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Toronto Event marks countdown to International Competition

Calgary AB – Chef Vincent Parkinson, Chef de Mission for Bocuse d’Or Canada, today revealed the stellar line-up of participating chefs for the April 30 fundraising event to be held at Toronto’s Fairmont Royal York Hotel.

“We are indeed privileged and honoured that so many of Toronto’s finest chefs are showing their support for the 2009 Bocuse d’Or candidate by donating their time and considerable talent in support of our cause”, remarked Chef Parkinson. “An event that brings together chefs of this magnitude is a rare occasion indeed, and those in attendance are in for a truly memorable culinary experience.”

Among the chefs scheduled to appear – and prepare cuisine – for the evening, is celebrated Toronto chef Jamie Kennedy who holds the distinction of being Canada’s first Bocuse d’Or competitor in 1987. He says “Representing Canada at the Bocuse d’Or was the biggest honour bestowed upon me in my career. I felt pride and fear in equal measure. Although I did not bring home a prize, the opportunity to compete in that global arena was wonderfully rewarding in every way possible.”

In addition to Jamie Kennedy, Toronto chefs who are showing their support for Bocuse d’Or Canada include:

- Robert Bartley Executive Chef Four Seasons Toronto
- Morgan Wilson 2005 Canadian Candidate Bocuse d’Or
- David Garcelon Executive Chef The Royal York Hotel
- James Stewart The National Club
- Jonathon Gushue Executive Chef Langdon Hall Country House Hotel & Spa
- John Humphreys Corporate Chef Moxies Classic Grill
- Jason Thede Executive Chef The York Club
- Steve Wemyss Patisserie Monaco

This event marks the second of five scheduled national fund-raising events in support of the 2009 Canadian candidate – David Wong of Vancouver. Chef Wong will compete for Canada on the international stage in January or 2009, as the world’s best chefs vie for top honours at the prestigious culinary competition – the Bocuse d’Or – in Lyon, France.

Bocuse d’Or is the world’s leading culinary competition for individual chefs and has been held every two years in Lyon, France, since 1987. Bocuse d’Or Canada, endorsed by the Canadian Culinary Foundation, is the volunteer organization responsible for the selection, training and support of Canadian entrants. For more information, visit www.bocusedorcanada.ca

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