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Franchised Units:	38	In Business Since:	1994	Royalty:	5%
Company-Owned Units:	17	Average Franchise Fee:	\$39.5K	IFA Member:	No
Total Operating Units:	55	Total Investment Range:	\$324.8-924.5K	Term of Initial Contract:	10 Years

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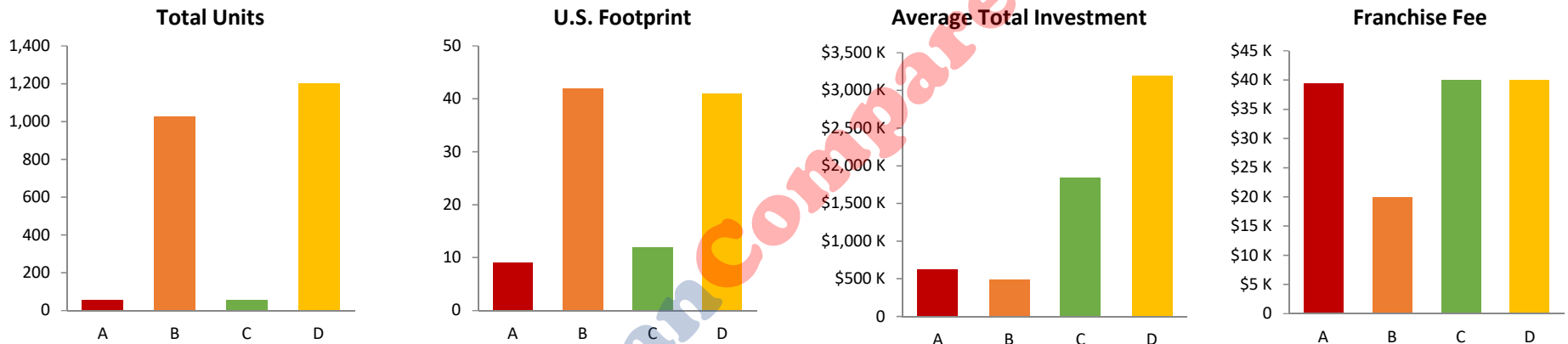
FranCompare™ Franchise Recognition Program 2019

Chicken Wing Restaurant Industry

	Company Name (DBA)	Legal Name	Final Score
A	Wings Etc. Grill & Pub	Wings Etc., Inc.	782
B	Wing-Stop	Wingstop Restaurants, Inc.	774
C	Buffalo Wings & Rings (New Construction)	Buffalo Wings & Rings, LLC	675
D	Buffalo Wild Wings (Free Standing)	Buffalo Wild Wings International, Inc.	617

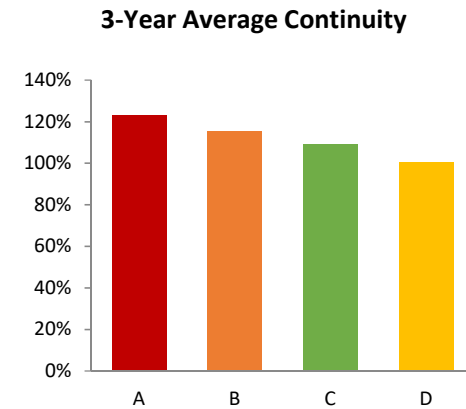
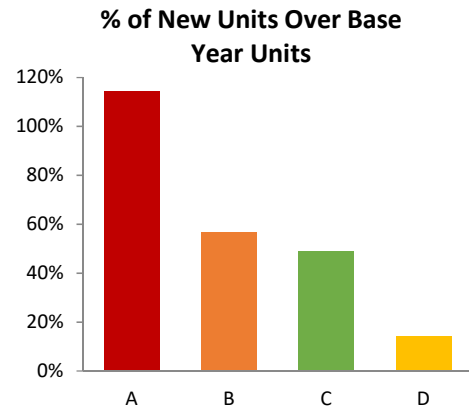
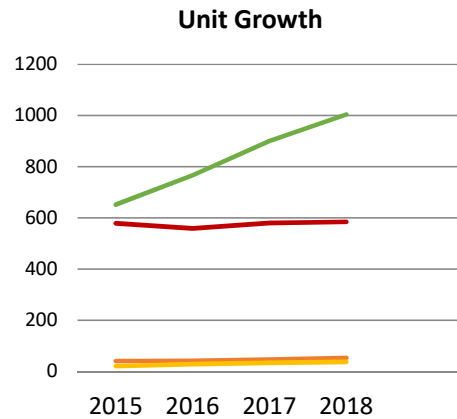
Key Unit Investment Variables

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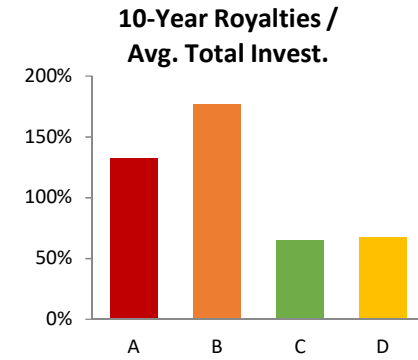
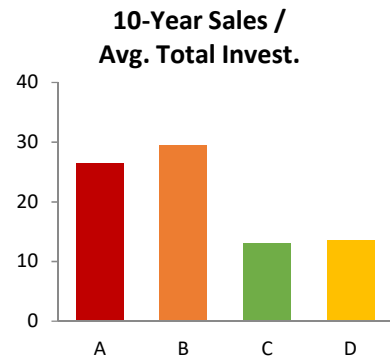
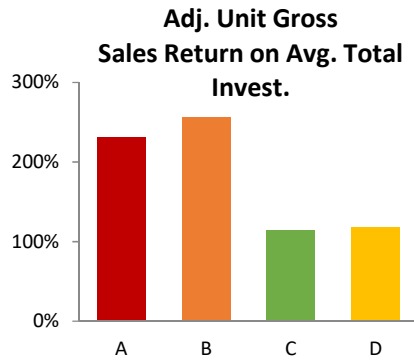
- **Total Units** is a valuable measure if recent growth was accompanied by proper support. Meteoric growth, however, with the help of third parties, frequently means franchisees are left to fend for themselves while management focuses on growth for its own sake.
- The greater the **Footprint/Geographical Coverage**, the better all franchisees are served. Only U.S. states are included.
- For the purpose of the Franchise Matrix™ analysis, the **Average Total Investment** is used in all cases.
- The **Franchise Fee** should not significantly exceed the franchise fee of its primary competitors.

	Wings Etc. Grill & Pub		Wing-Stop		Buffalo Wings & Rings (New Construction)		Buffalo Wild Wings (Free Standing)		
Weighting for Primary FDD Variables (300 Points)	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	Max. Score
Year-End Total Franchised Units	38		1,004		53		585		
Year-End Total Company-Owned Units	17		23		4		615		
Year-End Total Units	55	30	1,027	50	57	30	1,200	50	50
% of Franchised Units	69.1%		97.8%		93.0%		48.8%		
% of Company-Owned Units	30.9%	7	2.2%	5	7.0%	10	51.3%	5	10
U.S. Footprint (# of U.S. States)	9	15	42	35	12	26	41	35	35
Total Low Investment	\$324,800		\$340,815		\$1,280,000		\$2,636,200		
Total High Investment	\$924,500		\$631,292		\$2,412,000		\$3,750,700		
Average Total Investment Per Unit	\$624,650		\$486,054		\$1,846,000		\$3,193,450		
Low Unit Size Estimate (Square Feet)	3,500		1,200		6,000		4,000		
High Unit Size Estimate (Square Feet)	4,500		2,000		6,000		7,000		
Average Unit Size (Square Feet)	4,000		1,600		6,000		5,500		
Average Total Investment Per Square Foot	\$156		\$304		\$308		\$581		
Average Franchise Fee (Single Unit)	\$39,500	21	\$20,000	37	\$40,000	18	\$40,000	18	40
Average Annual Royalty Fee (On-Going After Trial Period)	5.0%	85	6.0%	80	5.0%	85	5.0%	85	90
Term of Initial Contract (Years)	10	20	10	20	10	20	20	35	35
Term of First Contract Renewal (Years)	10	11	10+10	20	10	11	10+5	17	20
Average Transfer Fee (Single Unit)	\$9,875	8	\$10,000	8	\$25,000	2	\$12,500	5	10
Year Incorporated	1994	10	1994	10	1984	10	1982	10	10
Franchising Since	2005		1997		2005		1991		
Issuance Date of FDD (Issue Date)	4/13/2018		11/27/2018		3/20/2018		3/27/2018		



- **3-Year Compound Annual Unit Growth** measures the unit growth from base year to end of 2017. Assuming proper support on the part of the franchisor, higher growth is rewarded. Steady and controlled **Unit Growth** are preferred over meteoric growth. Negative unit growth raises red flags.
- **% of New Units Over Base Year Units** is the Total End of 2017 Units divided by Base Year Beginning Units.
- **3-Year Average Continuity Rate** is an important and commonly used metric within the franchising industry that measures the success of a franchise system over its most recent past. Continuity rate is determined for each year by dividing end-of-year total units by beginning-of-year total units and dividing the 3 annual rates by 3 to arrive at an average. If there are a high number of closures or non-renewals within a franchise, the continuity rate will generally result in a rate of less than 100%, as will a system that cannot support its growth and, accordingly, its franchisees are failing. A high continuity rate is evidence of strong support systems. Continuity rates of over 100% were rewarded and ones with less than 100% were penalized.

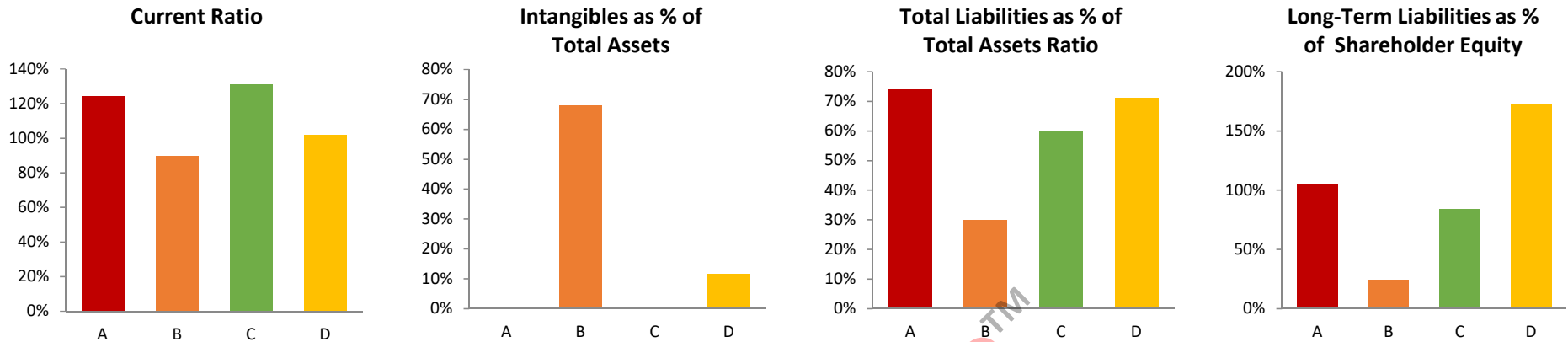
Weighting for Primary FDD Variables (250 Points)	Wings Etc. Grill & Pub		Wing-Stop		Buffalo Wings & Rings (New Construction)		Buffalo Wild Wings (Free Standing)		Max. Score
	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	
Base-Year Beginning Franchised Units	21		652		41		579		
New Franchised Units Over Following 3 Years	24		370		20		81		
Total Franchised Units at the End of Year 3	38		1,004		53		585		
% of New Units Over Base Year Units	114.3%	40	56.7%	27	48.8%	22	14.0%	6	40
3-Year Compound Annual Unit Growth	21.9%	40	15.5%	35	8.9%	28	0.3%	10	70
3-Year Average Continuity Rate	122.7%	140	115.5%	135	109.0%	120	100.4%	105	140



- Adjusted Unit Gross Sales by itself is not as important as **Adjusted Unit Gross Sales as percentage of the Average Total Investment**. Sales and profits must be evaluated as a function of the total investment.
- Whereas a modest difference in year 1 sales as a function of the average investment might be considered of minor importance, a 10-year time horizon puts these differences into perspective.
- Similarly, while a modest difference in year 1 royalty rates between franchisors might be considered of minor importance, cumulative **Royalty** payments over a 10-year time frame as a percentage of Average Total Investment put these differences into perspective.

Weighting for Primary FDD Variables (350 Points)	Wings Etc. Grill & Pub		Wing-Stop		Buffalo Wings & Rings (New Construction)		Buffalo Wild Wings (Free Standing)		Max. Score
	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	
Company-Wide Average Gross Sales or Revenue	\$1,253,286		\$1,083,102		\$1,827,128		\$3,270,165		
Period Operated	12 Months		1 Year		1 Year		At Least 12 Months		
Calculation Based on # of Units Evaluated	32 of 38		858 of 1,004		48 of 53		544 of 585		
Calculation Based on Franchised or Company-Owned Units	Franchised		Franchised		Franchised		Franchised		
% Adjustment*	115%		115%		115%		115%		
Adjusted Average Gross Sales or Revenue	\$1,441,278		\$1,245,567		\$2,101,197		\$3,760,690		
Adjusted Unit Gross Sales Return on Avg. Total Investment	230.7%	160	256.3%	167	113.8%	110	117.8%	110	175
Cum. 10-Year Gross Sales (Compounded at 5% Growth / Year)	\$16,551,875		\$14,304,298		\$24,130,491		\$43,188,373		
10-Year Sales / Average Total Investment	26.5	65	29.4	70	13.1	35	13.5	35	75
10-Year Total Royalty Payments	\$827,594		\$858,258		\$1,206,525		\$2,159,419		
10-Year Royalties / Average Total Investment	132.5%	30	176.6%	14	65.4%	50	67.6%	50	50
Detailed Income Statement (EBITDA All Units Optimal)	90%	45	0%	0	40%	20	0%	0	50

* To adjust stated Average Gross Sales to a "standard" of greater than 2 years, the following adjustments were applied:
 Over 1 Year = 115%; Over 2 Years = 100%; Over 3 Years = 95%; Over 4 Years = 90%; Over 5 Years = 85%.



- The **Current Ratio (or Working Capital Ratio)** is a liquidity ratio that reflects the franchisor's ability to pay back its short-term liabilities. A ratio of less than 1 raises a red flag as to whether a franchisor can pay its short-term obligations when due.
- **Intangibles**, including **Goodwill**, are long-term assets represented by non-physical assets. Franchisors whose brands are household names may justify a higher value for intangibles than a relatively new brand with limited experience in the marketplace.
- **Total Liabilities as percentage of Total Assets Ratio** reflects the long-term strength of the franchisor's balance sheet. Over time, one would expect the percentage to decrease. A lower percentage is preferred over a higher percentage.
- **Long-term Liabilities as percentage of Shareholder Equity** reflects the franchisor's long-term capital structure. Over time, one would expect the percentage to decrease. A lower percentage is preferred over a higher percentage.

Balance Sheet Items (\$000)	Wings Etc. Grill & Pub		Wing-Stop		Buffalo Wings & Rings (New Construction)		Buffalo Wild Wings (Free Standing)		Max. Score
	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	
Weighting for Primary FDD Variables (100 Points)	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	Max. Score
Ending Date for Financials (Closing Date on Balance Sheet)	12/31/2017		12/30/2017		12/31/2017		12/31/2017		
Current Assets	\$1,044		\$13,408		\$3,231		\$222,488		
Intangibles & Goodwill	\$0		\$79,257		\$52		\$117,228		
Other Assets	\$756		\$24,077		\$6,202		\$670,272		
Total Assets	\$1,800		\$116,742		\$9,485		\$1,009,988		
Current Liabilities	\$838		\$14,920		\$2,462		\$217,551		
Long-Term Liabilities	\$492		\$19,985		\$3,203		\$501,516		
Total Liabilities	\$1,330		\$34,905		\$5,665		\$719,067		
Shareholders' Equity	\$470		\$81,837		\$3,820		\$290,921		
Total Liabilities & Shareholders' Equity	\$1,800		\$116,742		\$9,485		\$1,009,988		

Key Financial Ratio (%)s	Wings Etc. Grill & Pub		Wing-Stop		Buffalo Wings & Rings (New Construction)		Buffalo Wild Wings (Free Standing)		Max. Score
	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	Data	Score	
Weighting for Primary FDD Variables (100 Points)									
Current Ratio (or Working Capital Ratio)	124.6%	20	89.9%	6	131.2%	22	102.3%	10	25
Intangibles & Goodwill as % of Total Assets	0.0%	20	67.9%	2	0.5%	20	11.6%	16	20
Total Liabilities as % of Total Assets Ratio	73.9%	15	29.9%	35	59.7%	30	71.2%	15	35
Long-Term Liabilities as % of Shareholders' Equity Ratio	104.7%	0	24.4%	18	83.8%	6	172.4%	0	20

Total Score	782	774	675	617	/1000
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