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## **TEAM USA Wins The 2018 AMERICAS SELECTION**

**To LYON For The 2019 BOCUSE D'OR**

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Head Chef Matthew Kirkley and Commis Mimi Chen competed on Friday, April 13th and presented their Winning Interpretation of Chilean Salmon Roulade and Suckling Pig to the acclaimed Panel of judges.

Team USA made History in 2017 with a historic Gold Medal win from Chef Mathew Peters. In 2015, Chef Philip Tessier ascended the Podium for the first time at the 2015 Bocuse d'Or, winning the Silver Medal. After this Victory at the Americas Selection, Team USA will again compete for the Highest Honor at the World's Most Prestigious Culinary Competition in 2019. Head Chef Matthew Kirkley and Commis Mimi Chen, trained with Team USA President Chef Thomas Keller, Vice President Gavin Kaysen of Spoon and Stable in Minneapolis, MN, Head Coach Robert Sulatycky of IQ Kitchen, as well as assistant coaches Chef Eric Anderson of COI in San Francisco and Chef Claude Le-Tohic, most recently of Joël Robuchon in Las Vegas. Rounding out the Team are Assistants; Daniel Garcia, Jordan Guevara and Alice Kim.

Bocuse d'Or is one of the Most Demanding Cooking Competitions, and Every Two Years, 60 Countries select one of their best Chefs to represent their Nation. The 24 Countries that will continue onward to the Finals will cook in front of thousands of Cheering Fans hoping to bring Home the Gold. Team USA is recruited, trained and funded by the Ment'or BKB Foundation, a Leading Nonprofit Organization devoted to Inspiring Culinary Excellence in Young Professionals and preserving the Traditions and Quality of Cuisine in America. This year also marks Ment'or's 10th Anniversary and sadly, the passing of Chef Monsieur Paul Bocuse, the Man responsible for Breathing Life into the Foundation. His Firm Belief that Team USA belonged on the Global Culinary Stage led to the Founding of this Organization.

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