FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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You will operate a do-it-yourself arts and crafts studio business featuring pottery painting, candle making, canvas painting, and other arts and crafts, such as mosaics, succulent gardens, body scrubs, and slime.

The total investment necessary to begin the operation of a The Hot Spot franchise ranges from $74,900 to $158,100. This includes $38,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or an affiliate.

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

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

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

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

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How to Use This Franchise Disclosure Document

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

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

What You Need To Know About Franchising *Generally*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Some States Require Registration

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

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

Special Risks to Consider About *This* Franchise

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

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

2. **Unregistered Trademark.** The primary trademark that you will use in your business is not federally registered. If the franchisor's right to use this trademark in your area is challenged, you may have to identify your business and its products and services with a name that differs from that used by other franchisees or the franchisor. This change can be expensive and may reduce brand recognition of the products or services you offer.

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

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

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

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

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

We were formed as a limited liability company in the State of Nevada on June 6, 2023. Our principal business address is 1180 Scheels Drive, #107, Sparks, Nevada 89434. We do business under our company name, "The Hot Spot" and its associated design (the "Mark"). We do not own or operate any other 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 "The Hot Spot" Mark. We began offering franchises in August 2023.

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

Our Parents, Predecessors and Affiliates

We have no parents or predecessors.

We have operated, through our affiliates, do-it-yourself arts and crafts studio businesses using the Mark, since 2012. We may operate other The Hot Spot concepts, including additional The Hot Spot studios, or other creative arts concepts in the future.

The Franchise Offered:

We grant franchises for the right to operate a unique do-it-yourself arts and crafts studio business featuring pottery painting, candle making, canvas painting, and other arts and crafts, such as mosaics, succulent gardens, body scrubs, and slime. You will provide products and services to customers under the "The Hot Spot" Marks, using our distinctive operating procedures and standards in a limited protected territory and from a single location (the "Franchised Business"). The distinguishing characteristics of a The Hot Spot Franchised Business include, but are not limited to, The Hot Spot distinctive trade dress, proprietary designs and technology, instructional methods, inventory, procedures for management, training, advertising, and promotional programs, all of which may be changed, improved or further developed by us at any time (the "System").

Market and Competition:

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

The market for creative arts experiences is expanding. You will compete with businesses, including national, regional and local businesses, offering services similar to those offered by your Franchised Business, including other instructional arts studios and other creative arts businesses that offer children's classes, camps, and parties. There are other instructional arts and do-it-yourself creative arts activities franchises, as well as independent businesses throughout the

United States, that may offer similar products and services. The market for our products and services is not seasonal but does have peak periods and may be affected by economic conditions.

Industry Specific Regulations:

You must comply with all best practices and environmental laws regarding the use, storage and disposal of paints.

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

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

ITEM 2: BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

Olivia Parsons Franks – CEO

Employer	*Start Date - End Date*	*Titles*	*City, State*
The Hot Spot Studios LLC	June 2023 - present	CEO	Sparks, Nevada
The Hot Spot Studio, Inc.	August 2012 - present	President	Sparks, Nevada

Lorraine Kitsos – Director of Training and Onboarding

Employer	*Start Date - End Date*	*Titles*	*City, State*
The Hot Spot Studios LLC	June 2023 - present	Director of Training and Onboarding	Sparks, Nevada
Just Like Family Home Health	May 2020 – present	Director – Community Health	Vancouver, British Columbia
Just Like Family Home Health	January 2018 – May 2020	Care provider	Vancouver, British Columbia

Jennifer Eberts – Director of Franchise Development

Employer	*Start Date - End Date*	*Titles*	*City, State*
The Hot Spot Studios LLC	June 2023 - present	Director of Franchise Development	Sparks, Nevada
Eberts Enterprises Ltd.	June 1994 - present	Owner	Roberts Creek, British Columbia

Emma Wood – Vice President of Franchise Development

Employer	*Start Date - End Date*	*Titles*	*City, State*
The Hot Spot Studios LLC	June 2023 - present	Vice President of Franchise Development	Sparks, Nevada

Eberts Enterprises Ltd.	October 2008 - present	Vice President of Franchise Development (2018 – present) Executive Assistant (2008 – 2018)	Gibsons, British Columbia

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 $37,500. This payment is fully earned by us and due in lump sum when you sign the Franchise Agreement. The Initial Franchise Fee is not refundable under any circumstance.

You must pay to us a fee of $500 for development of your website for the Franchised Business. This payment is due and payable when you sign the Franchise Agreement and is non-refundable.

From time to time, we may offer special incentive programs as part of our franchise development activities. We reserve the right to offer, modify or withdraw any incentive program without notice to you. We currently offer a $10,000 discount on the Initial Franchise Fee for franchisees in good standing who open a second outlet and a $17,500 discount on a third or subsequent outlet.

ITEM 6: OTHER FEES

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Continuing Royalty Fee	5% of biweekly Gross Revenue, or a monthly minimum of $300 during the second year of operations, $500 during the third year of operations, $750 during the fourth year of operations and thereafter, whichever is greater	Biweekly on the 15th for Gross Revenue earned from the 1st through 14th and on the final day of the month for Gross Revenue from the 15th through the final day of each month.	Payable to us. See footnote 1.

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Required Minimum Expenditure for Local Marketing and Advertising	$500	Monthly	Payable to third parties. All advertising must be pre-approved by us. See footnote 2.
Brand Fund Contribution	1% of Gross Revenue, subject to increase to no more than 2% of Gross Revenue.	Biweekly on the 15th for Gross Revenue earned from the 1st through 14th and on the final day of the month for Gross Revenue from the 15th through the final day of each month.	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 the date of this Disclosure Document. You are required to join an advertising cooperative if one is formed. Cooperatives will be comprised of all franchised The Hot Spot studios in a designated geographic area. Any affiliate-owned studios shall participate in an advertising cooperative.
Late Charge	$100	As incurred	If you fail to pay us the Continuing Royalty Fee, Brand Fund Fee, Internal Systems Fee, or if you fail to submit your Gross Revenue report when due, we may charge you $100 for each late submission in addition to interest charges explained below.
Interest Charge	18% per annum from due date, or maximum allowed by law	As incurred	If you fail to pay us any amount when due, we may charge you interest on the unpaid balance until the payment is received.
Non-Sufficient Funds Fee	$100	As incurred	If your check is returned or an electronic funds transfer from your bank account is denied for insufficient funds, for each occurrence we may charge you a Non-Sufficient Funds Fee.
Successor Agreement Fee	$3,500 Waived for the initial option term.	Before signing successor agreement	Payable to us. See Item 17.
Transfer Fee	$12,500	Before we approve the transfer.	Payable to us. See Item 17

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Initial Training	No charge for initial training of up to three individuals. You pay all travel and other related expenses incurred by all trainees. The current fee to train additional personnel is $300 per person per day.	Travel and related expenses are due as incurred. Fees for training additional personnel over three are due prior to the commencement of training.	Initial training takes place in Reno, Nevada, or at a franchised or company-owned outlet. See Item 11.
Additional Training	A reasonable fee for each training session. Fee is currently $300 per person per day. You pay all travel and other related expenses incurred by you and your personnel to attend training.	As incurred.	Additional training will take place at the location we designate.
Conference/Convention Fee	$300 per person per day. You pay all travel and other related expenses incurred by you and your personnel to attend training.	Travel and related expenses are due as incurred. Fees for the conference or convention are due prior to commencement.	If we offer a conference or convention, attendance is mandatory at the location we designate.
Remedial Training Fee	Our then-current per diem rate for each trainer, plus travel and other expenses Current per diem rate = $300	As incurred.	We may impose this fee, payable to us, if you request additional training at your premises from time-to-time, or if you are operating below our standards and we require you to have additional training. You must also pay all costs of our trainer, which include but are not limited to, airfare, transportation, hotel and meals.
Interim Management Support Fee	Our then-current per diem rate for on-site management, plus expenses Current rate = 15% of Gross Revenue	As incurred.	We may impose this fee (in addition to all regularly occurring fees such as the Continuing Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contributions), payable to us, if we provide on-site management of your Franchised Business in

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
			our sole discretion. See footnote 4.
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 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	$750	As incurred	Payable to us. This fee is refundable if the item or service is approved for use by the entire system.
Quality Review Services	Up to $100/month	As incurred	Payable to third-party providers. See footnote 5.
Internal Systems Fee	Currently $0, subject to increase, up to $150 per month	As incurred	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, applications, assigned phone numbers and email addresses, a franchise portal, benchmarking platform or other operations or communications systems.
Relocation Fee	Our actual costs and expenses in approving the relocation	As incurred	Payable to us if we incur costs or expenses in approving and implementing your request to relocate your The Hot Spot studio.
Liquidated Damages	Up to 36 months of Royalty Fees and Brand Fund Contributions	Upon termination of the Franchise Agreement due to your default.	If your Franchise Agreement is terminated due to a default by you that by its nature cannot be cured (i.e. a breach of the non-compete or non-disclosure covenants or improper use of the Marks), you must pay us the average monthly Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution payable by you for the 12 months prior to your default multiplied by the lesser of 36

Type of Fee	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
			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 6.
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.
Reimbursement of Cost and Expenses for Non-compliance	Actual costs and expenses	As incurred	See footnote 7.
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.

[1] "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 (a) any sales tax or similar taxes collected from customers and turned over to the governmental authority imposing the tax, (b) properly documented refunds to customers, (c) properly documented promotional discounts (i.e., coupons), (d) employee tips, and (e) properly documented employee discounts (limited to 2% of Gross Revenue). Gross Revenue does not

include gift card purchases, at the time of purchase, but Gross Revenue does include the redemption amount of purchases made by gift card. If you do not report revenues for any week, then we will collect 100% of the last Continuing Royalty Fee collected and settle the balance the next period in which you report Gross 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.

[2] Upon our request, you must furnish us with a quarterly report and documentation of local advertising expenditures during the previous calendar quarter. Your use of social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, blogs and other networking and sharing websites, must comply with our requirements.

[3] Brand Fund Contribution payments are due at the same time and in the same manner as Royalty Fees. You are required to set up authorization at your bank to allow the Brand Fund to electronically transfer funds from your bank account to the Brand Fund's bank account. Interest and late fees will apply to any late payments or electronic funds transfer requests denied due to insufficient funds. If you fail to timely report Gross Revenue, Franchisor will collect 100% of the last Brand Fund Contribution collected and settle the balance the next period in which you report Gross Revenue.

[4] 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 management of your Franchised Business.

[5] 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.

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

[7] 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
(Single Unit)

Type of Expenditure	Amount	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment is Made
Initial Franchise Fee	$37,500	Lump sum payment in cash or available funds	Upon signing the Franchise Agreement	Us
Your Training Expenses[1]	$2,000 - $5,000	As required for transportation, lodging & meals	As required by suppliers of transportation, lodging & meals	Suppliers of transportation, lodging & meals
Website Development	$500	Lump sum payment in cash or available funds	Upon signing the Franchise Agreement	Us
Premises deposit[2]	$2,000 - $7,000	As required by landlord	As required by landlord	Landlord
Utilities deposits[3]	$100 - $400	As required by utility providers	As required by utility providers	Utility providers
Rent – three months	$6,000 - $21,000	As required by landlord	As required by landlord	Landlord
Design and Architect Fees	$0 - $3,000	As required by supplier	Before opening as required by supplier	Supplier
Leasehold Improvements, Construction and/or Remodeling[4]	$0 - $15,000	As required by supplier, contractor or landlord	Before opening, as required by supplier	Suppliers, contractor and/or Landlord
Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment[5]	$5,000 - $18,000	As required by supplier	Before opening	Designated Suppliers
Exterior Signage[6]	$2,000 - $6,000	As incurred	Before opening	Suppliers
Business Licenses and Permits[7]	$500 - $2,000	As required by government agencies	Before opening, as required by government agencies	Government Agencies
Computer Systems[8]	$1,200 - $2,400	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers
Initial Inventory to Begin Operating[9]	$6,000 - $20,000	As required by suppliers	Before opening	Suppliers
Professional Fees[10]	$2,000 - $4,000	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
Initial Launch Marketing & Grand Opening Advertising	$1,500 - $2,500	As required by supplier	As required by supplier	Suppliers
Insurance[11]	$600 - $1,800	As required by insurer	Before opening	Insurer
Operating Expenses / Additional Funds – three months[12]	$8,000 - $12,000	As incurred	Payroll weekly, other purchases according to agreed-upon terms	Employees, utilities, suppliers, etc.
TOTAL	**$74,900 - $158,100**			

[1] The cost of the Initial Training Program for up to three individuals is included in the Initial Franchise Fee. The chart estimates the costs for transportation, lodging, and meals for your trainees. These incidental costs are not included in the Initial Franchise Fee. Your costs will depend on the number of people attending training, their point of origin, method of travel, class of accommodation and living expenses. The duration of the training program is approximately 4 weeks (one week at one of our affiliate-owned or franchised studios and three weeks of remote learning). This estimate does not include employee wages.

[2] We anticipate that you will rent the premises for your The Hot Spot studio. This estimate includes a one-month deposit of rent for a 1,200 to 2,000 square foot location, including common area maintenance (CAM) fees, real estate taxes and landlord's insurance costs. 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. Prepaid 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.

[3] 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.

[4] The cost of leasehold improvements depends upon the condition and size of the leasehold, the local cost of contract work and the location of the Franchised Business. The estimated figures assume a vanilla-shell, where no demolition is required, with a minimum of finished concrete floor, grid and tile ceiling, interior walls in paint-ready condition, HVAC of one ton per 250 square feet and existing and adequate electrical, plumbing systems and ADA-compliant restrooms based on the occupancy requirements. These amounts will vary based on the condition of the existing

leasehold. Many locations are built in existing structures, while many others are new build-outs. You will incur expenditures in this category if you take over space which was occupied by a prior tenant. It is difficult, if not impossible, to estimate what it might cost to improve existing property. Tenant improvement allowances, if any, paid to you may defray a portion of build-out costs.

[5] The furniture and fixtures necessary for a The Hot Spot studio include a front desk, shelving, potters benches, wire racks, tables and chairs, miscellaneous candle-making equipment, iPOD, sound system, speakers, refrigerator, and kilns. These estimates do not include taxes, freight or installs.

[6] This estimate is for the cost to produce and mount the storefront signage on the exterior of the premises.

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

[8] We require you to purchase computer systems and software meeting our minimum specifications for use at your Franchised Business. This estimate includes the cost of the required Square POS System and general-purpose computer for the back office. You must also have Internet and other telecommunications equipment and services in accordance with our standards to permit electronic transmission of sales information. You must also pay ongoing monthly software subscription fees to approved suppliers. We reserve the right to change your requirements for computer hardware and software at any time.

[9] This estimate is for the cost of the initial inventory sufficient for approximately three months of operation. Your initial inventory will include canvases, pottery, mosaic supplies, succulent garden supplies, paints, brushes, cups, cleaning supplies and office supplies, etc.

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

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

[12] This is an estimate of the amount of additional operating capital that you may need to operate your Franchised Business during the first three months after commencing operations. This estimate includes such items as utilities, internet service, initial payroll and payroll taxes, software fees, technology fees, local advertising expenses, repairs and maintenance, bank charges, music fees, initial staff recruiting expenses, and other miscellaneous items. These estimates do not

include any compensation to you, nor do they include debt service. These items are by no means all-inclusive of the extent of possible expenses.

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

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

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

ITEM 8: RESTRICTIONS ON SOURCES OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

We have identified various suppliers, distributors and manufacturers of equipment, fixtures, inventory and supplies that your Franchised Business must use or provide which meet our standards and requirements. You must purchase all items outlined in the Operations Manual, and any equipment or materials bearing the Marks in accordance with our specifications. We maintain written lists of approved items of equipment, fixtures, inventory and suppliers (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 approve suppliers after careful review of the quality of the products they provide to use and our franchisees. If you would like us to consider another supplier, you must make such request in writing to use and have the supplier give us samples of its product or service and such other information that we may require. We do not maintain written criteria for approving suppliers, and this information is not available to franchisee. If the supplier meets our specifications, as we determine in our sole discretion, we will approve it as an additional supplier. We will make a good-faith effort to notify you whether we approve or disapprove of the proposed 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 supplier that does not continue to meet our then-current standards. If you request that we approve a proposed supplier, you will be required to pay us a fee of $750, which is refundable if the item or service is approved for use by the entire system.

Before you open for business, you must purchase and maintain at your sole cost and expense the insurance coverage that we specify. The following are the current insurance requirements: commercial general liability insurance, including public liability, personal injury, advertising injury, and products liability coverage in the amount of at least $5,000,000 per occurrence and $10,000,000 aggregate, including a minimum of $5,000 per person for medical expenses, $500,000 for damage to rented premises, and $10,000,000 aggregate for products/completed operations; worker's compensation coverage in the limits required by state law, employer's liability insurance in the amount of $500,000 per accident shall be carried on all of Franchisee's employees, and crime and employee dishonesty in the minimum amount of $10,000, as well as such other insurance as may be required by statute or rule of the state in which the Franchised Business is located and operated; 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; business interruption insurance for a minimum of six months, in an amount necessary to satisfy Franchisee's obligations under this Agreement and the lease for the Franchised Business location; prior to operation of any vehicle on behalf of the Franchised Business, Franchisee must obtain comprehensive automobile liability insurance in the amount of at least a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of

$1,000,000; Coverage for damage or loss of electronic and computer equipment, media, and data in an amount of not less than $10,000; and coverage for identity forgery, alteration or theft in an amount of at least $2,500 per loss and $5,000 for expenses.

Each policy must be written by a responsible carrier or carriers acceptable to us, with an A.M. Best rating of not less than A-VII, and must name us and our respective officers, directors, partners, agents and employees as additional insured parties. You are required to deliver to, and maintain at all times with us, current Certificates of Insurance evidencing the existence and continuation of the required coverages. You are required to deliver the initial Certificate of Insurance no later than 10 days before you open the Franchised Business. In addition, you must deliver to us a copy of the insurance policy or policies required hereunder.

Neither we nor any of our affiliates are the sole approved or designated supplier for any product, good or service that you are required to purchase for the operation of your Franchised Business. None of our officers own any interest in any approved or designated supplier for any product, good or service that you are required to purchase for the operation of your Franchised Business.

We estimate that your purchase or lease of products, supplies and services from approved suppliers (or those which meet our specifications) will represent approximately 90% of your costs to establish your Franchised Business and approximately 80% of your costs for ongoing operation.

During our last fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, neither we nor our affiliates received revenue from vendors on account of required purchases by franchisees.

We currently do not receive any revenue, rebates, discounts or other material consideration from any 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.

Currently, there are not purchasing or distribution cooperatives. However, we can require that you make your purchases through a cooperative if one is formed.

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

We provide no material benefits (such as the grant of additional franchises) based on your use of designated sources; however, failure to use approved items or designated suppliers and contractors may be a default under the Franchise Agreement.

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
e. Opening	8.2.3, 8.3	11
f. Fees	5.1, 5.2.7, Article 6, 12.3.7, 12.6, 15.6, 16.4, 18.1.4, 18.1.5, 18.1.8, 19.1.5	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

Obligation	Section or Article in Franchise Agreement	Item in Franchise Disclosure Document
r. Records /Reports	12.2	6
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	Not applicable	Not applicable

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 60 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 five business days, either accepting or rejecting the proposed location. We consider the following factors in approving a site: general location and neighborhood, distance from neighboring franchise territories, proximity to major roads and residential areas, traffic patterns, condition of premises, tenant mix, and demographic characteristics of the area. If you do not identify a site that meets our approval within 30 days of signing the Franchise Agreement and obtain possession of the site within 60 days of our approval, we reserve the right to terminate the Franchise Agreement. We will not own and/or lease a site to you. You are responsible for negotiating a lease with the owner of a site we approve. (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 The Hot Spot studio. 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. (Franchise Agreement, Sections 8.2.2, 10.2).

c. loan to you The Hot Spot 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 The Hot Spot outlet, as they may be available and revised from time to time. (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.3).

d. provide a written list of equipment, signage, supplies and products that will be required to open the Franchised Business. We and our affiliates are not obligated to install any of these items (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.5).

e. provide initial training at our headquarters and/or affiliate-owned or franchised studio. 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 two days (six hours per day) 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, recommend maximum prices for products and services at your The Hot Spot studio (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 60 to 180 days. Factors that may affect this time period include your ability to acquire financing or permits, build out of your location, have signs and equipment installed in your location, and completion of required training. You must find a site that we accept within 60 days of signing the Franchise Agreement. If you have not opened your Franchised Business within 180 days after you sign the franchise agreement, you must obtain our consent to extend the time to open, which we may or may not grant, at our discretion. Failure to open your Franchised Business within the original time as extended, is a default of the Franchise Agreement. (Franchise Agreement, Sections 8.1, 8.3).

3. **Obligations After Opening**

During the operation of your franchise, we will:

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

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

b. upon your request, or as we determine to be appropriate, provide remedial on-site training and assistance at your premises. For any on-site remedial training, you must reimburse all costs for the services of our trainer, including but not limited to the trainer's then-current per diem fee and all travel-related expenses, such as transportation, meals and lodging. The current fee is $300 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, or electronic mail, subject at all times to availability of our personnel and in reasonable limits (Franchise Agreement, Section 7.6).

d. from time to time, as may become available, provide you with samples or digital artwork, advertising and promotional materials (Franchise Agreement, Section 10.6).

e. 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).

f. 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).

g. subject to applicable law, recommend minimum and maximum prices for products and services at your The Hot Spot studio (Franchise Agreement, Section 12.5).

h. approve or disapprove of all advertising, direct mail, and other promotional material and campaigns you propose in writing to us. We will respond within 5 business days, either accepting or rejecting the proposed material and/or campaign; however, if we do not respond within 5 business days, you must resubmit the proposed material and/or campaign for our approval. (Franchise Agreement, Section 13.6).

4. **Advertising**

Local Advertising (Franchise Agreement, Sections 13.2 and 13.6)

We require you to spend at least $1,500 in opening advertising and promotional activities in the 30 days prior to and within the first 30 days following the opening of your Franchised Business in your Territory. Thereafter, you are required to spend at least $500 per month on advertising for the Franchised Business in your territory. Local Advertising may include promotion and marketing through social media platforms. Local Advertising expenditures also include contributions to a marketing fund operated by your landlord. We must approve all advertising materials. We reserve the right to collect some or all of your Local Advertising expenditure and implement 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 five business days; however, if we do not respond within five 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 The Hot Spot franchisees in your area, with our prior written approval. Your use of any social media accounts shall be in strict accordance with our requirements.

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

You are required to contribute to the Brand Fund up to 2% of biweekly Gross Revenue generated by your Franchised Business. The Brand Fund Contribution is currently 1% of biweekly Gross Revenue. Your Brand Fund contribution is collected at the same time and in the same manner as your Royalty. Each The Hot Spot studio operated by our affiliate or us will contribute to the Brand Fund.

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 last fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, no Brand Fund contributions were required, made or expended. 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 The Hot Spot studios in a designated geographic area. Our affiliate-owned studios may participate in a regional cooperative, in our sole discretion. We will determine in advance how each cooperative will be organized and governed. We have the right to form, dissolve, merge or change the structure of the cooperatives. If a cooperative is established during the term of your Franchise Agreement, you must sign all documents we request and become a member of the cooperative according to the terms of the documents. Currently, there are no governing documents available for your review.

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

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 studio 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 requirement is a POS System developed by Square. The POS System performs a variety of functions, including payroll, scheduling, marketing, human resources, inventory management, payment processing, loan and banking options, and sales report generation.

The current cost for purchasing the required computer hardware is $1,200 to $2,400, which includes one terminal with receipt printer for the POS System and one general-purpose computer for the back office.

You are required to use all software and applications that we specify and pay any subscription or access fees associated with them. The current required software and applications are Square, GoDaddy for email and web hosting, and a music streaming service we approve.

Software and applications fees are approximately $500 to $750 for initial setup and $60 to $120 per month, subject to increase, for continuing access fees (not including any applicable merchant fees).

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

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

There are no contractual limitations on the frequency and cost of upgrades and/or updates to the above-described systems or programs. We have no obligation to maintain, repair, update or upgrade your computer and software. At your cost, you must provide on-going maintenance and repairs to your computer and software. You must upgrade your computer hardware and software as necessary to operate the most current version of the POS System or any replacements thereto. We cannot estimate the cost of maintaining, updating and upgrading your computer hardware and software 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 The Hot Spot Operations Manual, current as of the date of this Disclosure Document is attached as Exhibit D. The Operations Manual has a total of 136 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), must complete our Initial Training Program, to our satisfaction, within the 30 days prior to opening your Franchised Business. We will train you at our headquarters and/or affiliate-owned or franchised location (currently Reno, Nevada), or another location we specify, which will include virtual training through teleconference, video call and/or web-based applications.

TRAINING PROGRAM

SUBJECT	HOURS OF CLASSROOM TRAINING	HOURS OF ON THE JOB TRAINING	LOCATION
Use of the Manual	4	-	Zoom/ Recording
Tour location/ Kiln Operation	-	2	Reno, NV
Pre-Opening Procedures	4	8	Reno, NV

Personnel Issues	2	-	Zoom/Recording
Marketing & Advertising	3	-	Zoom/Recording
Management Training	3	8	Reno, NV
Franchise Reporting Requirements	2	-	Zoom/Recording
Accounting/Record keeping	2	1	Reno, NV
Customer Service	4	6	Reno, NV
In House Procedures by	4	10	Reno, NV
Application Process	1	4	Reno, NV
Safety Procedures	1	1	Reno, NV
Totals	30	40	

We periodically conduct our Initial Training Program throughout the year, as needed. Training is currently conducted by Lorraine Kitsos and Olivia Parsons Franks whose credentials are outlined in Item 2. We reserve the right to make changes in our training staff as we deem necessary and advisable without prior notice.

Our training materials consist of our Operations Manual, videos, and online tutorials.

The cost of our instructors and training materials for up to three individuals is included in the Initial Franchise Fee. You must pay for all of travel and personal expenses, including, but not limited to, all costs for your transportation, meals, and lodging for yourself and your personnel. Our current fee to provide initial training to any additional trainee is $300 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.

Upon the opening of your Franchised Business, we will provide you with on-site training, supervision and assistance for up to two days (six hours/day) at no charge.

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

ITEM 12: TERRITORY

Under the Franchise Agreement, you have the right to establish and operate one The Hot Spot studio within a territory that will be defined after the location of your The Hot Spot studio is identified and approved by us (the "Territory"). You are required to find and obtain possession of a specific location for your Franchised Business that meets our site selection criteria and our

approval. Your Territory is located in all or a portion of a listed town, city, or county, and is identified by a group of contiguous zip codes. The Territory is determined on an individual basis taking into account minimum numbers of households, average home prices and household incomes. Your Territory will have a minimum population of 250,000; however, local market conditions may warrant a smaller Territory, and we reserve the right to determine the size of the Territory in our sole discretion. Your Territory will be identified and attached to your Franchise Agreement as Attachment 2. If you do not yet have a location at the time you sign the Franchise Agreement, you will receive a non-exclusive site search area listed on Attachment 2.

During the term of your Franchise Agreement, and provided that you are not in default of your Franchise Agreement, we will not open another The Hot Spot studio or grant the right to anyone else to open a The Hot Spot studio within your Territory. We provide to you an exclusive right to your Territory, and we will not (a) either directly or through others, sell our products and services anywhere within your territorial boundaries, and (b) sell our products and services through Alternative Distribution Channels (defined below) within your Territory.

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

You may not change the location of your Franchised Business, without our written consent, which we may withhold in our sole discretion. If we give our consent, you must reimburse Franchisor's actual costs and expenses in approving the relocation. 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 The Hot Spot studios, lease requirements, traffic patterns, vehicular and pedestrian access, proximity to major roads, available parking, and overall suitability. If you wish to relocate, you must identify a new location for the Franchised Business that meets our approval, in accordance with our then-current site selection procedures, and build out the approved location within 120 days. If you do not identify a site and complete the build-out within this time period, we may terminate the Franchise Agreement. You must continue to operate at your original premises until construction of the new site is complete.

We may, but have no obligation to, consider granting to you the right to establish additional The Hot Spot studios under other franchise agreements. The Franchise Agreement grants you no options, rights of first refusal or similar rights to acquire additional franchises within the Territory or contiguous territories. We may, but have no obligation to, consider granting to you the right to establish additional The Hot Spot studios under other franchise agreements if you are in compliance with the Franchise Agreement and propose to open another The Hot Spot 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 The Hot Spot studios outside of the Territory and may operate other kinds of businesses within the Territory. Although we do not currently do so and have no plans to do so, we and our affiliates may own, acquire, conduct, or authorize others to conduct, any form of business at any location selling any type of product or service not offered under the Marks, including a product or service similar to those you will sell at your Franchised Business. We reserve the right to merge with, acquire, or be acquired by, an existing competitive or non-competitive franchise network, chain, or other business; however, we will not convert any acquired business in your Territory to a franchise using our primary trademarks during the Term of your Franchise Agreement.

We and our affiliates may sell products and services under the Marks outside the Territory through any method of distribution other than a dedicated The Hot Spot studio location, such as distribution through retail outlets, including but not limited to, arts and crafts, home goods and department stores; and the Internet ("Alternative Distribution Channels").

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

ITEM 13: TRADEMARKS

Olivia Franks ("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 The Hot Spot studio in accordance with the system. The Franchise Agreement will license to you the right to operate your The Hot Spot studio under The Hot Spot service marks with design, registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as described below ("Principal Marks"):

Mark	Serial Number	Filing Date	Registration Date	Registration Number	Register
The Hot Spot Pottery Painting, Candle Making and More	97/840,483	March 15, 2023	Pending	Pending	Principal

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

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

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

You must not directly or indirectly contest 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.

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

ITEM 14: PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

During the term of the Franchise Agreement, you may have access to and become acquainted with our trade secrets, including, but not limited to, designs, instructional methods, processes, customer lists, vendor partnerships and/or relationships, sales and technical information, financial information, costs, product prices and names, software tools and applications, website and/or email design, products, services, equipment, technologies and procedures relating to the operation of the Franchised Business; the Manual; methods of advertising and promotion; training materials; any other information which Franchisor may or may not specifically designate as "confidential" or "proprietary"; and the components of the System, whether or not such information is protected or protectable by patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights (collectively called the “Confidential Information”). You agree that you will take all reasonable measures to maintain the confidentiality of all Confidential Information in your possession or control and that all such Confidential Information and trade secrets shall remain our exclusive property. You may never (during the Initial Term, any 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 8).

You must promptly tell us when you learn about unauthorized use of any Confidential Information. We are not obligated to take any action but will respond to this information as we think appropriate.

We will indemnify you for losses brought by a third party concerning your use, in strict compliance with the Franchise Agreement, of the Confidential Information.

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

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

The Franchise Agreement requires that you personally supervise your The Hot Spot studio for the first 12 months of operation. After 12 months, you may appoint a general manager with our prior consent. If we approve, your general manager must successfully complete our Initial Management Training Program and all other training courses we require. Your general manager must devote his or her best efforts to the job and cannot have an interest or business relationship with any of our competitors. If the franchisee is a business entity, your general manager is not required to have an equity interest in the franchisee entity. Your manager must devote full time to the job and cannot have an interest or business relationship with any of our competitors.

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

ITEM 16: RESTRICTION ON WHAT FRANCHISEE MAY SELL

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

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

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

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

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

ITEM 17: RENEWAL, TERMINATION, TRANSFER AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

THE FRANCHISE RELATIONSHIP

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

	Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
a.	Length of the franchise term	Art. 4	Term is five 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 up to five additional terms of five years each, 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 events of default during current term; provide written notice to us at least six months before the end of the term; execute a new franchise agreement; pay us the Successor Agreement fee of $3,500 (waived for the initial option term); 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 the then-current 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 6 months to a replacement franchisee that we approve.
f.	Termination by franchisor with cause	Article 17	We may terminate only if you default. The Franchise Agreement describes defaults throughout. Please read it carefully.
g.	"Cause" defined – curable defaults	Section 17.3	You have five days to cure non-payments and any other defaults (except for non-curable defaults listed in the Franchise Agreement and described in h. immediately below).
h.	"Cause" defined - non-curable defaults	Sections 17.1 and 17.2	The Franchise Agreement will terminate automatically, without notice for the following defaults: insolvency; bankruptcy; written admission of inability to pay debts; receivership; levy; composition with creditors; unsatisfied final judgment for more than 30 days; or foreclosure

	Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
			proceeding that is not dismissed within 30 days. We may terminate the Franchise Agreement upon notice to you if you: do not acquire a site, do not complete construction, obtain permits and/or open the Franchised Business within required time frames; falsify any report to us; cease operations for five 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 or more times; fail to comply with insurance and indemnification requirements; attempt a transfer in violation of the Franchise Agreement; fail, or your legal representative fails to transfer as required upon your death or permanent disability; misrepresent or omit a material fact in applying for the Franchise; are convicted or plead no contest to a felony or crime or engages in conduct that could damage the goodwill or reputation of our trademarks or the System; receive an adverse judgment in any proceeding involving allegations of fraud, racketeering or improper trade practices or similar claim that could damage the goodwill or reputation of our trademarks or the System; conceal revenues or maintain false books; create a threat or danger to public health or safety; refuse an inspection or audit by us; use our trademarks, copyrighted material or Confidential Information in an unauthorized manner; make an unauthorized disclosure of Confidential Information; fail to comply with non-competition covenants; default in the performance of your obligations three or more times during the term or receive two 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 or more times within any 12-month period; default, or your affiliate defaults, under another agreement with us or our affiliate; or terminate the Franchise Agreement without cause.
i.	Franchisee's obligations on termination/ non-renewal	Article 18	Upon termination, you must: cease operations; cease to identify yourself as a The Hot Spot franchisee; cease to use our

	Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
			trademarks or other intellectual property; cancel any assumed name registration that contains any Mark; pay us and our affiliates all sums owing; pay us any damages, costs or expenses we incur in obtaining any remedy for any violation of the Franchise Agreement by you, including, but not limited to attorneys' fees; deliver to us all Confidential Information, the Operations Manual and all records and files related to your Franchised Business; comply with the non-disclosure and non-competition covenants; pay liquidated damages; sell to us, at our option, all furnishing, fixtures, equipment, inventory and supplies of your Franchised Business; and assign, at our option, your telephone numbers, directory and internet listings, and social media and software accounts and the lease for the location.
j.	Assignment of contract by franchisor	Section 16.1.1	No restrictions on our right to assign.
k.	"Transfer" by franchisee defined	Section 16.3	Any assignment, sale, transfer, gift, devise or encumbrance of greater than 30% interest in the Franchise Agreement, the Franchised Business, 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; 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 Exhibit H to this Franchise Disclosure Document; you shall subordinate any claims you have against the transferee to us; you will indemnify us for misrepresentations in the transfer process, excluding the representations we make in our Disclosure Document; our approval of the material terms and conditions of the transfer; payment of a transfer fee.

	Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
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 15 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 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 The Hot Spot studio (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 The Hot Spot studio (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 20 miles of your former The Hot Spot studio location or any other The Hot Spot studio 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.

	Provision	Section in Franchise Agreement	Summary
t.	Integration/merger clause	Section 21.4	Only the terms of the Franchise Agreement and other related written agreements, such as any attachments to the Franchise Agreement or addenda, are binding (subject to applicable state law.) Any representations or promises outside of the disclosure document and Franchise Agreement may not be enforceable. Nothing in the agreement or in any related agreement is intended to disclaim the representations made in the Franchise Disclosure Document.
u.	Dispute resolution by arbitration or mediation	Sections 20.1, 20.2 and 20.3	At our option, claims that are not resolved internally may be submitted to non-binding mediation only at our headquarters in Reno, Nevada, 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. Subject to state law.
v.	Choice of forum	Section 20.4	Litigation takes place in Nevada (subject to applicable state law).
w.	Choice of law	Section 20.4	Nevada law applies (subject to applicable state law).

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

ITEM 18: PUBLIC FIGURES

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

ITEM 19: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPRESENTATIONS

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

We have three The Hot Spot studios that are owned and operated by our affiliates. The below historical financial performance representations include the Royalty Fees and Brand Fund Contributions actually paid by our affiliate-owned studios. The Royalty Fees and Brand Fund Contributions that a franchised studio would be expected to pay are footnoted below. We have included the financial representations for these studios for December 31, 2023.

The reasonable basis for inclusion of this Financial Performance Representation is the affiliate-owned studios are similar to the franchise being offered under this Disclosure Document in terms of operations and product offerings. There are no material financial or operational characteristics of

the below affiliate-owned studios that are reasonably anticipated to differ materially from future franchise studio operations. The affiliate-owned studios are different from the franchise being offered in that they do not expend any minimum amount on local advertising and are not subject to territorial advertising or service restrictions.

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

Tahoe, California (opened in 2010)

		Jan - Dec 23
Ordinary Income/Expense		
	Income	63,290.00
Total Income		63,290.00
Cost of Goods Sold		
	COGS	3,797.40
Total COGS		3,797.40
Gross Profit		59,492.60
Expense		
	Ad Fund*	291.00
	Royalty Fee**	1,442.00
	Advertising and Promotion	500.00
	Computer and Internet Expenses	1,200.00
	Dues and Subscriptions	400.00
	Insurance Expense	600.00
	Merchant Fees	1,902.00
	Office Expense	200.00
	Payroll	4,000.00
	Postage and Delivery	200.00
	Printing and Reproduction	150.00
	Rent Expense	10,900.00
	Sales Tax	3,000.00
	Telephone Expense	1,200.00
	Sales Tax	
Total Expense		21,785.00
Net Ordinary Income		37,707.60

* For a franchised outlet, the Brand Fund Contribution would be $632.90.
** For a franchised outlet, the Royalty Fee would be $3,164.50.

San Diego, California (opened in 2012)

			Jan - Dec 23a
Ordinary Income/Expense			
	Income		1,061,759.60
Total Income			1,061,759.60
Cost of Goods Sold			
	COGS		174,019.86
Total COGS			174,019.86
Gross Profit			734,831.93
Expense			
	Ad Fund		1,901.46
	Royalty Fee		13,819.30
	Advertising and Promotion		9,206.28
	Computer and Internet Expenses		590.22
	Dues and Subscriptions		2,737.71
	Insurance Expense		4,653.71
	Janitorial		1,135.00
	Licenses & Permits		73.00
	Merchant Fees		27,692.43
	Office Expense		1,772.62
	Payroll		
		Wages	226,438.01
		Payroll	30,344.84
		Payroll-Other	3,452.09
	Total Payroll		260,234.94
	Postage and Delivery		2,794.43
	Printing and Reproduction		7,765.05
	Professional Fees		5,165.00
	Rent Expense		100,918.76
	Repairs and Maintenance		11,965.80
	Sales Tax		29,930.22
	Small Tools and Equip		287.63
	Storage		613.68
	Supplies		32,042.89
	Taxes		
		State	2,162.00
	Total Taxes		2,162.00
	Telephone Expense		5,992.10
	Uniforms		1,777.55
Total Expense			525,231.7
Net Ordinary Income			362,507.96

Net Income	**362,507.96**

* For a franchised outlet, the Brand Fund Contribution would be $10,617.60.
** For a franchised outlet, the Royalty Fee would be $53,087.98.

Sparks, California (opened in 2019)

			Jan - Dec 23
Ordinary Income/Expense			
	Income		400,228.16
	Interest Income		81.68
Total Income			400,309.84
Cost of Goods Sold			
	COGS		77,550.49
Total COGS			77,550.49
Gross Profit			322,759.35
Expense			
	Ad Fund		1,182.11
	Advertising and Promotion		5,306.71
	Computer and Internet Expenses		202.00
	Dues and Subscriptions		914.97
	Insurance Expense		2,548.80
	Janitorial		500.00
	Kiln		248.34
	Merchant Fees		11,130.35
	Office Supplies		523.25
	Payroll		
		Payroll Taxes	13,809.99
		Wages	79,679.37
	Total Payroll		93,489.36
	Postage and Delivery		1,632.08
	Professional Fees		950.00
	Rent Expense		76,779.19
	Repairs and Maintenance		1,460.93
	Royalty Fee		5,962.55
	Sales Tax		16,150.26
	Supplies		13,451.07
	Tax		650.00
	Utilities		8,061.97
Total Expense			241,143.94
Net Ordinary Income			81,615.41
Net Income			**81,615.41**

* For a franchised outlet, the Brand Fund Contribution would be $4,002.28.
** For a franchised outlet, the Royalty Fee would be $20,011.41.

Notes

- "Income" is calculated as total sales minus sales tax and gratuities.
- The Sparks, Nevada and San Diego, California locations are managed full-time by staff, and the Tahoe, California location is owner-operated and therefore does not incur any expenses for payroll.

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.

Other than the preceding financial performance representation, The Hot Spot Studios LLC does not make any representations about a franchisee's future financial performance or the past financial performance of company-owned or franchised outlets. We also do not authorize our employees or representatives to make any such representations either orally or in writing. If you are purchasing an existing outlet, however, we may provide you with the actual records of that outlet. If you receive any other financial performance information or projections of your future income, you should report it to the franchisor's management by contacting Olivia Parsons Franks, 1180 Scheels Drive, #107, Sparks, Nevada 89434, or 1-800-764-4049, 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 2021 to 2023

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

*Company-owned outlet is operated by our affiliate.

Table No. 2
Transfers of Outlets From Franchisees to New Owners (Other than the Franchisor)
For Years 2021 to 2023

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

Table No. 3
Status of Franchised Outlets
For Years 2021 to 2023

Column 1 State	Column 2 Year	Column 3 Outlets at Start of Year	Column 4 Outlets Opened	Column 5 Terminations	Column 6 Non-renewals	Column 7 Reacquired by Franchisor	Column 8 Ceased Operations - Other Reasons	Column 9 Outlets at End of the Year
None	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	**2021**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
	2022	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
	2023	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Table No. 4
Status of Company Owned* Outlets
For Years 2021 to 2023

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

Total	**2021**	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**
	2022	**3**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**
	2023	**3**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**4**

*Company-owned stores are operated by affiliated entities.

Table No. 5
Projected Openings as of December 31, 2023

Column 1 State	Column 2 Franchise Agreements Signed But Outlet Not Opened	Column 3 Projected New Franchised Outlets in the Next Fiscal Year	Column 4 Projected New Company Owned Outlets in the Next Fiscal Year
California	0	6	0
Florida	0	2	0
Hawaii	0	1	0
Minnesota	0	3	0
Texas	0	3	0
Total	**0**	**15**	**0**

Exhibit E lists the location of each The Hot Spot 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

The Hot Spot Studios LLC was formed on June 6, 2023. Because we have not been in business for three years, we are not able to include the three prior years of audited financial statements normally required by this Item 21. Our audited financial statements as of December 31, 2023, are included in Exhibit C.

Our fiscal year end is December 31.

ITEM 22: CONTRACTS

Attached as Exhibits to this Disclosure Document are the following contracts and their attachments:

1.	Franchise Agreement	Exhibit B
2.	General Release	Exhibit G

ITEM 23: RECEIPTS

A receipt in duplicate is attached to this Disclosure Document. You should sign both copies of the receipt. Keep one copy for your own records and return the other signed copy to Olivia Franks, 1180 Scheels Drive, #107, Sparks, Nevada 89434.

EXHIBIT A

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

State	State Agency	Agent for Service of Process
MINNESOTA	Minnesota Department of Commerce 85 7th 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, 21st 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, 6th Floor Albany, NY 11231-0001 (518) 473-2492
NORTH DAKOTA	North Dakota Securities Department 600 East Boulevard State Capitol, 14th 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, 9th Floor Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 371-9051	Clerk of State Corporation Commission 1300 East Main Street, 1st Floor Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 371-9733
WASHINGTON	Department of Financial Institutions Securities Division P.O. Box 9033 Olympia, WA 98507-9033 (360) 902-8760	Director of Washington Financial Institutions Securities Division 150 Israel Road, SW Tumwater, WA 98501
WISCONSIN	Wisconsin Securities Commissioner Securities and Franchise Registration 345 W. Washington Avenue Madison, WI 53703 (608) 266-8559	Commissioner of Securities of Wisconsin

EXHIBIT B

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

THE HOT SPOT STUDIOS LLC

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

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EFFECTIVE DATE

THE HOT SPOT STUDIOS LLC FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

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THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered this _____ (the "Effective Date"), between The Hot Spot Studios LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, with its principal address at 1180 Scheels Drive, #107, Sparks, Nevada, 89434 (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 do-it-yourself arts and crafts studio businesses featuring pottery painting, candle making, canvas painting, and other arts and crafts, such as mosaics, succulent gardens, body scrubs, and slime under The Hot Spot 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 Hot Spot 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 The Hot Spot franchise (the "Franchise" or "Franchised Business"), using only the Marks licensed hereunder, in strict conformity with the System, which may be changed, improved and further developed by Franchisor from time to time. This grant applies only to a single location within a territory that is designated in Attachment 2 attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "Territory").

3. TERRITORY.

3.1 Territory. This Agreement grants Franchisee the right to operate the Franchised Business at a single location within the Territory. Franchisor agrees that Franchisor will not operate, and will not authorize any other franchisees to operate, a franchised The Hot Spot outlet in the Territory using the same Marks as licensed to Franchisee in this Agreement so long as Franchisee is not in default under this Agreement or this Agreement has not expired or been terminated and subject to Franchisor's reservation of rights set forth in Section 3.2 below. Except as otherwise specified in this Agreement, Franchisor reserves the right to open, operate or franchise The Hot Spot outlets 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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, provided that Franchisee is in good standing and subject to Franchisor's prior written approval, Franchisee may conduct Off-Site Sales in accordance with Section 12.1.11.

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 creative arts concepts under the Marks or other trademarks, (iii) products or services through any channel of distribution outside the Territory other than a dedicated The Hot Spot outlet, such as distribution through retail outlets, including but not limited to, arts and crafts, home goods and department stores; and the internet ("Alternate Distribution Channels"). Franchisee agrees that such implementation of Franchisor's rights pursuant to this Section 3.2 is deemed not to impair or injure Franchisee's rights pursuant to Section 2 hereof.

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 five (5) years following the Effective Date, as defined in Section 8 hereof (the "Term").

5. SUCCESSOR OPTIONS.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Franchisee shall have five (5) consecutive options to enter into a new franchise agreement and other agreements and legal instruments and documents then customarily employed by Franchisor and in the form then generally being offered to prospective franchisees in the state in which the Territory is located (the "Successor Franchise Agreement") for additional terms of five (5) years each. The term of such Successor Franchise Agreement shall commence upon the date of expiration of the immediately preceding term. Franchisee shall be charged a renewal fee equal to Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($3,500.00) ("Successor Agreement Fee"), which shall be waived for the initial option 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 The Hot Spot Studios 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 H to the Franchise Disclosure Document. This release will include all claims arising under any federal, state, or local law, rule, or ordinance.

5.2.6 Franchisee performs such remodeling, repairs, replacements and redecoration as Franchisor may require in order to cause the Franchised Business premises, equipment, fixtures, furnishings and furniture to conform to the plans and specifications being used for new or remodeled franchised businesses on the renewal date.

5.2.7 Franchisee shall pay the required Successor Agreement Fee and sign the Successor Franchise Agreement.

5.3 Notice Required by Law. If applicable law requires Franchisor to give notice to Franchisee prior to the expiration of the Term, this Agreement shall remain in effect on a month-to-month basis until Franchisor has given the notice required by such applicable law. If Franchisor is not offering new The Hot Spot franchises, is in the process of revising, amending or renewing Franchisor's form of franchise agreement or disclosure document, or Franchisor is not lawfully able to offer Franchisee the then-current form of Successor Franchise Agreement at the time Franchisee advises Franchisor pursuant to Paragraph 5.2 hereof that Franchisee desires to renew, Franchisor may, in Franchisor's sole discretion, (i) offer to renew this Agreement upon the same terms set forth herein for the appropriate successor term or (ii) offer to extend the Term hereof on a month-to-month basis following the expiration of the Term for as long as Franchisor deems necessary or appropriate so that Franchisor may lawfully offer the then current form of Successor Franchise Agreement. Any timeframes specified in this Paragraph 5 shall be inclusive of any state mandated notice periods.

5.4 Additional Reservation of Rights. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Franchisor reserves the right not to 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-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($37,500.00) (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, biweekly and throughout the Term, a royalty fee equal to five percent (5%) of the Gross Revenue, as hereinafter defined, realized from the Franchised Business and from any other revenues received using Franchisor's methods, operations and/or trade secrets, or the minimum amount set forth in the following table, whichever is greater (the "Royalty Fee"):

Minimum Monthly Royalty

Year 1 (through the 1st anniversary of the Effective Date)	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4+ (including successor agreement terms)
$0	$300	$500	$750

6.1.3 The term "Gross Revenue" includes all revenues and income from any source derived or received by Franchisee from, through, by, or on account of the operation of the Franchised Business or made pursuant to the rights granted hereunder, including but not limited, any and all other revenues received using Franchisor's methods, operations and/or trade secrets whether received in cash, in services, in kind, from barter and/or exchange, on credit (whether or not payment is actually received) or otherwise. It does not include (i) any sales tax or similar taxes collected from customers and turned over to the governmental authority imposing the tax, (ii) properly documented refunds to customers, (iii) properly documented promotional

discounts (i.e., coupons), (iv) employee tips, or (v) properly documented employee discounts (limited to three percent (3%) of Gross Revenue). Gross Revenue does not include gift card purchases, at the time of purchase, but Gross Revenue does include the redemption amount of purchases made by gift card.

6.1.4 Gross Revenue Reports. Franchisee shall, biweekly and throughout the Term, furnish Franchisor with a report showing Franchisee's Gross Revenue at or from the Franchised Business and/or made pursuant to the rights granted hereunder (the "Gross Revenue Report"). Gross Revenue Reports shall be furnished on the fifteenth (15th) of each calendar month for the period beginning on the first (1st) and ending on the fourteenth (14th) and on the final day of each calendar month for the period beginning on the fifteenth (15th) and ending on the final day of each month. 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.

6.1.5 Method of Payment. Franchisee shall, no later than the fifteenth (15th) and final day of each calendar month throughout the Term, pay Franchisor the Royalty Fee and the Brand Fund Contribution, as defined and more particularly described in Article 13, then due for Gross Revenues realized during the immediately preceding period as reflected in the Gross Revenue Report. At Franchisor's request, Franchisee must execute documents, including but not limited to, the Authorization attached as Attachment 3, that allow Franchisor to automatically take the Royalty Fee and Brand Fund Contribution due as well as other sums due Franchisor, from business bank accounts or via electronic funds transfers or Automated Clearing House ("ACH") payments. Franchisee's failure to allow electronic funds transfers or ACH payments on an ongoing basis is a material breach of this Agreement. If Franchisee fails to timely report Gross Revenue, then, in addition to a late fee and interest pursuant to Sections 6.2 and 6.3 hereof, Franchisor shall collect one hundred percent (100%) 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, other amounts due, or any Gross Revenue Reports are not received by Franchisor as required by this Agreement, Franchisee shall pay to Franchisor, in addition to the overdue amount, a late fee of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00). This late fee is reasonably related to Franchisor's costs resulting from the delay in payment and/or receipt of any report, is not a penalty, and is in addition to any other remedy available to Franchisor under this Agreement for Franchisee's failure to pay the Royalty Fee, the Brand Fund Contribution, other amounts due and/or submit Gross Revenue Reports in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

6.3 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 percent (18%) per annum or at the highest rate permitted by law, whichever is lower.

6.4 Internal System Fee. Franchisor reserves the right to impose an internal systems fee, in an amount that Franchisor reasonably determines, for new or improved technology adopted or developed by Franchisor for access to and maintenance of required software and processes, including but not limited to, website hosting and/or maintenance, Franchise web portal access, or other services as developed in the future. In Franchisor's sole discretion, Franchisor may (i) increase the amount of the technology fees or (ii) replace the software and 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.

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 One Hundred Dollars ($100.00). 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 sales, excise, use, or privilege tax is imposed or levied by any government or governmental agency on Franchisor for any Royalty Fee, Brand Fund Contribution or other fees due and payable to Franchisor under this Agreement, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor a sum equal to the amount of such tax.

7. TRAINING.

7.1 Initial Management Training Program. Franchisee (specifically including all Franchisee's principals) shall attend and complete to Franchisor's sole and absolute satisfaction, Franchisor's initial management training program ("Initial Management Training Program") within the thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the Franchised Business. The Initial Management Training Program consists of a course conducted at Franchisor's headquarters and/or affiliated outlet and virtually. Franchisor reserves the right to designate an alternate location for the Initial Management Training Program. Franchisee must at all times during the term of this Agreement have Principal(s) and approved managers who have successfully completed the Initial Management Training Program to Franchisor's sole and complete satisfaction. No charge shall be made for up to three (3) individuals to take the Initial Management Training Program prior to opening the Franchised Business ("Initial Trainees"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee shall be required to pay all of the expenses of the Initial Trainees, including, without limitation, costs of travel, lodging, meals and wages.

7.2 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 or the Principal(s), Franchisor may terminate this Agreement.

7.3 Opening Assistance. During the opening of the Franchised Business, Franchisor shall provide Franchisee with opening assistance by a trained representative of Franchisor. The trainer will provide on-site opening training, supervision, and assistance to Franchisee for up to two (2) days (six (6) hours per day) 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 additional training programs for up to five (5) days per year, at a location designated by Franchisor, which may include a national business meeting or annual convention.

Franchisor reserves the right to impose a reasonable fee for all additional training programs. Franchisee shall be responsible for any and all incidental expenses incurred by Franchisee or Franchisee's personnel in connection with additional training or attendance at Franchisor's national business meeting or annual convention, including, without limitation, costs of travel, lodging, meals and wages. Franchisee's failure to attend and/or complete mandatory additional training or failure to attend 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, provided that Franchisor reserves the right to approve Franchisee's real estate broker. Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor's approval of a prospective site location is permission only, does not constitute a representation, promise, warranty or guarantee, express or implied, by Franchisor that the Franchised Business operated at that site will be profitable or otherwise successful, and cannot, and does not, create a liability for Franchisor. Franchisee releases Franchisor from any claims over the site location selection and evaluation by Franchisor, and Franchisee shall hold Franchisor harmless with respect to Franchisee's selection of the site for the Franchisee's Franchised Business.

8.1.2 Franchisee shall locate a site that satisfies the site selection guidelines provided to Franchisee by Franchisor and shall submit to Franchisor, in writing, a description of the site, together with written certification the site complies with Franchisor's site selection guidelines, and such other information and materials as Franchisor may reasonably require no later than thirty (30) days after the execution of this Agreement. Franchisor shall have five (5) business days after receipt of this information and materials to consent, in its sole and absolute discretion, to the proposed site as the location for the Franchised Business. If Franchisor fails to respond to Franchisee's submission within five (5) business days, such proposed site shall be deemed "disapproved". No site may be used for the location of the Franchised Business unless it is consented to in writing by Franchisor.

8.1.3 Within sixty (60) 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 Conditional Assignment of Lease Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment 4. Failure by Franchisee to acquire the site for the Franchised Business within the time and in the manner required herein shall constitute a material event of default under this Agreement.

8.1.4 Upon consent by Franchisor to the location for the Franchised Business, Franchisor shall set forth the 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 location. Prior to beginning the construction of the Franchised Business, Franchisee shall (a) obtain all permits, licenses, insurance and certifications required for the lawful construction or remodeling and operation of the Franchised Business, including permits for the installation of signage, and (b) certify in writing to Franchisor that all required approvals, clearances, permits, insurance and certifications have been obtained.

8.2.2 Franchisee must obtain all architectural, engineering, design, fabrication and installation services necessary for the construction and/or remodeling of the Franchised Business, including the installation of signage, at its own expense from vendor(s) designated or otherwise approved in writing by Franchisor. Franchisor shall provide layout and design guidance to Franchisee, as Franchisor deems appropriate. Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor's or its representative's review of construction plans relates only to compliance with the System and that acceptance by Franchisor of such plans does not constitute a representation, warranty, or guarantee, express or implied, by Franchisor or its representative, including, but not limited to, any representation, warranty or guarantee that such plans are accurate or free of error, concerning their design or structural application.

8.2.3 During the time of construction or remodeling, Franchisee shall provide Franchisor, or its designated representative, with such periodic reports regarding the progress in obtaining all licenses and permits; and of the construction or remodeling as may be reasonably requested by Franchisor or its representative. In addition, Franchisor or its representative may make such on-site inspections as it may deem reasonably necessary to evaluate such progress. At least thirty (30) days prior to completion of the construction or remodeling, Franchisee shall notify Franchisor of the scheduled date for completion of construction or remodeling. Within a reasonable time after the date of completion of construction or remodeling, Franchisor or its representative may, at its option, conduct an inspection of the completed Franchised Business site.

8.2.4 Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that it will not open the Franchised Business for business without the written authorization of Franchisor and that authorization to open shall be conditioned upon Franchisee's strict compliance with this Agreement.

8.3 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 eighty (180) days following the Effective Date, unless Franchisee obtains a written extension of such time period from Franchisor. The date the Franchised

Business opens for business to the public shall be defined herein as the "Opening Date". Prior to the Opening Date, Franchisee shall (i) complete all exterior and interior preparations for the Franchised Business, including installation and cleaning of equipment, fixtures, furnishings, décor and signs, in accordance with System requirements and the plans and specifications consented to by Franchisor, (ii) satisfactorily complete Franchisor's Initial Management Training Program, as further set forth in Article 7, (iii) hire and train staff, (iv) obtain all required licenses to operate the Franchised Business, (v) obtain Franchisor's approval of Franchisee's proposed offerings, and (vi) obtain all required insurance and provide Franchisor with certificates therefor. If Franchisee fails to comply with any of such obligations, Franchisor shall have the right to prohibit Franchisee from opening for business. Franchisee's failure to open the Franchised Business and commence business (i) in accordance with the foregoing and (ii) within one hundred eighty (180) 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, (i) Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor's actual costs and expenses in approving the relocation, (ii) Franchisee shall 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, Franchisee shall continue to operate at the original premises during the construction of the replacement premises, (iv) upon relocation, Franchisee shall remove any signs or other property from the original Franchised Business premises which identified the original Franchised Business premises as part of the System, and (iv) Franchisor shall issue a revised Attachment 2, in accordance with Section 8.1.4, to reflect the address of the new Franchised Business premises. 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 Location. 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 all regulations and best practices for (i) in-studio air quality, (ii) handling and disposal of paints, and (iii) safety practices; and in a manner that will ensure the highest rating possible for businesses of like kind from the governmental authorities that may inspect such businesses in the Territory. Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor a copy of any inspection reports. It shall be a default of this Agreement if, upon inspection, Franchisee does not obtain such rating or if Franchisee fails to operate in accordance with the general standards of quality, maintenance, repairs and sanitation required by the System, and Franchisor may, at its option, terminate this Agreement.

9.3 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 décor, 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 Franchisee's real estate broker in accordance with Section 8.1.1 and the site in accordance with Section 8.1.2.

10.2 Construction. Provide to Franchisee criteria and specifications for a The Hot Spot outlet. Such criteria and specifications include, but are not necessarily limited to, criteria with respect to required layout, interior décor and signage. Franchisee shall independently, and at Franchisee's expense, have such criteria and specifications incorporated into the construction of the Franchised Business 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 Products and Services/Suppliers. Make available from time to time, and amend as deemed appropriate by Franchisor, a list of required and/or recommended products and services for System franchisees and a list of approved and/or recommended suppliers of such items. Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor or Franchisor's affiliate(s) may be the sole approved supplier(s) of certain products and services that Franchisee is required to purchase to operate the Franchised Business.

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 The Franchisee entity is duly organized and validly existing under the state law of its formation;

11.2.2 Franchisee is duly qualified and is authorized to do business in the jurisdiction of the Franchised Business location and the Territory;

11.2.3 Attachment 6 of this Agreement accurately reflects all individuals with an ownership interest, whether direct or beneficial, in the Franchisee entity;

11.2.5 The Franchisee entity's organizational documents shall at all times provide that the activities of Franchisee are confined exclusively to the operation of the Franchise granted herein, unless otherwise consented to in writing by Franchisor, which consent may be withheld by Franchisor in Franchisor's sole discretion;

11.2.5 The execution of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby are within Franchisee's power and have been duly authorized by Franchisee;

11.2.6 Any financial statements and tax returns provided to Franchisor shall be certified as true, complete and correct and shall have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to the respective periods involved and, except as expressly described in the applicable notes, applied on a consistent basis. No material liabilities, adverse claims, commitments or obligations of any nature exist as of the date of the statements or returns, whether accrued, unliquidated, absolute, contingent or otherwise, that are not reflected as liabilities.

11.3 Franchisee's Employees and Managers.

11.3.1 Franchisee shall personally supervise and manage the day-to-day operations of the Franchised Business and may not appoint a non-owner manager to supervise the day-to-day operations of the Franchised Business location, unless Franchisee receives Franchisor's prior written consent. Franchisee may not appoint a non-owner manager for the first twelve (12) months of operation. Franchisee accepts full responsibility for, and shall be fully liable to Franchisor, for the acts and omissions of any and all agents, employees or third persons working for or with Franchisee. Franchisee shall ensure that its agents, employees and all third-party business affiliates observe and adhere to all applicable terms, conditions and restrictions contained in this Agreement and in the Manual; including but not limited to quality and service standards, confidentiality, works made for hire, non-compete and the agreement to return all Franchisor proprietary and confidential information. Any breach of a term or condition contained in this Agreement by an agent, employee or third party working for Franchisee shall be deemed to be the same as a direct breach by Franchisee and its Principals; and Franchisor shall have all the same rights and remedies as if the breach occurred through the direct acts or omissions of the Franchisee and/or its named Principals. Franchisee's agents, employees and third-party business affiliates shall further:

11.3.1.1 Meet all Franchisor's standards and criteria for such individual(s), as set forth in the Manual.

11.3.1.2 Not engage in any other business activity without the Franchisor's consent, which may be withheld in Franchisor's sole discretion.

11.3.1.3 Satisfy the training requirements set forth in Article 7, as determined by Franchisor.

11.3.1.4 Execute covenants similar to those set forth in Section 19 (including covenants applicable upon the termination of a person's employment with Franchisee) regarding access to Franchisor's confidential and proprietary information. Such covenants shall be substantially in the form set forth in Attachment 7 as revised and updated from time to time and contained in the Manual.

11.3.2 Franchisee shall promptly notify Franchisor when any employee, agent or third-party affiliate previously granted access to Franchisor's proprietary or confidential information ceases to be employed or affiliated with Franchisee, so that any and all access rights to Franchisor proprietary or confidential information may be terminated and all such materials returned to Franchisor. Any failure by Franchisee to comply with the requirements of this Section shall be deemed a material event of default under this Agreement.

11.4 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 required, fictitious name registrations, sales and other tax permits, fire and police department clearances, Americans With Disability Act compliance, certificates of occupancy, any permits, certificates or licenses required by any

environmental federal, state or local law, rule or regulation and any other requirement, rule, law or regulation of any federal, state or local jurisdiction.

11.5 Claims and Potential Claims. Franchisee shall notify Franchisor in writing within three (3) days of any incident or injury that could lead to, or the actual commencement of, any action, suit or proceeding and of the issuance of any order, writ, injunction, award or decree of any court, agency, or other governmental instrumentality, which in any way relating to or affecting the operation or financial condition of the Franchised Business. Any and all media inquiries concerning the Franchised Business or Franchised Business 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.

11.6 Assignment of Communications. Franchisee shall execute such forms and documents included in Attachment 5 to appoint Franchisor its true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority, for the sole purpose of assigning to Franchisor, Franchisee's telephone numbers, listings, and passwords and administrator rights for all email, software, and social media, or other such accounts used or created by Franchisee in order to operate the Franchised Business. Upon the expiration or termination of this Agreement, Franchisor may exercise its authority, pursuant to such documents, to obtain any and all of Franchisee's rights to the telephone numbers of the Franchised Business and all related telephone directory listings and other business listings, and all internet listings, domain names, internet advertising, websites, listings with search engines, electronic mail addresses, social media, or any other similar listing or usages related to the Franchised Business.

11.7 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.

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

12. FRANCHISEE'S OPERATIONS.

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

12.1.1 Use only those furnishings, fixtures, décor, equipment, designs, art projects, supplies and signage that conform with Franchisor's specifications and/or which shall be purchased from only those vendors designated and approved by Franchisor;

12.1.2 Maintain and operate the Franchised Business location in attractive condition and good repair, using Franchisee's best efforts to maintain a clean, enjoyable and inviting atmosphere therein

in accordance with System standards, the Manual and all other directives and requirements of Franchisor, and do such redecoration, repairing, refurbishing and restoration as from time to time may be reasonably required to meet System standards and Franchisor's requirements as they may be modified from time to time;

12.1.3 Procure the necessary licenses or permits to allow the operation of an arts and crafts studio in accordance with the System and to comply with all applicable governmental laws, ordinances, rules and regulations including those related to health and sanitation;

12.1.4 Maintain sufficient inventories of tools, supplies, and merchandise held for resale, as prescribed 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;

12.1.5 Conduct sales in accordance with Franchisor's standards and specifications. Franchisee acknowledges and accepts that Franchisee may only engage in providing arts and crafts experiences to end-consumers. Subject to Section 12.1.11 below, Franchisee is expressly prohibited from selling products or services outside of the Franchised Business location, on the internet, to dealers and/or distributors for subsequent re-sale, and engaging in such sales shall be a material default of this Agreement;

12.1.6 Employ only qualified individuals who are trained in accordance with Franchisor's standards, including but not limited to the protection of Franchisor's confidential and proprietary information, and who will at all times enhance Franchisor's brand and conduct themselves in a competent and courteous manner in accordance with this Agreement and the image and reputation of the System. Franchisee shall use its best efforts to ensure that Franchisee's employees maintain a neat and clean appearance, in accordance with the dress code outlined in the Manual, and render competent and courteous service to patrons of the Franchised Business. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that poorly trained employees, sloppy or unclean appearances and incompetent or discourteous service are extremely damaging to the goodwill of the System and the Marks and are a material default of this Agreement;

12.1.7 Permit Franchisor or its agents, to inspect the Franchised Business location and any services, products or equipment, to determine whether they meet Franchisor's then-current standards, specifications and requirements with twenty-four (24) hours' prior notice, which may be verbal. 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 dispose of same without paying therefor or without being deemed guilty of trespass or any other tort;

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

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

12.1.11 Off-Site Sales.

12.1.11.1 Upon prior written consent of Franchisor, and in strict accordance with this Agreement, the Manual and other specifications required by Franchisor, Franchisee may engage in sales of System products and services outside of the Franchised Business premises, which may include co-branding with local businesses, special events and virtual classrooms ("Off-Site Sales Activities").

12.1.11.2 All references in this Franchise Agreement to the Franchised Business shall be deemed to include Franchisee's Off-Site Sales Activities pursuant to this Section 12.1.11. Accordingly, all of Franchisee's obligations with regard to the Franchised Business are applicable to Franchisee's operation of Off-Site Sales Activities, including, but not limited to, Franchisee's insurance and indemnification obligations and obligations to record Gross Revenue of Off-Site Sales Activities and pay Royalty Fees and Brand Fund Contributions thereon.

12.1.11.3 Franchisee further acknowledges and warrants that Franchisor's approval of Franchisee's operation of Off-Site Sales Activities does not constitute a guarantee, recommendation, or endorsement of Franchisee's successful operation of Off-Site Sales Activities. Once Franchisor has approved Franchisee's operation of Off-Site Sales Activities, Franchisor will be deemed to have complied with its obligations under this Agreement to assist Franchisee by providing criteria for Franchisee's operation of Off-Site Sales Activities and determining fulfillment of the requisite criteria based on information provided by Franchisee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisor may at any time revoke approval of Franchisor's Off-Site Sales Activities, in Franchisor's reasonable business judgment. Moreover, Franchisor's consent to Franchisee's Off-Site Sales Activities in any instance does not waive Franchisee's obligation to obtain Franchisor's consent to any subsequent Off-Site Sales Activities.

12.2 Bookkeeping and Reports.

12.2.1 Franchisee agrees to keep and maintain complete and accurate books and records of its transactions and business operations using the accounting procedures specified by Franchisor. Franchisee agrees to purchase the computer systems specified in Section 12.3 to maintain the records and accounts of the Franchisee to the standards of the Franchisor. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that the financial performance of Franchisee's Franchised Business may be published in franchise disclosure document(s) issued by Franchisor following the Effective Date hereof.

12.2.2 Franchisee will furnish Franchisor with all tax filings required by Franchisor, including but not limited to federal income tax return, IRS Form 941, and state tax returns, in accordance with the time periods set forth in the Manual. Within fifteen 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 an understatement of any Gross Revenue Report, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor the amounts due together with interest thereon at the rate provided herein, and if understated by two percent (2%) or more, Franchisee shall reimburse Franchisor for the cost of such examination. Such understatement may be considered a material default hereunder. Two (2) such understatements during the term of this Agreement may, at the option of Franchisor, be considered an incurable default and thereby subject to termination as provided herein.

12.3 Computer Systems.

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

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

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

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

12.3.5 Franchisee shall have and maintain adequate hardware and software in order to access the internet at the speed required by Franchisor from time to time. Franchisee shall utilize the electronic mail account provided by Franchisor. Franchisee shall promptly read and respond to all electronic mail related to the Franchised Business no less often than on a daily basis and shall accept and

acknowledge receipt of all electronic mail sent by Franchisor. Franchisee shall not establish any website or other listing on the internet except as provided and specifically permitted herein.

12.3.6 Franchisor has established a website that provides information about the System and the products and services offered by The Hot Spot brand (the "Website"). Franchisor has sole discretion and control over the Website. Franchisor shall include links on its Website to Franchisee's Franchised Business location and booking functions. Franchisee has no ownership or other proprietary rights to Franchisor's website and Franchisee will lose all rights to such listing of Franchisee's location upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason.

12.3.7 Franchisee shall pay all fees, whether to Franchisor or to third party vendor(s), and expenses for technology required by this Agreement, including but not limited to, the costs of computer hardware and software and applications, installation costs and regularly recurring fees for software and music programs and/or playlists access, internet access, license fees, help desk fees, and licensing or user-based fees.

12.3.8 Franchisee is solely responsible for maintaining the security and integrity of the computer and payment processing systems used in the Franchised Business and the customer and other data stored therein. Franchisee, at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, shall implement all computer hardware, software and internet security procedures, including required updates or upgrades thereto, that are reasonably necessary to protect Franchisee's computer and payment processing systems and the data stored therein from viruses, malware, privacy breaches or other unauthorized access.

12.4 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 recommend or set maximum prices for products and services offered by Franchisee. Franchisee shall have the right to sell its products and services at any price Franchisee determines. Franchisee acknowledges that Franchisor has made no guarantee or warranty that offering services or products at any particular price will enhance Franchisee's sales or profits.

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 of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars ($750.00), which is refundable if the item or service is approved for use by the entire system. Franchisor shall notify Franchisee whether Franchisor approves or disapproves of the proposed item or supplier within thirty (30) days after Franchisor receives all required information to evaluate the product, service or supplier. Franchisor reserves the right, at its option, to re-inspect from time to time the facilities and products of any such approved supplier and to revoke its approval upon the supplier's failure to continue to meet any of Franchisor's then-current criteria. Nothing in the foregoing shall be construed to require Franchisor to approve any particular item or supplier.

12.7 External Quality Assurance Services. Franchisor reserves the right to establish quality assurance programs conducted by third-party providers, including, but not limited to, mystery shop programs and periodic quality assurance audits ("Quality Review Services"). Upon Franchisor's request and at Franchisee's sole cost and expense, Franchisee shall subscribe to any such third-party provider for Quality Review Services to monitor the operations of the Franchised Business as directed by Franchisor.

12.8 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 Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) per month on advertising for the Franchised Business in the Territory ("Local Advertising"). Franchisor may require Franchisee to allocate to a regional advertising cooperative, as described in Section 13.4, up to one-half of Franchisee's required Local Advertising expenditures. All third-party advertising and marketing services and vendors must be approved by Franchisor. Franchisor reserves the right to collect some or all of Franchisee's 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 between One Thousand Five Hundred ($1,500.00) and Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500.00) on Local Advertising and promotional activities in the Territory thirty (30) days prior to and within the first thirty (30) days after the opening of the Franchised

Business to promote the opening of the Franchised Business. Franchisee shall obtain Franchisor's approval of the initial Local Advertising campaign.

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 an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the Gross Revenue generated biweekly by Franchisee's Franchised Business 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 to any amount not to exceed to two percent (2%) of Gross Revenue. Payments will be made in the same manner and time as the Royalty Fees. If Franchisee fails to timely report Gross Revenue, then, in addition to a late fee and interest pursuant to Sections 6.2 and 6.3 hereof, Franchisor shall collect one hundred percent (100%) of the last Brand Fund Contribution payable. Franchisor shall reconcile amounts when Gross Revenue is reported.

13.3.2 Franchisor shall direct the Brand Fund and shall have sole discretion to approve or disapprove the creative concepts, materials and media used in such programs and the placement and allocation thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisor may seek input from franchisees. 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 shall contribute to the Brand Fund on the same basis as Franchisee with respect to The Hot Spot 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, which salaries and costs shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the Brand Fund's total expenditures). 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. 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. Franchisee's use of any social media accounts shall be in strict accordance with Franchisor's requirements. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor with all passwords and administrative rights to any and all social media accounts for the Franchised Business, and Franchisee hereby appoints Franchisor its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact with full power and authority, for the sole purpose of taking whatever action as is necessary for the best interest of the System, if Franchisee fails to maintain such accounts in accordance with Franchisor's standards.

13.6 Approval of Advertising. All advertising and promotion by Franchisee, in any medium, shall be conducted in a professional manner and shall conform to the standards and requirements of Franchisor as set forth in the Manual or otherwise. Franchisee shall submit to Franchisor for its approval samples of all advertising, press releases, promotional plans and materials and public relations programs that Franchisee desires to use, including, without limitation, any materials in digital, electronic or computerized form, or in any form of media now or hereafter developed that have not been either provided or previously approved by Franchisor. Franchisor shall approve or disapprove such plans and materials within five (5) business days of Franchisor's receipt thereof. If Franchisor fails to respond to Franchisee's submission within five (5) business days, Franchisee shall re-submit such plans and materials. 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 Hot Spot 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 Olivia Franks ("Licensor") is the record owner of the Marks, as of the Effective Date. Franchisor holds the exclusive right to license the Marks to franchisees of the System for use pursuant to the System. Franchisee further expressly understands and acknowledges that Franchisor claims copyrights on certain written material used in the System, including but not limited to, forms, advertisements, promotional materials, photographs, social media content, and the Manual, whether or not Franchisor has 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 Licensor 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's or Licensor's rights with respect to the Intellectual Property. Nothing in this Agreement shall give the Franchisee any right, title, or interest in or to any of the Intellectual Property or any of Franchisor's or Licensor's service marks, trademarks, trade names, trade dress, logos, copyrights or proprietary materials, except the right to use the Intellectual Property and the System in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement for the operation of a Franchised Business and only at or from the Franchised Business location or in approved advertising related to the Franchised Business.

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

14.4 Validity. Franchisee shall not contest the validity of, or Franchisor's or Licensor's interest in, the Intellectual Property or assist others to contest the validity of, or Franchisor's or Licensor's interest in, the Intellectual Property.

14.5 Infringement. Franchisee acknowledges that any unauthorized use of the Intellectual Property shall constitute an infringement of Franchisor's or Licensor's rights in the Intellectual Property and a material event of default hereunder. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor or Licensor with all assignments, affidavits, documents, information and assistance Franchisor or Licensor reasonably requests to fully vest in Franchisor or Licensor all such rights, title and interest in and to the Intellectual Property, including all such items as are reasonably requested by Franchisor or Licensor to register, maintain and enforce such rights in the Intellectual Property.

14.6 Substitution. Franchisor reserves the right to substitute different Marks for use in identifying the System and the Franchised Business, if it in its sole discretion, determines that substitution of different Marks will be beneficial to the System. Franchisor will not be liable to Franchisee for any expenses, losses or damages sustained by Franchisee as a result of any additions, modifications, substitutions or discontinuation of the Marks. Franchisee covenants not to commence or join in any litigation or other proceeding against Franchisor for any of these expenses, losses or damages.

14.7 Franchisee's Use of the Intellectual Property. With respect to Franchisee's use of the Intellectual Property pursuant to this Agreement, Franchisee further agrees that:

14.7.1 Unless otherwise authorized or required by Franchisor, Franchisee shall advertise the Franchised Business only under the Marks "The Hot Spot" 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 The Hot Spot Studios LLC".

14.7.2 Franchisee shall identify itself as the owner of the Franchised Business and as an independent The Hot Spot 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, advertising injury, and products liability coverage in the amount of at least Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000) per occurrence and Ten Million ($10,000,000) aggregate, including a minimum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) per person for medical expenses, Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000) for damage to rented premises, and Ten Million Dollar ($10,000,000) aggregate for products/completed operations;

15.1.2 Employment. Worker's compensation coverage in the limits required by state law, employer's liability insurance in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000) per accident shall be carried on all of Franchisee's employees, and crime and employee dishonesty in the minimum amount of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000), as well as such other insurance as may be required by statute or rule of the state in which the Franchised Business is located and operated;

15.1.3 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;

15.1.4 Business. Business interruption insurance for a minimum of six (6) months, in an amount necessary to satisfy Franchisee's obligations under this Agreement and the lease for the Franchised Business location;

15.1.5 Automobile Insurance. Prior to operation of any vehicle on behalf of the Franchised Business, Franchisee must obtain comprehensive automobile liability insurance in the amount of at least a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000);

15.1.6 Electronic Data Processing. Coverage for damage or loss of electronic and computer equipment, media, and data in an amount of not less than Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000); and

15.1.7 Identity Theft, Forgery, or Alteration. Coverage for identity forgery, alteration or theft in an amount of at least Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500) per loss and Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000) for expenses.

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 ten (10) days before Franchisee opens the Franchised Business. In addition, if requested by Franchisor, Franchisee shall deliver to Franchisor a copy of the insurance policy or policies required hereunder.

15.3 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 THE HOT SPOT STUDIOS LLC, AND ANY 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 HOT SPOT INDEMNITEES"), FROM ALL CLAIMS BASED UPON, ARISING OUT OF, OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO FRANCHISEE'S FRANCHISE AND/OR THE OPERATION THEREOF, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY CLAIM IN CONNECTION WITH FRANCHISEE'S EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS; SERVICES, PRODUCTS, COMPUTER SYSTEMS OR POS SYSTEM; THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS PREMISES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS RELATED TO THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITES ACT; OR FRANCHISEE'S ADVERTISING OR BUSINESS PRACTICES. FRANCHISEE AGREES TO PAY FOR ALL THE HOT SPOT INDEMNITEES' LOSSES, EXPENSES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO REASONABLE 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 HOT SPOT INDEMNITEES SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SELECT AND APPOINT INDEPENDENT COUNSEL TO REPRESENT ANY OF THE HOT SPOT INDEMNITEES IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING COVERED BY THIS INDEMNITY. FRANCHISEE AGREES THAT TO HOLD THE HOT SPOT INDEMNITEES HARMLESS, FRANCHISEE WILL REIMBURSE THE HOT SPOT INDEMNITEES AS THE COSTS AND EXPENSES ARE INCURRED BY THE HOT SPOT 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 The Hot Spot franchise during the Term of this Agreement.

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

16.2 Restrictions on Transfers by Franchisee. Franchisee's rights and duties under this Agreement are personal to Franchisee as it is organized and with the 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 greater than thirty percent (30%) of the 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 and complete Franchisor's interview process for franchisees;

16.3.2 The transferee must have sufficient business experience, aptitude and financial resources to operate the Franchised Business and to comply with this Agreement;

16.3.3 The transferee has agreed to complete Franchisor's Initial Management Training Program to Franchisor's satisfaction;

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

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

16.3.6 Franchisee and the transferee and each of Franchisee's and the transferee's Principals shall have executed a general release, in a form satisfactory to Franchisor, of any and all claims against Franchisor and Franchisor's officers, directors, shareholders, members and employees in their

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

16.3.7 Franchisor has granted written approval of the material terms and conditions of the Transfer, including, without limitation, that the price and terms of payment will not adversely affect the Franchised Business's operation. However, Franchisor's approval of a Transfer is not in any way a representation or warranty of the transferee's success or the soundness of transferee's decision to purchase the Franchise on such terms and conditions. Franchisee shall provide Franchisor all proposed transfer documents for Franchisor's review at least fifteen (15) days prior to a closing of the proposed Transfer;

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

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

16.4 Transfer Fee. As a condition to any Transfer, Franchisee shall pay Franchisor a transfer fee equal to Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($12,500.00).

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 fifteen (15) days after receipt of written notification and copies of all documentation required by Franchisor describing such offer, to buy the interest in this Agreement and the Franchised Business or the Principal's interest in Franchisee for the price and on the terms and conditions contained in the offer, subject to Section 16.6.3.

16.6.3 Franchisee further agrees, in the event Franchisor exercises its right of first refusal, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the offer, that (i) Franchisor may substitute cash for any other form of consideration contained in the offer; (ii) at Franchisor 's option, Franchisor may pay the entire purchase price at closing; (iii) Franchisor 's credit will be deemed equal to the credit of any proposed transferee; (iv) Franchisor will have at least sixty (60) days to close the purchase; and (v) Franchisor will

be entitled to receive from the Franchisee all customary representations and warranties given by a seller of the assets of a business or equity interest in an entity, as applicable.

16.6.4 If Franchisor does not exercise its right to buy within thirty (30) days, Franchisee may thereafter transfer the interest to the transferee on terms no more favorable than those disclosed to Franchisor, provided that such transfer is subject to Franchisor's prior written approval pursuant to Section 16.3 hereof. However, if (i) the sale to the transferee is not completed within one hundred twenty (120) days after the offer is given to Franchisor or (ii) there is any material change in the terms of the offer, the offer will again be subject to Franchisor's right of first refusal.

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

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

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

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

17. DEFAULTS.

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

17.2 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 acquire a site for the Franchised Business, complete construction of the Franchised Business, obtain all licenses and permits before opening, or open the Franchised Business within the time and in the manner specified in Article 8;

17.2.3 fails to obtain all required licenses and permits before opening or open the Franchised Business within the time and in the manner specified in Article 8.

17.2.4 falsifies any report required to be furnished Franchisor hereunder;

17.2.5 4 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 17.2.6 and Section 17.2.7;

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

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

17.2.8 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;

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

17.2.10 understates Gross Revenue on two (2) occasions or more, whether or not cured on any or all of those occasions;

17.2.11 fails to comply with the covenants in Article 15;

17.2.12 permits a Transfer in violation of the provisions of Article 16 of this Agreement;

17.2.13 fails, or Franchisee's legal representative fails, to transfer the interests in this Franchise Agreement and the Franchised Business upon death or permanent disability of Franchisee or any Principal of Franchisee as required by Section 16.7;

17.2.14 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;

17.2.15 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;

17.2.16 conceals revenues, knowingly maintains false books or records, or knowingly submits any false reports;

17.2.17 creates a threat or danger to public health or safety from the construction, maintenance, or operation of the Franchised Business;

17.2.18 refuses to permit Franchisor to inspect or audit Franchisee's books or records;

17.2.19 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);

17.2.20 fails to comply with the non-competition covenants in Section 19.5;

17.2.21 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;

17.2.22 has insufficient funds to honor a check or electronic funds transfer two (2) or more times within any consecutive twelve (12)-month period;

17.2.23 defaults, or an affiliate of Franchisee defaults, under any other agreement, including any other franchise agreement, with Franchisor or any of its affiliates, suppliers or landlord and does not cure such default within the time period provided in such other agreement; or

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

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

18. POST-TERMINATION.

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 Principal(s) 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 The Hot Spot 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 The Hot Spot outlet, or use any trade name, trade or service mark or other commercial symbol that suggests a current or past association with Franchisor, Licensor, 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 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 a default by Franchisee that by its nature cannot be cured (i.e. a breach of the non-disclosure or non-competition covenants in Article 19 or improper use of the Marks), 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 fifteen (15) 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 Communications. Franchisee, at the option of Franchisor, shall assign to Franchisor all rights to the telephone numbers of the Franchised Business and any related public directory listing or other business listings and execute all forms and documents required by Franchisor and any telephone company at any time, to transfer such service and numbers to Franchisor. Further, Franchisee shall assign to Franchisor any and all social media accounts 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.

19.2 Confidential Information. Franchisee and Principal(s) acknowledge and accept that during the term of this Agreement, Franchisee and Principal(s) will have access to Franchisor's trade secrets, including, but not limited to, designs, instructional methods, processes, customer lists, vendor partnerships and/or relationships, sales and technical information, financial information, costs, product prices and names, software tools and applications, website and/or email design, products, services, equipment, technologies and procedures relating to the operation of the Franchised Business; the Manual; methods of advertising and promotion; training materials; any other information which Franchisor may or may not specifically designate as "confidential" or "proprietary"; and the components of the System, whether or not such information is protected or protectable by patent, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights

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

19.3 Protection of Information. Franchisee shall take all steps necessary, at Franchisee's own expense, to protect the Confidential Information and shall immediately notify Franchisor if Franchisee finds that any Confidential Information has been divulged in violation of this Agreement.

19.4 New Concepts. If Franchisee or any Principal develops any new concept, process, product, artwork, design, technique, or improvement in the operation or promotion of the Franchised Business ("Improvements"), Franchisee is required to promptly notify Franchisor and provide Franchisor with all related information, processes, products, design or other improvements, and sign any and all forms, documents and/or papers necessary for Franchisor to obtain full proprietary rights to such Improvements, without compensation and without any claim of ownership or proprietary rights to such Improvements. Franchisee and any Principal 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.

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, each Principal and 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 do-it-yourself arts and crafts business similar to the System; (iii) do or perform, directly or indirectly, any other act injurious or prejudicial to the goodwill associated with the Marks and the System; or (iv) in any manner interfere with, disturb, disrupt, decrease or otherwise jeopardize the business of the Franchisor or any The Hot Spot 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 do-it-yourself arts and crafts business similar to the System within twenty (20) miles of the Territory or any The Hot Spot 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 The Hot Spot 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 not to compete contained in this Agreement would result in immediate and irreparable injury to Franchisor for which no adequate remedy at law will be available. Accordingly, Franchisee and Principal(s) hereby consent to the entry of an injunction prohibiting any conduct by Franchisee or any Principal in violation of the terms of the covenants not to compete set forth in this Agreement.

19.9 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 Article 19.

19.10 Covenants of Employees, Agents, and Third Persons. Franchisee shall require and obtain execution of covenants similar to those set forth in this Article 19 (including covenants applicable upon the termination of a person's employment with Franchisee) from all employees, contractors or third persons who will have access to Franchisor's confidential and proprietary information, and Franchisee shall provide Franchisor with executed versions thereof. Such covenants shall be substantially in the form set forth in Attachment 7 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 Washoe County, Nevada, 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 Nevada. 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 Nevada. 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 Nevada. Franchisee and 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 Injunctive Relief. Nothing herein contained (including, without limitation, Sections 20.1 through 20.5 above) shall bar Franchisor from the right to obtain immediate injunctive relief from any court of competent jurisdiction against threatened conduct by Franchisee that may cause Franchisor loss or

damage, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining specific performance, restraining orders, and preliminary injunctions.

20.9 Limitations of Claims. Any and all claims asserted by Franchisee and Principal(s) 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.

20.10 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 attorneys' 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's operation of the Franchised Business. Pursuant to the above, Franchisee agrees to indemnify Franchisor and hold Franchisor harmless from any and all liability, loss, attorneys' fees, or damage Franchisor may suffer as a result of claims, demands, taxes, costs, or judgments against Franchisor arising out of any allegation of an agent, partner, or employment relationship.

21.1.2 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 of Franchisee's employees. Franchisee acknowledges and agrees that Franchisee, in Franchisee's sole and absolute discretion, shall determine all such essential terms and conditions of employment, which are defined in the Manual. Franchisee specifically agrees that any training Franchisor provides for Franchisee's employees is geared to impart to those employees, with Franchisee's ultimate authority, the various procedures, protocols, systems, and operations of a The Hot Spot outlet and in no fashion reflects any employment relationship between Franchisor and such employees. If ever it is asserted that Franchisor is the employer, joint employer or co-employer of any of Franchisee's employees in any private or government investigation, action, proceeding, arbitration or other setting, Franchisee irrevocably agree to assist Franchisor in defending said allegation, appearing at any venue requested by

Franchisor to testify on Franchisor's behalf participate in depositions, other appearances or preparing affidavits rejecting any assertion that Franchisor is the 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 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.

21.5 Construction. All terms and words used in this Agreement, regardless of the number and gender in which they are used, shall be deemed and construed to include any other number, singular or plural, and any other gender, masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context or sense of this Agreement or any provision herein may require, as if such words had been fully and properly written in the appropriate number and gender. All covenants, agreements and obligations assumed herein by Franchisee and 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.

21.6 Captions. Captions and section headings are used herein for convenience only. They are not part of this Agreement and shall not be used in construing it.

21.7 Notices. Whenever notice is required or permitted to be given under the terms of this Agreement, it shall be given in writing, and be delivered personally or by certified mail or courier, postage prepaid, addressed to the party for whom intended, and shall be deemed given on the date of delivery or delivery is refused. All such notices shall be addressed to the party to be notified at their respective addresses as set forth in the introductory paragraph of this Agreement, or at such other address or addresses as the parties may from time to time designate in writing.

21.8 Effect of Waivers. No waiver, delay, omission or forbearance on the part of Franchisor to exercise any right, option, duty or power arising from any default or breach by Franchisee shall affect or impair the rights of Franchisor with respect to any subsequent default of the same or of a different kind. Any use by Franchisee of the System or any part thereof at any place other than at the Franchised Business location shall not give Franchisee any rights not specifically granted hereunder. Failure to take action to stop such use shall not in any event be considered a waiver of the rights of Franchisor at any time to require Franchisee to restrict said use to the Franchised Business location.

21.9 Remedies Cumulative. All rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement shall be cumulative and not alternative, in addition to and not exclusive of any other rights or remedies that are

provided for herein or that may be available at law or in equity in case of any breach, failure or default or threatened breach, failure or default of any term, provision or condition of this Agreement or any other agreement between Franchisee or any of its affiliates and Franchisor or any of its affiliates. The rights and remedies of the parties to this Agreement shall be continuing and shall not be exhausted by any one or more uses thereof, and may be exercised at any time or from time to time as often as may be expedient; and any option or election to enforce any such right or remedy may be exercised or taken at any time and from time to time. The expiration, earlier termination or exercise of Franchisor's rights pursuant to Article 17 shall not discharge or release Franchisee or any Principal from any liability or obligation then accrued, or any liability or obligation continuing beyond, or arising out of, the expiration, the earlier termination or the exercise of such rights under this Agreement.

21.10 Consent to Do Business Electronically. 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 Nevada, 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.

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

21.12 Survival. Any obligation of Franchisee or any Principal that contemplates performance of such obligation after termination or expiration of this Agreement or the transfer of any interest of Franchisee or any Principal therein shall be deemed to survive such termination, expiration or transfer.

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

FRANCHISEE (Entity):

_____

By:_____
Name:_____
Title:_____

FRANCHISOR:
THE HOT SPOT STUDIOS LLC

By:_____
Name: Olivia Franks
Title: CEO

FRANCHISEE (Principal):

_____
Name:_____

FRANCHISEE (Principal):

_____
Name:_____

ATTACHMENT 1

MARKS

Service Mark:

The Hot Spot Pottery Painting, Candle Making and More

ATTACHMENT 2

TERRITORY DESCRIPTION AND APPROVED LOCATION

**TERRITORY AND ADDRESS TO BE DETERMINED AND INSERTED AFTER THE HOT SPOT PREMISES IS IDENTIFIED BY FRANCHISEE AND APPROVED BY FRANCHISOR, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8.1 OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, IN THE SITE SEACH AREA OF _____.

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: **The Hot Spot Studios LLC**

I (We) hereby authorize The Hot Spot Studios 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:

The Hot Spot Studios LLC
1180 Scheels Drive, #107
Sparks, Nevada 89434
Phone #: 800-764-4049

ATTACHMENT 4

CONDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned _____ ("Assignor") hereby assigns and transfers to The Hot Spot Studios LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, with a notice address of 1180 Scheels Drive, #107, Sparks, Nevada 89434 ("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 The Hot Spot 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 The Hot Spot Studios LLC (Assignee) dated _____, for the property known as _____.

The undersigned Landlord under the aforedescribed Lease further hereby:

(a) Agrees to notify Assignee in writing of and upon the failure of Assignor to cure any default by Assignor under the Lease;

(b) Agrees that Assignee shall have the right, but shall not be obligated, to cure any default by Assignor under the Lease within thirty (30) days after delivery by Landlord of notice thereof in accordance with paragraph (a) above;

(c) Consents to the foregoing Conditional Assignment and agrees that if Assignee takes possession of the premises demised by the Lease and confirms to Landlord the assumption of the Lease by Assignee as tenant thereunder, Landlord shall recognize Assignee as tenant under the Lease, provided that Assignee cures within the thirty (30)day period the non-monetary defaults, if any, of Assignor under the Lease;

(d) Agrees that Assignee may further assign the Lease to a person, firm or corporation who shall agree to assume the tenant's obligations under the Lease and who is reasonably acceptable to Landlord and upon such assignment Assignee shall have no further liability or obligation under the Lease as assignee, tenant or otherwise.

(e) Permits Assignee to enter upon the premises without being guilty of trespass or any other crime or tort to de-identify the premises as an The Hot Spot 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 The Hot Spot Studios LLC, a Nevada limited liability company, with its principal place of business at 1180 Scheels Drive, #107, Sparks, Nevada, 89434 (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 individually and collectively referred to, and each is, the "Franchisee".

WHEREAS, Franchisee desires to enter into a franchise agreement with Franchisor for a The Hot Spot 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 Hot Spot 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 Websites, Social Media, and Software Accounts and Other Electronic Listings. 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 websites, the right to hyperlink to certain websites 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 Companies to transfer all Franchisee's interest in and to the Electronic Advertising and Telephone Listings to Franchisor, or alternatively, to direct the Internet Companies to terminate any or all of the Electronic Advertising and Telephone Listings;

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 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 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/or Telephone Listing. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Franchisee will

remain liable to each and all of the Internet 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 attachments 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 Nevada, without regard to the application of Nevada conflict of law rules.

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

FRANCHISEE (Entity):

_____

By:_____
Name:_____
Title:_____

FRANCHISOR:
THE HOT SPOT STUDIOS LLC

By:_____
Name: Olivia Franks
Title: CEO

FRANCHISEE (Principal):

_____
Name:_____

FRANCHISEE (Principal):

_____
Name:_____

ATTACHMENT 6

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN FRANCHISEE ENTITY

Name	Percentage of Ownership

ATTACHMENT 7

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 The Hot Spot Studios LLC, a Nevada 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 of Franchisor's trademarks and copyrights, including, but not limited to, the The Hot Spot trademarks, and logo, website, documents, advertisements, photographs, social media content, promotional materials and operations manual (collectively referred to as the "Intellectual Property") for the establishment and operation of a The Hot Spot franchised business;

WHEREAS, in connection with his or her duties, it will be necessary for Covenantor to have access to some or all of the Intellectual Property and other confidential information, knowledge, know-how, techniques, training, and other materials used in or related to the System and/or concerning the methods of operation of a The Hot Spot franchised business(collectively referred to as "Confidential Information");

WHEREAS, the Intellectual Property and Confidential Information provide economic advantages to Franchisor and licensed users of Franchisor, including Franchisee;

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

WHEREAS, Covenantor acknowledges that receipt of and the right to use the Intellectual Property and 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 Intellectual Property and Confidential Information only in the course of his or her employment by or association with Franchisee in connection with the operation of a The Hot Spot under the Franchise Agreement and in accordance with the requirements thereof.

b. Covenantor shall not at any time make copies of any documents or compilations containing some or all of the Intellectual Property or Confidential Information, and shall not reproduce, in whole or in part, any of the Intellectual Property or 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 Franchisee's The Hot Spot franchised business.

d. Covenantor shall surrender any material containing some or all of the Intellectual Property or 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 Hot Spot brand.

f. Upon termination of employment or association with Franchisee, Covenantor shall immediately lose all rights to access and/or use the Intellectual Property and Confidential Information for any purpose whatsoever.

2. Covenants Not to Compete.

a. In order to protect the goodwill and unique qualities of The Hot Spot brand, 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 Franchisee's The Hot Spot franchised business or of other franchisees in The Hot Spot 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 do-it-yourself arts and crafts business substantially similar to the Franchisee's The Hot Spot franchised business ("Competitive Business").

b. In further consideration for the disclosure to Covenantor of the Confidential Information and to protect the goodwill and unique qualities of The Hot Spot 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 Franchisee's The Hot Spot franchised business or of other franchisees in The Hot Spot 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 Competitive Business similar to the System within twenty (20) miles of Franchisee's The Hot Spot outlet or any other The Hot Spot affiliate-owned or franchised business.

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 WHERE THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS IS LOCATED, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO CHOICE OF LAW PRINCIPLES. COVENANTOR HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS HIMSELF OR HERSELF TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS OF THE STATE WHERE THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS IS LOCATED. 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 STATE OR FEDERAL LAW. COVENANTOR FURTHER AGREES THAT VENUE FOR ANY PROCEEDING RELATING TO OR ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE IN THE STATE WHERE THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS IS LOCATED; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO ANY ACTION THAT INCLUDES INJUNCTIVE RELIEF OR OTHER EXTRAORDINARY RELIEF, FRANCHISOR OR FRANCHISEE MAY BRING SUCH ACTION IN ANY COURT IN ANY STATE THAT HAS JURISDICTION.

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

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

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

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

If directed to Franchisee: _____
_____

If directed to Covenantor: _____
_____

Any change in the foregoing addresses shall be 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 (Entity):
_____

By:_____
Name:_____
Title:_____

COVENANTOR:

_____
Name:_____

EXHIBIT C

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE HOT SPOT STUDIOS LLC

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2023

KEZOS & DUNLAVY
Certified Public Accountants
& Business Advisors

THE HOT SPOT STUDIOS LLC

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KEZOS & DUNLAVY
Certified Public Accountants
& Business Advisors

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members
The Hot Spot Studios LLC
San Diego, CA

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Hot Spot Studios LLC, which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of operations, members' equity, and cash flows for the period then ended, 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 Hot Spot Studios LLC as of December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the period then ended 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, including omissions, 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.

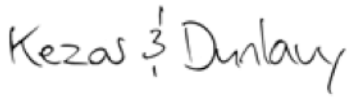
In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- 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.

Restrictions on Use

The use of this report is restricted to inclusion within the Company's Franchise Disclosure Document (FDD) and is not intended to be, and should not be, used or relied upon by anyone for any other use.



St. George, Utah
February 6, 2024

THE HOT SPOT STUDIOS LLC

BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2023

Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	96,595
Accounts receivable		9,740
Total current assets		106,335
Total assets	$	106,335
Liabilities and Members' Equity		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	$	6,675
Total current liabilities		6,675
Non-current liabilities		
Note payable to member		72,485
Total non-current liabilities		72,485
Total liabilities		79,160
Members' equity		27,175
Total liabilities and members' equity	$	106,335

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are integral part of these financial statements

THE HOT SPOT STUDIOS LLC

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Operating revenue		
Royalty fees	$	30,964
Marketing fees		4,240
Total operating revenue		35,204
Operating expenses		
Professional fees		37,974
Advertising and marketing		17,439
General and administrative		102,616
Total operating expenses		158,029
Net loss	$	(122,825)

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are integral part of these financial statements

THE HOT SPOT STUDIOS LLC

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS' EQUITY

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Balance as of January 1, 2023	$ -
Member contributions	150,000
Net loss	(122,825)
Balance as of December 31, 2023	$ 27,175

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are integral part of these financial statements

THE HOT SPOT STUDIOS LLC

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	$	(122,825)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable		(9,740)
Accounts payable		6,675
Net cash provided by operating activities		(125,890)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Member contributions		150,000
Loan from member		72,485
Net cash provided by financing activities		222,485
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		96,595
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	$	96,595
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow		
Cash paid for interest and taxes	$	-

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are integral part of these financial statements

(1) Nature of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Nature of Business

The Hot Spot Studios LLC (the “Company") was formed as a limited liability company in the State of Nevada on June 6, 2023 and immediately commenced operations. The Company is headquartered in San Diego, California, offering a unique pottery and craft experience.

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

(b) Accounting Standards Codification

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

(c) Use of Estimates

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

(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of $96,595.

(e) Accounts Receivables

Accounts receivable are recorded for amounts due based on the terms of executed franchise agreements for franchise sales, royalty fees, and marketing fees. Accounts receivable are recorded at the invoiced amount and do not bear interest, although a finance charge may be applied to such receivables that are past the due date. The allowance for doubtful accounts is the Company’s best estimate of the amount of probable credit losses in the Company’s existing accounts receivable. The Company determines the allowance based on historical collections, customers’ current creditworthiness, age of the receivable balance both individually and in the aggregate, and general economic conditions that may affect the customer’s ability to pay. All account balances are reviewed on an individual basis. Account balances are charged off against the allowance after all means of collection have been exhausted and the potential for recovery is considered remote. When recoveries of receivables previously charged off are made, they are recognized as income when payment is received.

As of December 31, 2023, the Company had net accounts receivable of $9,740. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had no allowance for doubtful accounts.

(f) Income Taxes

The Company is structured as a limited liability company under the laws of the state of Nevada. Accordingly, the income or loss of the Company will be included in the income tax returns of the members. Therefore, there is no provision for federal and state income taxes.

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

The Company's income tax returns are subject to examination by taxing authorities for a period of three years from the date they are filed. As of December 31, 2023, no tax years are subject to examination.

(g) Financial Instruments

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

(h) Concentration of Risk

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

(2) Related Party Transactions

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company entered into a promissory note with a member. The loan accrues interest at an annual rate of 10% and is due upon demand. As of December 31, 2023, the amount due to member was $72,485.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company received revenue from affiliates through common ownership of $25,464.

(3) Commitments and Contingencies

The Company may be subject to various claims, legal actions and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business. In accounting for legal matters and other contingencies, the Company follows the guidance in ASC 450, *Contingencies*, under which loss contingencies are accounted for based upon the likelihood of incurrence of a liability. If a loss contingency is "probable" and the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated, it is accrued. If a loss contingency is "probable" but the amount of loss cannot be reasonably estimated, disclosure is made. If a loss contingency is "reasonably possible," disclosure is made, including the potential range of loss, if determinable. Loss contingencies that are "remote" are neither accounted for nor disclosed.

In the opinion of management, all matters are of such kind, or involve such amounts, that unfavorable disposition, if any, would not have a material effect on the financial position of the Company.

(4) Subsequent Events

Management has reviewed and evaluated subsequent events through February 6, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were issued.

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(as of December 31, 2023)

NONE

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STATE ADDENDA

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

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

1. THE CALIFORNIA FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW REQUIRES THAT A COPY OF ALL PROPOSED AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE FRANCHISE BE DELIVERED TOGETHER WITH THE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

2. OUR WEBSITE HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED OR APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT. ANY COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE CONTENT OF THIS WEBSITE MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT AT www.dfpi.ca.gov.

3. Item 3 is amended to add:

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

4. Item 17 is amended to state:

   (a) California Business and Professions Code Sections 2000 through 20043 provide rights to the franchisee concerning termination, transfer or non-renewal of a franchise. If the franchise agreement contains a provision that is inconsistent with the law, the law will control.

   (b) The Franchise Agreement provides for termination upon bankruptcy. This provision may not be enforceable under federal bankruptcy law (11 U.S.C.A. § 101 et seq.).

   (c) The Franchise Agreement contains a covenant not to compete which extends beyond the termination of the franchise. This provision may not be enforceable under California law.

5. Section 31125 of the California Corporations Code requires us to give you a disclosure document, in a form containing the information that the commissioner may by rule or order require, before a solicitation of a proposed material modification of an existing franchise.

6. You must sign a general release if you renew or transfer your franchise. California Corporations Code Section 31512 voids a waiver of your rights under the Franchise

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

7. The highest interest rate allowed by law in California is 10% annually.

8. The Franchise Agreement contains a liquidated damages clause. Under California Civil Code Section 1671, certain liquidated damages clauses are unenforceable.

9. 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.

10. The franchise agreement requires binding arbitration. The arbitration will occur at Washoe County with the costs being borne by the representative parties. Prospective franchisees are encouraged to consult private legal counsel to determine the applicability of California and federal laws (such as Business and Professions Code Section 20040.5, Code of Civil Procedure Section 1281, and the Federal Arbitration Act) to any provisions of a franchise agreement restricting venue to a forum outside the State of California.

ADDENDUM TO THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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EXHIBIT G

GENERAL RELEASE

This release (the "Release") is given this day of _____ by _____ _____, a(n) _____, with its principal place of business located at_____ _____ ("Franchisee") and _____'s principals _____ _____, an individual residing at _____and ("Principal(s)").

Franchisee and Principal(s), on behalf of themselves and their respective officers, directors, employees, successors, assigns, heirs, personal representatives, and all other persons acting on their behalf or claiming under them (collectively, the "Franchisee Releasors"), hereby release, discharge and hold harmless The Hot Spot Studios LLC ("Franchisor") and Franchisor's affiliates, officers, directors, members, shareholders, employees, agents, attorneys, successors, and assigns (collectively, the "Franchisor Releasees") from any suits, claims, controversies, rights, promises, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, costs, expenses, actions, and causes of action of every nature, character and description, in law or in equity, whether presently known or unknown, vested or contingent, suspected or unsuspected arising under, relating to, or in connection with the Franchise Agreement dated _____ between Franchisee and Franchisor and any related agreements and the relationship created thereby, or the Franchised Business operated under the Franchise Agreement, or any claims or representations made relative to the sale of the franchise to operate such Franchised Business or under any federal or state franchise or unfair or deceptive trade practice laws, which any of the Franchisee Releasors now own or hold or have at any time heretofore owned or held against the Franchisor Releasees (collectively, the "Franchisee Released Claims").

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

Release given this day of _____ by:

FRANCHISEE:

_____

By:_____

_____,_____
(Print Name, Title)

PRINCIPAL:

_____

_____
(Print Name)

PRINCIPAL:

_____

_____
(Print Name)

EXHIBIT I

STATE EFFECTIVE DATES – 2024

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

This Franchise Disclosure Document is registered, on file or exempt from registrations in the following states having franchise disclosure laws, with the following effective dates:

State	Effective Date
California	*Pending*

Other states may require registration, filing, or exemption of a franchise under other laws, such as those that regulate the offer and sale of business opportunities or seller-assisted marketing plans.

EXHIBIT J-A

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 The Hot Spot Studios 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 The Hot Spot Studios 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:

Olivia Franks 1180 Scheels Drive, #107, Sparks, Nevada 89434 1-800-764-4049	Lorraine Kitsos 1180 Scheels Drive, #107, Sparks, Nevada 89434 1-800-764-4049	Jennifer Eberts 1180 Scheels Drive, #107, Sparks, Nevada 89434 1-800-764-4049

Issuance Date: April 18, 2024

I received a Disclosure Document with an issuance date of April 18, 2024, that included the following Exhibits:

EXHIBIT A: State Agencies/Agents for Service of Process
EXHIBIT B: Franchise Agreement
EXHIBIT C: Financial Statements
EXHIBIT D: Operations Manual Table of Contents
EXHIBIT E: Franchised Outlets
EXHIBIT F: State Addenda
EXHIBIT G: General Release

Date Received: _____ DATE: _____
(If other than date signed)

_____
(Signature of recipient)

Print Name: _____

_____
Print Address

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

EXHIBIT J-B

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Date Received: _____ DATE: _____
(If other than date signed)

_____
(Signature of recipient)

Print Name: _____

_____
Print Address\

Please return signed receipt to The Hot Spot Studios LLC
1180 Scheels Drive, #107
Sparks, Nevada 89434