

## SAMAC Sponsors Compass UK and Ireland's Chef of the Year Competition

SAMAC the South African Macadamias Growers' Association is proud to sponsor the 2010 Compass Group UK and Ireland's 'Chef of the Year' competition. The final which has two categories, 'Junior Chef' (for entrants under 24 years old) and 'Senior Chef', will be held at the Restaurant Show taking place in Earl's Court on Tuesday the 12th of October.

Entrance is open to all Compass catering staff, with regional heats held across the country to find 8 finalists from each age category. Junior finalists will be asked to produce two plated portions of a three course menu they have devised, with one course incorporating macadamias. Senior entrants will have to serve two portions of a four course meal, including an Amuse Bouche, and also make use of macadamias in one of their courses.

The winning Junior and Senior Chefs of the Year will be rewarded with a once in a lifetime trip to White River, South Africa courtesy of SAMAC where they will visit macadamia farms and processing plants as well as taking in the sights and experiences of the Rainbow Nation. They will also have the privilege of joining Compass Group UK and Ireland's culinary team, who compete internationally, and be awarded a year's membership of the Craft Guild of Chefs.

Nick Vadis Executive Chef of Compass Group UK and Ireland who is on the judging panel comments:



*Terry Wright, Compass Chef of the Year 2009*

'The competition is a great way for Compass chefs to showcase their creativity and technical ability on the big stage. SAMAC's sponsorship is set to make this year's competition a cracker with an incredible trip to South Africa up for grabs and the chefs working innovatively with macadamias, a luxury ingredient which is incredibly versatile and can really transform dishes.'

Derek Donkin, CEO of SAMAC says:

'It's a pleasure to be sponsoring this year's competition. Compass group has a great ethos of developing culinary talent with some of the UK's most creative and skilled chefs progressing through its ranks. I'm looking forward to seeing the finalists produce something really special with macadamias as an ingredient.'