

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

4. To the extent of any inconsistencies, Section 20.5 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to further state:

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

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

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

6. To the extent of any inconsistencies, the Franchise Agreement and Attachment 1, the Franchisee Acknowledgement Statement, are hereby amended to further state:

“All representations requiring prospective franchisees to assent to a release, estoppel or waiver of liability are not intended to nor shall they act as a release, estoppel or waiver of any liability incurred under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.”

5. Each provision of this Amendment shall be effective only to the extent, with respect to such provision, that the jurisdictional requirements of the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law, Md. Code Ann., Bus. Reg. § 14-201 et seq., are met independently without reference to this Amendment.
  
6. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.”

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

FRANCHISOR:

LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Jonathan Shaw, President  
 (Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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 (Print Name, Title)

PRINCIPAL:

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 (Print Name)

PRINCIPAL:

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(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 Lemon Tree outlet.

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

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

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

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

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

In recognition of the requirements of the Minnesota Statutes Chapter 80C, the parties to the attached Lemon Tree 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, Article 5 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 6.6 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.

-signature page to follow-

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:

LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jonathan Shaw, President  
(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, INVESTOR PROTECTION BUREAU, 28 LIBERTY STREET, 21<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10005. THE FRANCHISOR MAY, IF IT CHOSSES, 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 LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC**

**FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

THIS RIDER TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FOR NEW YORK (“Rider”) is entered into by and between Lemon Tree Development, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company, with its principal office at 8 Campus Drive, Suite 105, PMB 1029, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 (“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 Lemon Tree Family Salon franchise (the “Franchise Agreement”);

WHEREAS, you are domiciled in New York and the Lemon Tree Family Salon 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 16.3.6 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 20.5 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.

-signature page follows-

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:

LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jonathan Shaw, President  
(Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**ADDENDUM TO THE  
FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT AND FRANCHISE AGREEMENT  
REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

The North Dakota Securities Commissioner requires that certain provisions contained in franchise documents be amended to be consistent with North Dakota law, including the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law, NDCC § 51-19 *et seq.* ("NDFIL"). To the extent that (a) the jurisdictional requirements of the NDFIL are met and (b) this Franchise Disclosure Document and Franchise Agreement contain provisions that are inconsistent with the following, such provisions are hereby amended:

1. Covenants not to compete upon termination or expiration of the franchise agreement are subject to NDCC § 9-08-06.
2. To the extent required by the NDFIL, arbitration proceedings shall take place at a location mutually agreed upon by you and us.
3. Any requirement that you consent to liquidated damages or termination penalties shall not apply to the extent prohibited by the NDFIL;
4. Any requirement that you consent to (i) the jurisdiction of courts outside of North Dakota, (ii) the application of laws of a state other than North Dakota, (iii) waiver of jury trial or (iv) waiver of exemplary and punitive damages shall not apply to the extent prohibited by the NDFIL;
5. Any release required as a condition to a renewal of the franchise agreement shall not apply to the extent prohibited by the NDFIL;
6. Any requirement that you consent to a limitation of claims shall not apply to the extent prohibited by the NDFIL. As applicable, the statute of limitations under North Dakota law shall control.
7. The prevailing party in any enforcement action is entitled to recover all costs and expenses, including attorney's fees.
8. Item 5 is hereby amended to state:

On the basis of the financial information submitted, the Commissioner has determined that all fees paid to the franchisor by the franchisee, including payments for goods and services received from the franchisor before the business opens, shall be deferred pending satisfaction of all of the franchisor's pre-opening obligations to the franchisee.

-Signatures to follow-

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

FRANCHISOR:

LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jonathan Shaw, President  
(Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**ADDENDUM TO THE LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC**  
**FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**  
**REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

In recognition of the requirements of the Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act, the Franchise Disclosure Document of Lemon Tree Development, LLC (“we,” “us,” or “our”) for use in the State of Rhode Island shall be amended to include the following:

1. Items 17v. and 17w., under the provisions entitled “Choice of law” and “Choice of forum,” shall be supplemented with the following language:

However, you may sue us in Rhode Island for claims arising under the Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act.

2. Item 17 shall be supplemented by the addition of the following language at the end of Item 17:

Section 19-28.1-14 of the Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act provides that “A provision in a franchise agreement restricting jurisdiction or venue to a forum outside this state or requiring the application of the laws of another state is void with respect to a claim otherwise enforceable under this Act.”

3. Each provision of this Addendum to the Disclosure Document shall be effective only to the extent, with respect to such provision, that the jurisdictional requirements of the Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act are met independently without reference to this Addendum to the Disclosure Document.

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**AMENDMENT TO THE LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC  
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

In recognition of the requirements of the Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act, the parties to the attached Lemon Tree Development, LLC, Franchise Agreement (the "Franchise Agreement") agree as follows:

1. The following language shall be added at the end of Section 20.5 of the Franchise Agreement:

Notwithstanding the above, Rhode Island franchisees are permitted to bring a lawsuit in Rhode Island for claims arising under the Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act.

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

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

FRANCHISOR:

LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jonathan Shaw, President  
(Print Name, Title)

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

PRINCIPAL:

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(Print Name)

PRINCIPAL:

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(Print Name)

## **VIRGINIA ADDENDUM TO FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

The following statements are added to Item 5.

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.

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.

**AMENDMENT TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**

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

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.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Virginia Amendment to the Franchise Agreement on the same date as that on which the Franchise Agreement was executed.

FRANCHISOR:

LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC

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 WASHINGTON**

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

RCW 19.100.180 may supersede the franchise agreement in your relationship with the franchisor including the areas of termination and renewal of your franchise. There may also be court decisions which may supersede the franchise agreement in your relationship with the franchisor including the areas of termination and renewal of your franchise.

In any arbitration or mediation involving a franchise purchased in Washington, the arbitration or mediation site will be either in the state of Washington, or in a place mutually agreed upon at the time of the arbitration or mediation, or as determined by the arbitrator or mediator at the time of arbitration or mediation. In addition, if litigation is not precluded by the franchise agreement, a franchisee may bring an action or proceeding arising out of or in connection with the sale of franchises, or a violation of the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act, in Washington.

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

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

Pursuant to RCW 49.62.020, a noncompetition covenant is void and unenforceable against an employee, including an employee of a franchisee, unless the employee's earnings from the party seeking enforcement, when annualized, exceed \$100,000 per year (an amount that will be adjusted annually for inflation). In addition, a noncompetition covenant is void and unenforceable against an independent contractor of a franchisee under RCW 49.62.030 unless the independent contractor's earnings from the party seeking enforcement, when annualized, exceed \$250,000 per year (an amount that will be adjusted annually for inflation). As a result, any provisions contained in the franchise agreement or elsewhere that conflict with these limitations are void and unenforceable in Washington.

RCW 49.62.060 prohibits a franchisor from restricting, restraining, or prohibiting a franchisee from (i) soliciting or hiring any employee of a franchisee of the same franchisor or (ii) soliciting or hiring any employee of the franchisor. As a result, any such provisions contained in the franchise agreement or elsewhere are void and unenforceable in Washington.

**Use of Franchise Brokers.** The franchisor may use the services of franchise brokers to assist it in selling franchises. A franchise broker represents the franchisor and is paid a fee for referring prospects to the franchisor and/or selling the franchise. Do not rely only on the information provided by a franchise broker about a franchise. Do your own investigation by contacting the franchisor's current and former franchisees to ask them about their experience with the franchisor.

**ADDENDUM TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**  
**REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

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In the state of Washington, we will defer collection of the initial franchise fee until the franchisor has fulfilled its initial pre-opening obligations to the franchisee and the franchisee is open for business. Please note that the initial fees for the purposes of the deferral include all initial franchise fees described in Item 5 of the Franchise Disclosure Document. The development fee will be prorated and collected as each unit is opened.

Section 5.1.5 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby deleted.

Section 9.5 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby deleted.

Section 16.1.1 of the Franchise Agreement is hereby amended to delete 16.1.1(v) which states...."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".

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

FRANCHISOR:

LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC

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

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

FRANCHISEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**EXHIBIT G**

**FRANCHISEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

**\*DO NOT SIGN THIS STATEMENT IF YOU ARE A RESIDENT OF OR INTEND TO OPERATE THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA.**

**\* Do not sign if the franchisee is a Maryland resident or if the franchised business will be located within the State of Maryland.**

Franchisee hereby acknowledges the following:

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

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Initial

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

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Initial

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Initial

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Initial

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

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Initial

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Initial

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Initial

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Initial

9. Franchisee, together with Franchisee's advisers, has sufficient knowledge and experience in financial and business matters to make an informed investment decision with respect to the Franchise granted by the Franchise Agreement.

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Initial

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Initial

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

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Initial

12. BY EXECUTING THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, FRANCHISEE AND ANY PRINCIPAL, INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF FRANCHISEE'S AND SUCH PRINCIPAL'S HEIRS, LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, HEREBY FOREVER RELEASE AND DISCHARGE LEMON TREE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, LEMON TREE IP, LLC, LEMON TREE HOLDINGS, LLC, 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, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, WHETHER PRESENTLY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, SUSPECTED OR UNSUSPECTED, ARISING UNDER THE FRANCHISE, SECURITIES, TAX OR ANTITRUST LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF ANY STATE OR TERRITORY THEREOF. THIS RELEASE SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY CLAIMS ARISING FROM REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY FRANCHISOR IN FRANCHISOR'S FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT RECEIVED BY FRANCHISEE.

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Initial

FRANCHISEE:

PRINCIPAL:

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

\_\_\_\_\_

(Print Name)

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

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

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

PRINCIPAL:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## 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:

<b>STATE</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
California	<i>Pending</i>
Illinois	April 17, 2025
Indiana	<i>Pending</i>
Maryland	April 22, 2025
Minnesota	<i>Pending</i>
New York	<i>Pending</i>
North Dakota	April 17, 2025
Rhode Island	<i>Pending</i>
South Dakota	<i>Pending</i>
Virginia	<i>Pending</i>
Wisconsin	April 21, 2025

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 H**

**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 Lemon Tree Development LLC offers you a franchise, it must provide this Disclosure Document to you 14 calendar-days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make a payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale.

New York requires you to receive this Franchise Disclosure Document at the earlier of the first personal meeting or 10 business days before the execution of the franchise or other agreement or the payment of any consideration that relates to the franchise relationship.

If Lemon Tree Development LLC does not deliver this Disclosure Document on time or if it contains a false or misleading statement, or a material omission, a violation of federal and state law may have occurred and should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580 and to your state authority listed on Exhibit A.

The name and principal business address and telephone number of each franchise seller offering the franchise is:

Jonathan Shaw 8 Campus Drive, Suite 105, PMB 1029, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 973-884-2330
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Issuance Date: April 11, 2025

I received a Disclosure Document dated April 11, 2025, that included the following Exhibits:

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- EXHIBIT B: Franchise Agreement
- EXHIBIT C: Financial Statements
- EXHIBIT D: Operations Manual Table of Contents
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- EXHIBIT F: State Addenda
- EXHIBIT G: Franchisee Acknowledgment Statement  
State Effective Dates Page
- EXHIBIT H: Receipt

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If other than date signed)

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of recipient)

**Please return signed receipt to Lemon Tree Development LLC,  
8 Campus Drive, Suite 105, PMB 1029, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054**

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

City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Signature of recipient)

**KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**