



FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

Z PIZZA INTERNATIONAL, INC

a California corporation

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We offer franchises for the operation of "ZPizza Restaurant" restaurants offering specialized pizza, pasta, sandwich and salad items using fresh ingredients for take-out, dine-in and delivery

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a ZPizza franchised business is \$249,000 to \$359,000. This includes \$30,000 that must be paid to the franchisor and/or its affiliate, as appropriate. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a ZPizza Tap Room is \$472,500 to \$767,000. This includes \$30,000 that must be paid to the franchisor and/or its affiliate, as appropriate.

If you are an area developer, you will pay a development fee equal to \$30,000 for the first restaurant to be developed plus \$15,000 for each additional restaurant to be developed under the Area Development Agreement. The development fee is applied pro rata to the initial franchise fees due for each restaurant to be developed after the first. If you commit to develop 2 restaurants, the total initial investment necessary to begin operation as an area developer is \$264,000 to \$782,000. This includes \$45,000 that must be paid to the franchisor and/or its affiliate, as appropriate.

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.**

You may wish to receive your disclosure document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Christopher Bright at 2601 Main Street, #910, Irvine, California 92614 and (949) 222-5600.

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

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this disclosure document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as "*A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise*," which can help you understand how to use this disclosure document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, 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.

Issuance Date April 26, 2017

STATE COVER PAGE

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit A for information about the franchisor, about other franchisors, or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise.

- 1 THE FRANCHISE AND AREA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS REQUIRE THE FRANCHISEE TO ARBITRATE ONLY IN CALIFORNIA. OUT OF STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH THE FRANCHISOR IN CALIFORNIA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
- 2 THE FRANCHISE AND AREA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS STATE THAT THE LAW OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNS THE AGREEMENTS, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.
- 3 THE FRANCHISEE WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE AN ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT RANGING FROM \$249,000 TO \$767,000. THIS AMOUNT EXCEEDS THE FRANCHISOR'S STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016, WHICH IS REPORTED AS (\$568,287).
- 4 AS PER THE AUDITED BALANCE SHEET DATED DECEMBER 31, 2016, THE FRANCHISOR HAD A WORKING CAPITAL DEFICIENCY OF (\$623,395) AND A NET WORTH DEFICIENCY OF (\$568,287).
- 5 THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

We use the services of one or more FRANCHISE BROKERS or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchise. A franchise broker or referral source is our agent and represents us, not you. We pay this person a fee for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should be sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.

Effective Date See the next page for the state effective dates.

STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states require that this Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the state, or be exempt from registration California, Connecticut, 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 registration in the following states having franchise registration and disclosure laws, with the following effective dates

California	
Connecticut	
Florida	February 1, 2017
Hawaii	
Illinois	
Indiana	
Kentucky	January 25, 2005
Maine	Exempt
Maryland	October 5, 2016, amended as of _____
Michigan	
Minnesota	
Nebraska	June 7, 2006
New York	
North Carolina	Exempt
North Dakota	
Rhode Island	
South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Texas	October 21, 2004
Utah	
Virginia	September 23, 2016, amended as of _____
Washington	January 22, 2017, amended as of _____
Wisconsin	

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

The Franchisor

To simplify the language in this Disclosure Document, “we”, “us” and “our” means ZPizza International, Inc, the Franchisor “You” means the individual(s), corporation, partnership, joint venture, or other entity that buys the franchise from us We are a California corporation, incorporated on January 22, 1999, and we maintain our principal place of business at 2601 Main Street, #910, Irvine, California 92614 Our telephone number is (949) 222-5600 We do not do business under any name other than that listed above However, as described below, ZPizza Corporation, our licensor of the ZPizza marks has operated and licensed others to operate ZPizza restaurants since 1986 We have conducted business as an operator of pizza restaurants (the “Restaurant” or “ZPizza Restaurant” or “Tap Room” or “Franchised Business”) since our incorporation in 1999 We have offered franchises since 1999

We have no parent or predecessor We have an affiliate, ZPizza Stores, Inc (ZPSI), a California corporation formed on April 25, 2005, and which maintains its principal place of business at 2601 Main Street, #910, Irvine, California 92614 ZPSI has never conducted business in any other line of business nor has offered franchises in this or any other lines of business From April 2005 to 2016, ZPSI operated a business of the type being franchised located in Hancock Park, Los Angeles, California (“Larchmont”) In 2012, ZPSI reacquired from a franchisee the ZPizza Restaurant located in Silver Spring, Maryland In 2013, ZPSI reacquired from a franchisee the ZPizza Restaurant located in Washington, DC which closed in 2016

ZPizza Corporation (sometimes referred to as “ZPC”), a California corporation wholly owned by Sid Fanarof, has licensed the ZPizza Restaurant system and the proprietary marks in connection with franchising ZPizza Restaurants worldwide to us (the “License”) The perpetual License agreement was signed on January 25, 1999 Per the License, ZPC retains the exclusive right to own and operate ZPizza Restaurants in Orange County, California, subject to our right to develop ZPizza Restaurants in specifically defined locations ZPC also retains a nonexclusive right to develop five additional ZPizza Restaurants at other locations within the United States not otherwise subject to notification from us of our intention to develop or franchise others to develop ZPizza Restaurants ZPC has also granted us an exclusive worldwide license outside of Orange County, California to open and operate ZPizza Restaurants The address of ZPC is 909 Canyon View, Laguna Beach, California 92651

ZPC has operated ZPizza Restaurants in Southern California since 1986 ZPC has never conducted business in any other line of business nor has offered franchises in any line of business, including the operation of pizza restaurants ZPC has also entered into an agreement with a former shareholder allowing such shareholder to operate three ZPizza Restaurants at certain locations in southern California previously operated by ZPC and transferred to the shareholder

We are solely in the business of offering and selling ZPizza franchises We have never offered franchises in any other line of business ZPizza opened its first restaurant in November 1999 ZPizza sold the Seal Beach, California location to a franchisee in 2014 and is the licensor of 17 Restaurants

ZPC is solely in the business of owning and operating ZPizza Restaurants ZPC opened the first ZPizza Restaurant in 1986 ZPC currently owns and operates ZPizza Restaurants in Laguna Beach, Corona Del Mar, Aliso Viejo, Crystal Cove, Harbor View, West Hollywood and Ladera Ranch, California

Our agents for service of process are listed in Exhibit A

The following chart includes the average income and expenses incurred by the 2 existing Tap Room Restaurants that were in operation for the full 2016 calendar year. Each of these Tap Room Restaurants offers the same products and services that your Tap Room Restaurant will offer. As of December 31, 2016, there were 53 franchised units in the field who were open between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, only 2 of which are Tap Room Restaurants. We are not currently offering franchises for the traditional Restaurant.

Some Tap Room Restaurants in our System have earned the amounts shown below. Your individual results may differ. There is no assurance that you will earn as much.

Tap Room Restaurants	Net Sales
Tucson, Arizona	\$846,094
Los Angeles, California	\$1,120,520

Notes

- 1 Net Sales is Gross Sales minus sales tax.

The financial performance representation does not reflect the costs of sales, operating expenses, or other costs or expenses that must be deducted from the gross sales figures to obtain your net income or profit. You should conduct an independent investigation of the costs and expenses you will incur in operating your Tap Room Restaurant. Franchisees or former franchisees, listed in the disclosure document, may be one source of this information.

Written substantiation for the financial performance representation will be made available to the prospective franchisee upon reasonable request.

Other than the preceding financial performance representation, Z Pizza International, Inc. does not make any financial performance representations. We also do not authorize our employees or representatives to make any such representations either orally or in writing. If you are purchasing an existing outlet, however, we may provide you with the actual records of that outlet. If you receive any other financial performance information or projections of your future income, you should report it to the franchisor's management by contacting Christopher Bright at 2601 Main Street, #910, Irvine, California 92614, (949) 222-5600, the Federal Trade Commission, and the appropriate state regulatory agencies.

ITEM 20 OUTLETS AND FRANCHISEE INFORMATION

Table No. 1
Systemwide Outlet Summary
For years 2014, 2015, 2016

Outlet Type	Year	Outlets at the Start of the Year	Outlets at the End of the Year	Net Change
Franchised	2014	77	83	+6
	2015	83	76	-7
	2016	76	53	-23

Outlet Type	Year	Outlets at the Start of the Year	Outlets at the End of the Year	Net Change
Company-Owned*	2014	12	13	+1
	2015	13	11	-2
	2016	11	9	-2
Total Outlets	2014	89	96	+7
	2015	96	87	-9
	2016	87	62	-25

* As disclosed in Item 1, we do not own or operate any ZPizza Restaurants. The Restaurants reflected in the above chart are owned by our affiliates.

Table No 2
Transfers of Outlets from Franchisees to New Owners (other than the Franchisor)
For years 2014, 2015, 2016

State	Year	Number of Transfers
Arizona	2014	0
	2015	0
	2016	2
California	2014	4
	2015	5
	2016	3
Colorado	2014	0
	2015	0
	2016	0
Maryland	2014	1
	2015	0
	2016	0
Texas	2014	0
	2015	0
	2016	1
Virginia	2014	0
	2015	3
	2016	1
Total	2014	5
	2015	8
	2016	5

State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Terminations	Non-Renewals	Reacquired by Franchisor	Ceased Operations – Other Reasons	Outlets at End of the Year
	2016	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Washington DC	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
US Subtotal	2014	74	10	0	0	0	6	78
	2015	78	4	0	0	0	12	70
	2016	70	0	0	0	0	24	46
Kingdom of Bahrain	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Saudi Arabia	2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Korea	2014	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2015	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
	2016	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
United Arab Emirates - Dubai	2014	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2015	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
	2016	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
Vietnam	2014	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
	2015	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
	2016	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Total	2014	77	12	0	0	0	6	83
	2015	83	5	0	0	0	12	76
	2016	76	2	0	0	0	25	53

Table No 4
Status of Company-Owned Outlets
For years 2014, 2015, 2016

State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Outlets Reacquired from Franchisee	Outlets Closed	Outlets Sold to Franchisee	Outlets at End of the Year
California*	2014	10	1	0	0	0	11

State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Outlets Reacquired from Franchisee	Outlets Closed	Outlets Sold to Franchisee	Outlets at End of the Year
Maryland*	2015	11	0	0	1	1	9
	2016	9	0	0	1	0	8
	2014	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2015	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2016	1	0	0	0	0	1
Washington, DC*	2014	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2015	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2016	1	0	0	1	0	0
Total	2014	12	1	0	0	0	13
	2015	13	0	0	1	1	11
	2016	11	0	0	2	0	9

* As disclosed in Item 1, as of December 31, 2016, we do not own or operate any ZPizza Restaurants. The Restaurants reflected in the above chart are owned by our affiliates.

Table No 5
Projected Openings as of December 31, 2016

State	Franchise Agreements Signed but Outlet Not Opened	Projected New Franchised Outlets in the Next Fiscal Year	Projected New Company-Owned Outlets in the Next Fiscal Year
Arizona	0	1	0
California	0	3	0
Colorado	0	1	0
Virginia	0	0	0
Washington	0	1	0
Wisconsin	0	0	0
International	0	5	0
TOTAL	0	11	0

The list of the names of all franchisees and area developers and the addresses and telephone numbers of their Restaurants are provided in Exhibit F to this Disclosure Document.

The name, city, state and current business telephone number (or if unknown, the last known home telephone number) of every franchisee or area developer who has had a Restaurant terminated, cancelled, not renewed or otherwise voluntarily or involuntarily ceased to do business under a Franchise or Area Development Agreement during the most recently completed fiscal year or who has not communicated with us within 10 weeks of the issuance date of this Disclosure Document are listed on Exhibit G to this Disclosure Document. **If you buy this franchise, your contact information may be disclosed to other buyers when you leave the franchise system.**

During the last three fiscal years, we have not had any franchisees sign confidentiality provisions that would restrict their ability to speak openly about their experience with the ZP1zza System

There are no trademark-specific organizations formed by our franchisees that are associated with the ZP1zza System

ITEM 21

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attached as Exhibit H are the audited financial statements for ZP1zza International, Inc for the years ending December 31, 2014, December 31, 2015, and December 31, 2016

Our fiscal year end is December 31

In the State of California, we have secured a Surety Bond in the amount of \$100,000 from Platte River Insurance Company This Surety Bond requirement has been imposed by the Department of Business Oversight based on the franchisor's financial condition

In the State of Minnesota, we have secured a Surety Bond in the amount of \$30,000 from Platte River Insurance Company This Surety Bond requirement has been imposed by the Minnesota Department of Commerce based on the franchisor's financial condition

In the State of Washington, we have secured a Surety Bond in the amount of \$100,000 from Platte River Insurance Company This Surety Bond requirement has been imposed by the Department of Financial Institutions, Securities Division based on the franchisor's financial condition

ITEM 22

CONTRACTS

The following contracts are attached to this Disclosure Document

Franchise Agreement – Exhibit C
Area Development Agreement – Exhibit D
Copy of General Release – Exhibit I

ITEM 23

RECEIPTS

Two copies of an acknowledgment of your receipt of this Disclosure Document appear at the end of the Disclosure Document Please return one signed copy to us and retain the other for your records

EXHIBIT B TO THE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

STATE SPECIFIC ADDENDUM

EXHIBIT B

CALIFORNIA APPENDIX

- 1 California Business and Professions Code Sections 20000 through 20043 provide rights to you concerning termination, transfer or non-renewal of a franchise. If the Franchise Agreement or Area Development Agreement contains provisions that are inconsistent with the law, the law will control.
- 2 The Franchise Agreement and Area Development Agreement provide for termination upon bankruptcy. This provision may not be enforceable under Federal Bankruptcy Law (11 U.S.C.A. Sec. 101 et seq.).
- 3 The Franchise Agreement and Area Development Agreement contain covenants not to compete which extend beyond the termination of the agreements. These provisions may not be enforceable under California law.
- 4 Section 31125 of the California Corporation Code requires the franchisor to provide you with a disclosure document before asking you to agree to a material modification of an existing franchise.
- 5 Neither the franchisor, any person or franchise broker 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.A. 79a et seq., suspending or expelling such persons from membership in such association or exchange.
- 6 The franchise agreement requires binding arbitration. The arbitration will occur in California with the costs being borne by the franchisee and franchisor. 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.
- 7 You must sign a general release if you renew or transfer your franchise. California Corporation Code 31512 voids a waiver of your rights under the Franchise Investment Law (California Corporations Code 31000 through 31516). Business and Professions Code 20010 voids a waiver of your rights under the Franchise Relations Act (Business and Professions Code 20000 through 20043).
- 8 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.

EXHIBIT B

**ADDENDUM TO THE Z PIZZA INTERNATIONAL, INC DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT,
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND AREA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Illinois law governs the agreements between the parties to this franchise

Section 4 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act provides that any provision in the franchise agreement which designates jurisdiction or venue outside of the State of Illinois is void. However, a franchise agreement may provide for arbitration outside of Illinois.

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

Your right upon termination and non-renewal of a franchise agreement are set forth in sections 19 and 20 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed, sealed and delivered this Addendum dated this _____ day of _____, 20____

ATTEST

Z PIZZA INTERNATIONAL, INC

Witness

By _____
Name Christopher Bright
Title President

FRANCHISEE

Witness

RECEIPT

(RETURN ONE COPY TO US)

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If ZPizza International, Inc. does not deliver this disclosure document on time or if it contains a false or misleading statement, or a material omission, a violation of federal law and state law may have occurred and should be reported to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20580 and the appropriate state agency listed on Exhibit A.

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

The issuance date of this disclosure document is April 26, 2017.

ZPizza International, Inc. authorizes the agents listed in Exhibit A to receive service of process for it.

I have received a disclosure document dated April 26, 2017 that included the following Exhibits:

A – State Administrators/Agents for Service of Process	G – List of Franchisees and Developers Who Have Left the System
B – State Specific Addendum	H – Financial Statements
C – Franchise Agreement	I – Sample Copy of General Release
D – Area Development Agreement	J – Franchisee Disclosure Acknowledgment Statement
E – Table of Contents of Confidential Operating Manual	
F – List of Franchisees and Developers	

Date _____
(Do not leave blank)

Signature of Prospective Franchisee

Print Name

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