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Queensland Culinary Competition **Grand Final Set to Sizzle!**

Chefs at Echo Entertainment properties, Jupiters Hotel & Casino and Treasury Casino & Hotel, have been battling it out in the kitchen over the last few months, vying for a position in the Culinary Competition Grand Final.

In the ultimate Queensland cook-off, the winning team from each property will go head to head using an outdoor kitchen set-up on Jupiters Hotel & Casino's Pavilion Lawn this Thursday September 25.

The two teams of four Chefs will work against each other in a mystery box challenge with a secret ingredient unveiled on the day. The teams will have an hour to create and present an entrée dish and another hour to produce the main course, all using the mystery item.

The judging panel will include Executive Chefs Andrew Fraser from Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort & Spa and Oliver Cortez from Palazzo Versace, and Executive Sous Chef Barry Atkinson from RACV Royal Pines Resort.

Jupiters Hotel & Casino Executive Chef Dustin Osuch said it is shaping up to be a tight contest with both properties determined to be crowned the culinary champions.

"Expectations are high, but I have no doubt each team will rise to the challenge and deliver top class dishes," he said.

"The teams are led by a Sous Chef so it really is an invaluable experience for our Chefs climbing the ranks to have one-on-one interaction with them in such a high pressure situation."

Managing Director Queensland Geoff Hogg said the plan is to open the competition field up to the wider Gold Coast in 2015.

"There has been great buzz and excitement around the competition at both properties so we're looking at growing the concept into a real highlight on the local culinary calendar by expanding to include other Gold Coast hotel venues," he said.

"The competition is also a fantastic training and development opportunity for our future culinary leaders and the perfect platform to really to celebrate teamwork."

The Grand Final commences at 9am on Thursday September 25, with presentation of entrée and mains throughout the morning and the official presentation to the winning team at 12.30pm.

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