

# Starwood Business Group

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Thank you for your interest in one of our featured business opportunities! The following is a list of steps involved in the buying process. Your designated Starwood Business Group broker will work with you through each of the steps noted below. The objective is to provide you with sufficient information to make a knowledgeable decision on the purchase of this business. The steps are sequenced intentionally to respect the need of the seller for privacy and discretion, while also providing prospective buyers with an increasing amount of information through the process. Please note we do not accept LOIs, but rather offers to purchase with contingencies and earnest money in escrow. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to working with you.





#### PURCHASER CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

This Broker / Purchaser Agreement is entered into between Starwood Business Group (Hereafter "SBG") and the undersigned prospective purchaser (hereafter "Purchaser") of a business offered for sale through SBG. "Seller" shall refer to any business entity being offered for sale, as well as the principals of such entity. SBG and Purchaser agree as follows:

1. In consideration of SBG introducing to Purchaser business opportunities for sale, Purchaser agrees not to contact Seller, or any entity or person having a business relationship with Seller—including, but not limited to, owners, partners, members, stockholders, officers, directors, landlords, lessors, lessees, employees, suppliers, clients, customers, etc.—except through SBG with SBG's approval. All inquiries, offers to purchase and negotiations relating to the purchase or lease of any business offered through SBG will be conducted exclusively through SBG.

2. Purchaser further agrees not to circumvent or interfere with SBG'S contract with Seller in any way. Purchaser understands and agrees that Purchaser shall be liable to SBG for payment of commissions due from Seller in the event of such interference. Purchaser further understands and agrees that should Purchaser become a manager or otherwise connected with any of the businesses shown or offered to Purchaser for sale, or should Purchaser buy, trade, lease or exchange any of the businesses disclosed to Purchaser, then a full commission will be due to SBG.

3. Purchaser understands that the Seller provides all information regarding any business offered for sale, or other sources identified by Seller, and is not verified in any way by SBG. SBG has no knowledge of the accuracy of ANY information provided to Purchaser and makes no representation, promise, or warranty, express or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of any such information. Purchaser shall be responsible to make an independent verification of said information prior to entering into an agreement to purchase any business. Purchaser further understands and agrees that SBG shall NOT be responsible for the failure to disclose material information related to the purchase of any business which information is unknown to SBG. Purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold SBG and its agents harmless for any claims or damages which may occur by reason of the inaccuracy or incompleteness of any information provided to them with respect to any business they might purchase. In the event of any judgment, award, or arbitration decision, the maximum liability of SBG and its agents shall be limited to the amount of commission actually received. Purchaser understands that financial institutions may pay a referral fee to SBG for referring potential clients.

4. That Broker is not an agent for me/us, but is an agent for the Seller and has a contract providing for a fee to be paid to Broker by Seller upon sale, trade, lease or transfer of Seller's business or property.

5. It is understood and agreed that any and all information provided to Purchaser regarding any business is to be considered confidential and proprietary, and that disclosure of any such information could result in damage to the business and/or its principals.

6. It is further understood and agreed that any information obtained at any time pursuant to investigation and consideration of the purchase of the business shall be kept in strict confidence, and not be disclosed to any other person—except to professional business advisors (e.g. accountants, attorneys) engaged to evaluate the business for the limited purpose of advising Purchaser. In the event of such disclosure, it is agreed that Purchaser will advise such persons of this non-disclosure provision, and shall be legally responsible for the failure of such professionals to maintain the confidentiality of the information provided. Information to be kept confidential shall include the fact that the business is for sale. It is understood and agreed that that this non-disclosure provision is intended for the benefit of Seller, who is a third party beneficiary to this Agreement. As such, Seller may bring an action at law to enforce its terms or to recover damages for breach of this provision.

7. In the event Purchaser for whatever reason does not purchase the business, Purchaser agrees to immediately return to SBG any and all materials related to Seller without retaining any copies.

#### PURCHASER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT BUYING A BUSINESS INVOLVES RISK. PURCHASER ACCEPTS SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DECISION TO BUY A BUSINESS AND AGREES TO RELY SOLELY ON PURCHASER'S OWN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION OF THE BUSINESS BEING PURCHASED. SBG HAS ADVISED PURCHASER TO SEEK INDEPENDENT LEGAL, TAX, ACCOUNTING, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ADVICE PRIOR TO MAKING A PURCHASE DECISION.

#### PERSONAL GUARANTY

If Purchaser is a business entity (e.g. Corporation, LLC, LLP, LP, etc.), the undersigned officer or agent acknowledges that he/she has full authority to enter into this Agreement, and further agrees to be personally bound by the terms and conditions stated herein, including but not limited to personal liability for commissions that may be due and payable pursuant to paragraph two (2) above, or damages resulting from disclosure of confidential information as provided in paragraph six (6).

#### Please complete email back to your broker

Purchaser' Name (Print):	Title:
Listing ID or Description of Business in which you are interested:	
Purchaser's Telephone:	
E-mail:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State & Zip:	
Purchaser's Signature:	Date:



### **CONFIDENTIAL BUYER PROFILE**

When selling a business, business owners are asked to reveal much information that is confidential and sensitive. Therefore, they have asked us to screen potential Purchasers to determine if they have the financial and managerial capabilities to complete the purchase of their business. Sellers are never shown this profile. We will only use this document to determine which businesses fit your criteria. Until we receive the Client Profile and Non-Disclosure Agreement *completed in their entirety*, we are unable to give out specific information regarding our business listings.

1- Buyer Name:	Spouse/Partner:		
2- Buyer Address:			
3- City:	State:	Zip Code:	
4- Home Phone:	Work:	Cell:	
5- Fax:	Best time to call:		
6- E-mail (please print):			
$\Box$ Friend/Associate $\Box$ Ma	aware of SBG Business Brokers? agazine Ad		
8- Name of source checked al	bove		
9- Have you worked with a B	sroker before?		
10- Do you currently own a b	pusiness? If no,	have you ever owned a business?	
11- If yes, explain type of bus	siness:		
12- If you own a business, do	you need to sell it before purchas	sing another business?	
13- If you don't currently ow	n a business, what type of work de	o you do?	
14- Do you have any experien	nce in:	□ Finance	
15- Name any special skills, l	hobbies, etc you possess that may	be helpful in a business:	
16- How long have you been	looking for a business to buy?	How soon will you buy?	
17- What types of businesses	have you looked at?		
18- Would you relocate for th	ne right business?	If not, how far will you commute?	



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### 19- What types of businesses would you consider owning?

- □ Accounting Firm
- □ Advertising
- □ Amusement
- Antiques
- □ Appliance Repair
- □ Arts & Craft
- □ Auto Repair/Painting
- Automotive Parts
- Bagel Shop
- □ Bakery
- □ Beauty Supply/Salon
- Book Store
- Boutique
- □ Brake/Transmission Shop
- Building Materials
- Business to Business Services
- Business Service
- □ Consulting/Training
- □ Convenience Store
- Camera Shop
- Car Wash
- Catering Company
- Check Cashing
- □ Clothing/Retail
- Coffee Shop
- Collection Agency
- Computer Service
- □ Computer/Retail
- □ Cell Phone Retail Center
- □ Contractor
- Day Care Center
- Delicatessen
- Distributor
- Dog Grooming
- Donut Shop
- Dry Cleaner
- Electrical Contractor or Retail
- Event Company
- Fitness Center
- Florist
- Food Franchise
- □ Furniture/ Manufacturing
- Furniture Retail
- □ Garden/Nursery
- Gasoline Station
- □ Gift Shop

- □ Grocery
- □ Health Food
- □ Health Spa
- □ Home Based Business
- □ Home Cleaning
- □ Home Repair
- □ Ice Cream/Yogurt
- □ Interior Design/Service
- Janitorial Services
- □ Jewelry Store
- □ Landscaping/Lawn Care
- □ Laundromat
- □ Learning Centers
- □ Leasing Companies
- □ Pet Shop
- □ Pet Sitting
- □ Limousine Service
- □ Mailing Center
- □ Mall Food Court
- □ Manufacturing
- □ Marketing/Sales
- □ Motel/Hotel
- Nail Salon
- Office Supplies
- Personnel Agency
- Pharmacy
- □ Picture Framing
- 🛛 Pizza
- □ Plumbing
- □ Restaurant Full Service
- □ Restaurant Quick Casual
- $\Box$  Retail Other
- Gecurity Systems
- □ Sports Bars
- □ Sporting Goods
- Tanning Salon
- □ Tavern
- □ Tire Store
- □ Travel Agency
- Video Store
- □ Wellness Center/Massage
- Yoga Studio
- □ Other
- □ Other\_\_\_\_\_



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20- Who, other than yourself, will be involved in the purchase decision?				
21- Who, other than yourself, will be involved in the operation of the business?				
22- How much time are you willing to spend in operating the business?				
23- If it had good potential, would you consider a turn-around business?				
24- What types of businesses would you <u>not</u> consider owning?				
25- What is the amount of cash down that you are willing to invest?				
26- What is the maximum total investment level in which you are comfortable?				
27- Will you have investment/business partners? <u>Yes</u> No (Each partner owning 10 % or more needs to complete a separate application)				
28- Business Partner% of ownership% Investor Time				
29- In terms of purchasing a franchise:  □ Mildly Interested  □ Very Interested  □ Not Interested				
30- What is your <u>minimum</u> monthly income need the first year?				
31- The second year?				
32- What is the total amount of <b>non-borrowed</b> funds you currently have for a down payment?				
33- Would you be able to obtain additional funds if necessary?				
34- What are the sources of additional funds? (CD, IRA, Stock, etc.)				
35- Geographical Interest:				
1 <sup>st</sup> Choice				
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice				
Additional Comments:				



## PURCHASER FINANCIAL STATEMENT STRICTLY PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

The undersigned certifies that this information was provided by him/her and is true and accurate and that this information will be used solely to determine the purchaser's financial qualifications for acquiring a business and will not be shared with any 3<sup>rd</sup> party without purchaser's prior consent.

ate:

Liabilities and Net Worth	
Notes Payable	\$
Liens on Real Estate	
Other Liabilities (Itemized)	
Total Liabilities:	\$
Total Assets – Total Liabilities = Net Worth:	\$

Source of Income	
Salary	\$
Dividends and Interest	
Bonus and Commissions	
Real Estate Income	
Other Income	
Total Income:	\$