

The Franchise Debate – Does One Size Fit All?

The Pros and Cons For Franchisor and Franchisee
of Using a Non Traditional Franchise Agreement
Strategy for Select Franchise Prospects

or

How Much to Give to Get Most Out of a Non
Traditional Franchise Deal?

Presenters



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- Leader of Franchise & Distribution and Restaurant & Foodservice Practice Groups with over 30 years experience in franchising and hospitality law.
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- Has represented franchisees, licensees and dealers in over 300 different systems
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- Leading franchise lawyer with a nationwide practice, specializing in the representation of franchisors
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Introduction

- **Traditional Franchisor/Franchisee Relationship Paradigm**
 - History
 - Current Approach

Market Trends and Opportunities

- **Attractive Risk Profile Candidates (“ARPC”)**
 - Definition
 - Sophisticated Operators/Multi-Unit Developers
 - Investor Groups
 - Private Equity Firms

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- **Brands Entering Non-Traditional Venues with ARPCs**
 - **Sample Deals**

Assessing Risk Profile of ARPC

- **Advantages**

- Financial Security
- Business and Financial Acumen
- Experience and Enhanced Credibility

- **Drawbacks**

- Relationship Overly Leveraged?
- No Traditional Safeguards

Using Core Legal and Business Values

- **What is a Core Value?**
 - **Brand Values**
 - **ARPC's Values**

Agreement Form and Provisions

- Termination and Exit Strategy
 - In-term option to terminate
 - Cross defaults
- Materiality Condition
- Reasonableness Standard
- Transfers
 - Selling units and approval criteria
 - Succession planning
 - ROFR/ First Offer

Considerations

- **Facility's Requirements**
- **Standards considerations**
 - Menu offering
 - Training requirements
 - Personnel requirements
 - Use of alternative suppliers
- **Financial Considerations**
 - Guaranty vs. letter of credit
 - Damages recovery
 - Sole Remedy

Agreement Form and Provisions

- Non-Compete Covenants
 - Limited as to scope and time
 - Co-branding
 - Acquisitions
 - Pre-existing deals
- Franchisee Expansion
 - Development Schedule Restrictions
 - Development of Additional Units
 - First Option to Buy

Conclusion

Reality Check