



#### **BOSTON COLLEGE** WORLDWIDE WEBINARS

## Franchising 101 When, Why and How?

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# **About Jeff**



















# **Three Employment Choices**

Work for a company

Job

Build from scratch

#### Startup

Open store in new market

Franchising





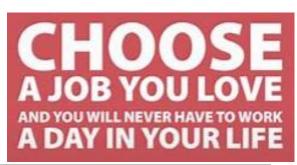
# Working in a Job

#### **Advantages**

### Challenges

- Steady Paycheck
- Healthcare, benefits
- Job Security

- Limited Income
- Less Freedom
- Mergers, layoffs







# **Being an Entrepreneur**

### Advantages

### Challenges

- Grow your idea
- Be your own boss
- No earning limit

- Develop all resources
- High failure rate
- Unpredictable future

"The entrepreneur always searches for change, responds to it, and exploits it as an opportunity." - Peter Drucker





# **Buying into a Franchise**

### Advantages

## Operating system

- Training/support
- Peer groups

### Challenges

- Lack of flexibility
- Potential risk
- Franchisee fees







## **US Franchising Metrics**

- 810,000 Locations in the US
- 16 Million Private Jobs Created
- \$351 Billion Payroll
- \$2.1 Trillion of Private GDP Output



\* 2016 Study of Economic Impact of Franchised Businesses – PricewaterhouseCoopers

### Why Franchising is Growing

- Uncertainty of Corporate America / Risk Reduction
- Quick start, accelerated learning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> income while working full-time
- Build generational wealth



# What's out there?

- ~3,500 different franchises
- ~ 565,000 franchise owners
- Over 75 different industries, such as:
  - Automotive, Retail
  - Restaurants, Fast Food, Coffee
  - Lodging, Real Estate
  - Business Services insurance, security, tax
  - Personal Services exercise, beauty, vet, loans, laundry, education, home repair, cleaning

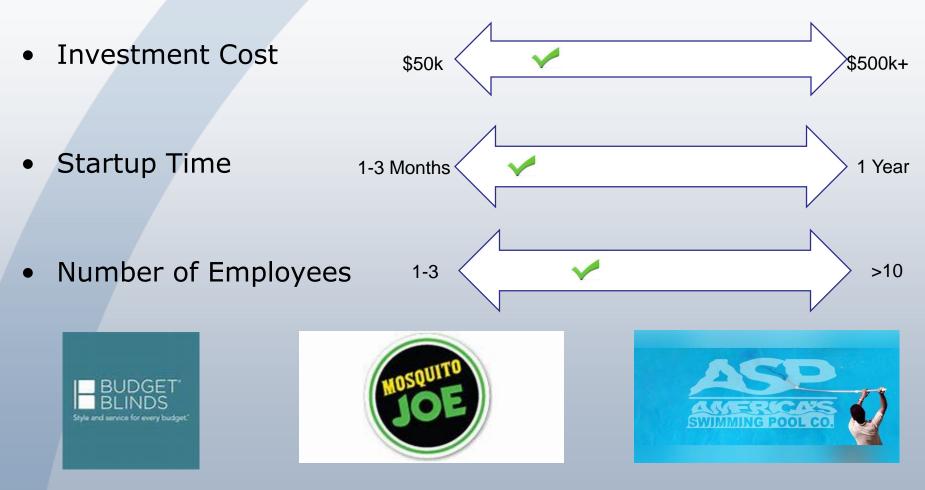








### **Service Franchises: Home Based**







### **Small Store: Food/Retail/Fitness**



\* Will vary based on city, state, location size and market dynamics



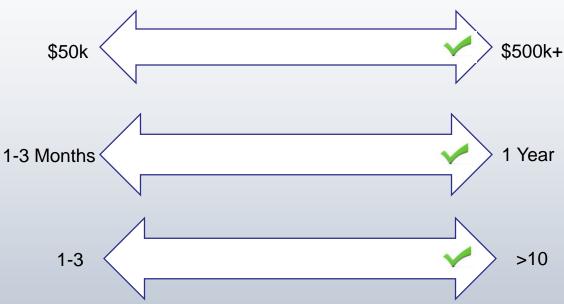


### Large Store

Investment Cost\*

• Startup Time

Number of Employees





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# **BC Alumni Perspective**

### **Brett D. Heffes**

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# WINMARK – At a Glance

- 30+ Years in Business
- Business segments
  - Franchised retail sales of gently-used clothes, sporting goods and musical instruments
  - 2) Middle-market and small-ticket leasing

- Publicly held (NASDAQ: WINA)
- **\$1.2 billion** in system-wide sales
- Over 1,250 locations with 5 brands
- 100% franchised model
- Strong Franchise Relations
  - 98.1% average franchise renewal rate\*







# **Benefits of Franchising**

- Small business ownership supported by the benefits of a strong business network and proven business model
- Retail experience not needed
- Franchisor provides initial training, on-going support, and operational expertise
- Higher chance of success than start-up businesses
- Brand recognition is typically higher for franchise concepts
- Shorter time to opening
- Peer network (fellow franchisees) to provide advice and moral support





## Winmark Ideal Candidate Profile

- Meets financial requirements
- Passionate about the brand
- Fits culture of the company
- Strong work ethic
- People person
- Track record of prior job success
- Understands the franchise relationship

- Team player
- Ability to follow the model
- Shows management acumen (team building, empowerment, delegation)
- Embraces opportunity to give back to the community
- Recycling and sustainability advocate

# Is a Franchise Right for You?

### How Do You Decide?

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- 1. Determine Your Motivation
- 2. Financial Analysis
- 3. Decide Your Timeframe
- 4. Review Business Characteristics
- 5. Investigate Franchises
- 6. Evaluate Facts and Make a Decision

# Determine Your Motivation



- Why do you want to own a franchise?
- Why now?
- How will your life be different?

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## What Are Your Financial Parameters?



- How much can you comfortably invest?
  - Will you have investors or partners?
  - How much can you borrow?
- What's your target income?
- What is your timing?

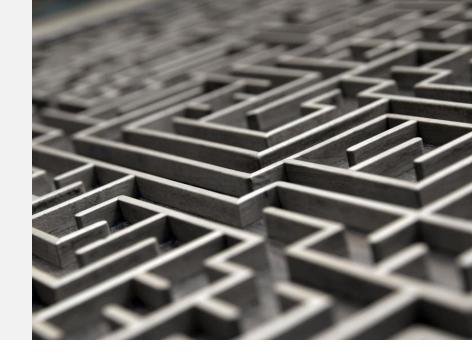
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# Determine Earning Potential



- Talk to franchisees
- Some franchisors will provide this in Financial Disclosure Document (FDD)
- Extremely regulated industry

# Consider an Exit Strategy



- How long will you own the business?
- Are you building cash flow for retirement?
- Will you sell the business or will it remain in your family?

# Your Optimal Timing

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- Investigate multiple franchises
- When do you want to open?
- Is your timing flexible?
- Is it a seasonal business?

# Consider **Business Dynamics**



- Number and type of employees
- Hours of operation
- Startup costs and franchise fees
- Location
- Business Model?
  - Owner Operator Executive

  - Service or Retail





# **Choose a Business Model**

#### **Owner/Operator Model**

- Work full time in your business
- Know your employees & customers
- Very hands-on, manage your team daily

#### **Executive Model**

- Manage through managers
- May keep your full-time job
- Big picture leadership

#### Service – Territory Based

- Lower investment / often home-based
- Fewer operating hours
- Loyal, repeat customers







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### **Conduct Comprehensive Franchisor Investigations**



- Visit locations & call existing franchisees
- Review systems, documentation and meet team
- Decision / Discovery Day

# **Evaluate** the Facts



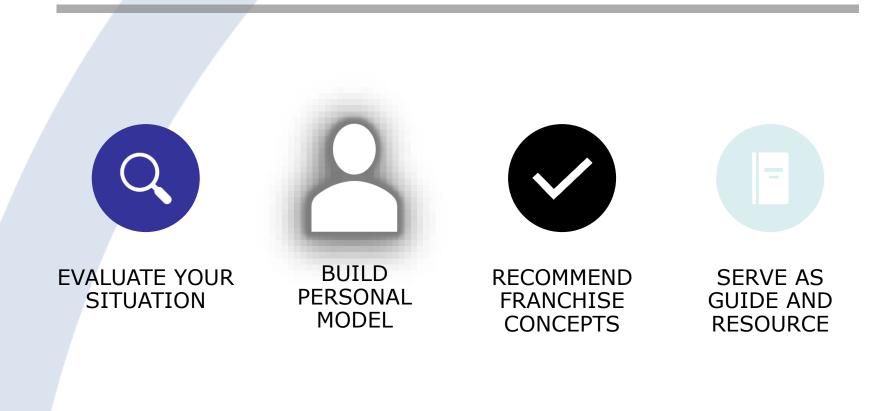
- Get all questions answered
- Conquer your fear
- MAKE A DECISION & DIVE IN







#### How do Franchise Consultants help you?





# **Q & A**

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