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An Executive Chef with 10+ years of experience creating innovative fusion cuisine for five-star restaurants, specializing in menu development, operations management, and leadership. A strong background in leading diverse teams of culinary and hospitality professionals to deliver a high-quality dining experience.

Key Skills

- Fusion Cuisine
- Menu Design
- Operations Management
- Food Preparation
- Vendor Management

Professional Experience

Executive Chef

Tokugawa Fusion, Philadelphia, PA | May 2016 – Present

- Serve as executive chef for a five-star restaurant providing Japanese-French fusion cuisine generating \$2M in annual revenue, manage a team of four sous chefs and 15 kitchen staff, and maintain collaborative work environments during high volume periods
- Oversee the full-scale redesign of the menu to better incorporate Japanese ingredients and techniques into traditional French Cuisine, which contributed to a \$200K increase in annual sales and generated a news article in the Philadelphia Inquirer
- Manage all aspects of back of the house operations, ensure compliance with quality standards, and coordinate vendor relationships for ingredients

Sous Chef

Four Seasons, Philadelphia, PA | May 2011 – May 2016

- Coordinated with the executive chef to manage kitchen operations, lead culinary teams, and created weekly specials for an upscale restaurant in a high-volume luxury hotel
- Managed the preparation, cooking, and presentation of dishes, analyzed \$60K in weekly inventory, and procured fresh ingredients from vendors

Education

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Culinary Arts

Walnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA September 2007 - May 2011

Certifications

- ServSafe Certification, 2011