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QUESTION

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Painting Franchises in the Corpus

Searching the corpus for franchisors offering residential/commercial painting services (mostly filed under "Home Improvement & Remodeling," plus two under the dedicated "Painting & Surface Finishing" category) turns up 19 relevant brands: 360 Painting, Ace Hardware Painting Services, CertaPro Painters, Color World Housepainting/Color World Painting, Five Star Painting, GO Painting, Groovy Hues Peace Love Paint Powerwash, Klappenberger & Son, LIME Painting, PAINT CORPS, Painter Bros, Painter1, PaintEZ, Painting Masters, ProTect Painters, Richard's Painting, That 1 Painter, and WOW 1 DAY PAINTING [corpus filter_rank, n=19; brand-level Items 1/7/19/20]. (I excluded "painting" name-matches that are actually different businesses — PAINT Nail Bar, Painted Dough, Painting with a Twist, Mr. Paint and Puff, Rivali Paint Protection.)

Which painting brand reduces risk the most: Richard's Painting

Looking at multi-year Item 20 survival data plus litigation/bankruptcy history across the group [corpus outlet_trends & filter_rank, n=19]:

Brand	3-yr failure rate	3-yr closure rate	3-yr success rate	Litigation	Bankruptcy
Richard's Painting	4.1%	9.3%	81.8%	0 pending / 1 concluded	None
Five Star Painting	6.8%	12.9%	79.1%	2 pending / 2 concluded	Disclosed
LIME Painting	8.5%	20.5%	72.1%	None disclosed	None

CertaPro Painters	8.6%	16.2%	75.0%	0 pending / 2 concluded	None
Painter1	15.4%	33.7%	50.0%	None disclosed	None
PaintEZ	30.0%	34.7%	-100% (failures exceeded base)	None disclosed	None
Color World Painting	35.3%	112.6%	16.7%	None disclosed	None

Richard's Painting [\[Richard's Painting, 2026, Item 20\]](#) posts the lowest annual failure rate (4.1%), the lowest 3-year closure rate (9.3%), and the highest 3-year success rate (81.8%) of any painting brand with enough outlet history to compute the metric. It backs this up with a clean litigation file (zero pending suits, one concluded case, franchisor-initiated litigation count of zero) and no disclosed bankruptcy [\[Richard's Painting, 2026, Item 3\]](#). It also offers both direct and third-party franchisee financing and has one of the lowest entry investments in the category (\$60,150–\$117,500) [\[Richard's Painting, 2026, Item 7\]](#), which lowers capital-at-risk. Five Star Painting and CertaPro Painters are close runners-up on survival metrics, but Five Star has a disclosed bankruptcy history and open litigation, and CertaPro carries higher investment/fees — both add risk dimensions Richard's Painting avoids. LIME Painting has the cleanest litigation record (no disclosed suits at all) but a materially higher failure/closure rate.

Which painting brand offers the best value

Value depends on whether you weight raw revenue potential or entry cost — the corpus gives two credible answers:

- **CertaPro Painters — best documented revenue potential.** Its Item 19 financial performance representation reports average unit revenue of \$2,102,015 and median \$1,294,333, from the largest and most reliable sample in the group (291 of 299 units reporting) [\[CertaPro Painters, 2026 \[buy\], Item 19\]](#). Against an investment range of \$171,000–\$320,500 [\[CertaPro Painters, 2026 \[buy\], Item 7\]](#), that's roughly a 6.6x (average) to 4x (median) revenue-to-max-investment ratio — by far the strongest disclosed unit economics of any painting concept, and it also grants exclusive territories [\[CertaPro Painters, 2026 \[buy\], Item 12\]](#). The trade-off is a higher upfront cost than most peers.

- **Painter1 — best value at a lower entry price.** Investment is \$80,270–\$168,380 with a \$54,500 franchise fee [[Painter1, 2026](#), Item 7], and its Item 19 discloses average unit revenue of \$413,741 (median \$286,780) on a solid sample of 40 units [[Painter1, 2026](#), Item 19] — a ~2.5x (average) to 1.7x (median) revenue-to-max-investment ratio, achieved at roughly half CertaPro's entry cost.

If capital is the constraint, Painter1 is the better-value entry point; if maximizing disclosed revenue potential per dollar invested (with the most statistically robust FPR sample in the category) is the priority, CertaPro Painters wins on the numbers.

One caveat: ProTect Painters' FDD on file is from 2014, so its favorable-looking figures (low fee, decent survival) are over a decade old and weren't included in either recommendation above as current-market evidence [[ProTect Painters, 2014](#)].

SOURCES

1. [Richard's Painting — 2026 Franchise Disclosure Document](#)
2. [CertaPro Painters — 2026 Franchise Disclosure Document](#) · [buy the full FDD](#)
3. [Painter1 — 2026 Franchise Disclosure Document](#)
4. [ProTect Painters — 2014 Franchise Disclosure Document](#)

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