

**ARK RESTAURANTS CORP.  
AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

**Purpose**

The Audit Committee of Ark Restaurants Corp. (the “Company”) was established by the Board of Directors of the Company for the purpose of overseeing the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Company and audits of the financial statements of the Company.

The Committee is primarily responsible for: (1) monitoring the quality and integrity of the Company’s financial statements and systems of internal controls regarding risk management, finance and accounting; (2) monitoring the independent auditor’s qualifications and independence; (3) monitoring the performance of the Company’s internal audit function and independent auditors; and (4) issuing the report required by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be included in the Company’s annual proxy statement.

**Composition**

1. *Members.* The Committee shall consist of as many members as the Board shall determine, but in any event not fewer than three members. The members of the Committee shall be appointed annually by a majority vote of the Board at the first meeting to be held following the annual meeting of stockholders of the Company.
2. *Qualifications.* Each member of the Committee shall meet all applicable independence, financial literacy and other requirements of law and Nasdaq. If possible, at least one member of the Committee shall meet the applicable Securities and Exchange Commission definition of “financial expert” or if no members satisfy such definition, the Committee shall promptly so inform the Board.
3. *Chair.* The Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board.
4. *Replacement.* Any vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board at the next meeting of the Board following the occurrence of the vacancy.
5. *Compensation.* Director’s fees are the only compensation a member of the Committee may receive from the Company.

**Operations**

1. *Meetings.* The Chair of the Committee, in consultation with the Committee members, shall determine the schedule and frequency of the Committee meetings, provided that the Committee shall, in the absence of unusual circumstances, meet at least four times per year. The Chair of the Committee or a majority of the members of the Committee may also call a special meeting of the Committee.
2. *Agenda.* The Chair of the Committee shall develop and set the Committee’s agenda, in consultation with other members of the Committee, the Board and management. The agenda and information concerning the business to be conducted at each Committee meeting shall, to the extent practical, be communicated to the members of the Committee sufficiently in advance of each meeting to permit meaningful review.
3. *Report to Board.* At each Board meeting, the Committee shall deliver to the Board a report on any Committee meetings that have been held since the preceding Board meeting, including a description

of all actions taken by the Committee during such period. The Committee shall submit to the Board the minutes of its meetings. The Committee shall further report regularly to the Board and will review with the Board any issues that arise with respect to the quality or integrity of the Company's financial statements, the Company's compliance with legal or regulatory requirements, the performance and independence of the Company's independent auditors, the performance of the internal audit function and other matters of importance to the Board.

4. *Assessment of Charter.* The Committee shall assess the adequacy of this Charter on an annual basis and recommend any changes to the Board.

## **Authority and Duties**

### *Independent Auditor's Qualifications and Independence*

1. The Committee shall be directly responsible for the appointment, retention, termination and oversight of the work of the independent auditor employed by the Company to audit the books of the Company and its subsidiaries (with the input, if the Committee so desires, of Company management). The independent auditors are ultimately accountable to the Committee.
2. The Committee shall have the sole authority to approve the independent auditor's fee arrangements and other terms of service, and to preapprove any permitted non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditor. The Committee shall review with the lead audit partner whether any of the audit team members receive any discretionary compensation from the audit firm with respect to non-audit services performed by the independent auditor.
3. The Committee shall obtain and review with the lead audit partner of the independent auditor, annually or more frequently as the Committee considers appropriate, a report by the independent auditor describing: the independent auditor's internal quality-control procedures; any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the independent auditor, or by any inquiry, review or investigation by governmental, professional or other regulatory authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting independent audits carried out by the independent auditor, and any steps taken to deal with these issues; and (to assess the independent auditor's independence) all relationships between the independent auditor and the Company.

### *Financial Statements and Related Disclosure*

1. The Committee shall review the annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements with management and the independent auditor before the filing of the Company's Form 10-K and Form 10-Q. Any material changes in accounting principles or accounting for new significant items will be reviewed.
2. The Committee shall review with management earnings press releases, which review may be done generally (i.e., discussion of the types of information to be disclosed and type of presentations to be made), and the Committee need not discuss in advance each earnings release. This task can be delegated to the Chair of the Committee or the Chair's designee.
3. The Committee shall review with management and the independent auditor the following: (a) all critical accounting policies and practices (and changes therein) of the Company, to be used by the Company in preparing its financial statements, (b) major issues regarding the accounting principles and financial statement presentations, including any significant changes in the Company's selection or application of accounting principles, and major issues as to the adequacy of the Company's internal controls and any special audit steps adopted in light of material control deficiencies, (c) the major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such

exposures, including the Company's risk assessment and risk management policies and (d) other material communications between the independent auditor and management, such as any management letter. In addition, the Committee shall regularly review with the independent auditors any difficulties the auditor encountered in the course of the audit work, including any restrictions on the scope of the independent auditors activities or on access to requested information, and any significant disagreements with management.

4. The Committee shall review with management the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures.
5. The Committee shall prepare the report required by the Securities and Exchange Commission to be included in the Company's annual proxy statement.

*Performance of the Internal Audit Function; Related Party Transactions*

1. The Committee shall review with management and the independent auditor the scope, planning and staffing of the proposed audit for the current year.
2. The Committee shall review with management and the independent auditor the quality, adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal controls and any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal controls, and shall elicit from management or the independent auditor any recommendations that they may have for the improvement of such internal control procedures.
3. The Committee shall establish procedures, as set forth in Annex A hereto, for (a) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, misuse or inappropriate use of corporate assets or auditing matters or potential violations of law and (b) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters or potential violations of law.
4. The Committee shall review and approve all transactions between the Company and parties who are related to the Company to the extent required under applicable laws and rules of Nasdaq.

The foregoing list of duties is not exhaustive, and the Committee may, in addition, perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate for the performance of its oversight function. The Committee shall have the power to delegate its authority and duties to subcommittees or individual members of the Committee as it deems appropriate. In discharging its oversight role, the Committee shall have full access to all Company books, records, facilities and personnel. The Committee may retain counsel, auditors or other advisors, in its sole discretion. The Company shall provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for the payment of any independent auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company and to any other advisors employed by the Committee. In addition, the Company shall provide appropriate funding for ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.

**Clarification of Audit Committee's Role**

The Committee's responsibility is one of oversight. It is the responsibility of the Company's management to prepare consolidated financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations and of the Company's independent auditor to audit those financial statements. Therefore, each member of the Committee shall be entitled to rely, to the fullest extent permitted by law, on the integrity of those persons and organizations within and outside the Company from whom he or she receives information, and the accuracy of the financial and other information provided to the Committee by such persons or organizations.

## Annex A

### Employee Complaint Procedures for Accounting and Auditing Matters

Any employee of the Company may submit a good faith complaint regarding accounting or auditing matters to the management of the Company without fear of dismissal or retaliation of any kind. The Company is committed to achieving compliance with all applicable securities laws and regulations, accounting standards, accounting controls and audit practices. The Company's Audit Committee will oversee treatment of employee concerns in this area.

In order to facilitate the reporting of employee complaints, the Company's Audit Committee has established the following procedures for (1) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters ("Accounting Matters") and (2) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

#### Receipt of Employee Complaints

- Employees with concerns regarding Accounting Matters may report their concerns to the Chief Financial Officer of the Company or to the Chair of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company.

- Employees may forward complaints on a confidential or anonymous basis by setting forth such concerns in writing and forwarding them in a sealed envelope to the Chair of the Audit Committee, Ark Restaurants Corp., 85 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10003, such envelope to be labeled with a legend such as: "To be opened by the Audit Committee only." If an employee would like to discuss any matter with the Audit Committee, the employee should indicate this on the submission and include a telephone number at which he or she might be contacted if the Audit Committee deems it appropriate

#### Scope of Matters Covered by These Procedures

These procedures relate to employee complaints relating to any questionable accounting or auditing matters, including, without limitation, the following:

- fraud or deliberate error in the preparation, evaluation, review or audit of any financial statement of the Company;
- fraud or deliberate error in the recording and maintaining of financial records of the Company;
- deficiencies in or noncompliance with the Company's internal accounting controls;
- misrepresentation or false statement to or by a senior officer or accountant regarding a matter contained in the financial records, financial reports or audit reports of the Company; or
- deviation from full and fair reporting of the Company's financial condition.

#### Treatment of Complaints

- Upon receipt of a complaint, the recipient will (i) determine whether the complaint actually pertains

to Accounting Matters and (ii) when possible, acknowledge receipt of the complaint to the sender.

- Complaints relating to Accounting Matters will be reviewed under Audit Committee direction, Internal Audit or such other persons as the Audit Committee determines to be appropriate.

Confidentiality will be maintained to the fullest extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate review.

- Prompt and appropriate corrective action will be taken when and as warranted in the judgment of the Audit Committee.

- The Company will not discharge, demote, suspend, threaten, harass or in any manner discriminate against any employee in the terms and conditions of employment based upon any lawful actions of such employee with respect to good faith reporting of complaints regarding Accounting Matters or otherwise as specified in Section 806 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

#### Reporting and Retention of Complaints and Investigations

- The Company will maintain a log of all complaints, tracking their receipt, investigation and resolution and shall prepare a periodic summary report thereof for the Audit Committee. Copies of complaints and such log will be maintained in accordance with the Company's document retention policy.