



CLAYTON MPOFU

EXECUTIVE CHEF

PROFILE INFO

Dynamic and innovative Executive Chef with over 12 years of culinary experience in fast-paced, high-volume kitchens. Expertise in menu development, food presentation, and team leadership, with a strong emphasis on sustainability and sourcing local ingredients. Recognized for fostering a collaborative kitchen environment that encourages creativity and excellence, resulting in award-winning dishes and consistently high customer satisfaction. Proven track record of managing kitchen operations, controlling food costs, and implementing efficient processes. Passionate about culinary arts and dedicated to exceeding guest expectations through exceptional dining experiences.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Victoria Falls Safari Lodge - Executive Chef Feb 2024 - date

VICTORIA FALLS
Safari Spa

VICTORIA FALLS
Safari Club

VICTORIA FALLS
SAFARI LODGE

THE BOMA
Canner & Drum Show

MAKUWA
RESTAURANT

Outlets

- Victoria Falls Safari lodge - 72 rooms & 2 restaurants
- Victoria falls Safari Club - 20 rooms , Fine dining
- Victoria Falls Safari Spa - Wellness food offering
- Queen Nandi Place - 250 pax conference facility
- The Boma - +300 pax African Traditional Gastronomy

Directing the food preparation and other relative activities ,constructing menus with new and existing culinary creations, being actively involved in hiring, managing ,educating and training kitchen staff for all the five outlets of the Resort Hotel.

Cresta Lodge Harare , Zim - Executive Chef Mar 2022 - 2024

CRESTA
Hotels
Where one smile
starts another

CRESTA
Lodge - Harare &
Sango Conference Centre

Cool Beans
Coffee, Smoothies & Snacks

Outlets

- Cresta Lodge - Chatters Restaurant , 172rooms
- Sango Conference Centre - +600pax conference facility
- Cool beans Cafe - Coffee shop , on the go menu .

Oversee kitchen operations and staff management.

Cresta Grande , Capetown , SA - Pre Opening Exec Chef
May 2022- Oct 2022

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CRESTA
GRANDE
CAPE TOWN

Seconded at Cresta Grande Capetown , 250 rooms as pre opening executive chef for 6 months to set up new hotel kitchen, recruitment of kitchen brigade and menu engineering



Cresta Sprayview , Vic falls - Head Chef

FEB 2019

FEB 2022



Outlets

- Cresta Sprayview - Terrace Restaurant , 65 rooms
- Conference Facility 120pax

Controlling and directing the food preparation and other relative activities ,constructing menus with new and existing culinary creations, being actively involved in hiring, managing, educating and training kitchen staff.

Cresta Lodge Harare , Zim - Sous Chef

OCT 2017

JAN 2019

Outlets

- Cresta Lodge - Chatters Restaurant , 172rooms
- Sango Conference Centre - +600pax conference facility
- Cool beans Cafe - Coffee shop , on the go menu .

Ensure optimum resource management and speed of service, train new and existing kitchen staff on the preparation, arrangement

The Victoria Falls Hotel - Zimbabwe Apprentice Chef | Senior Chef

SEPT 2014

OCT 2017



Outlets

- Jungle junction - buffet
- Terrace Restaurant - a la carte
- Livingstone Room - Fine dinning

Attend weekly training evaluation and present on findings /research, ensuring that all sections are clean, rotate all round stations within the kitchen structure to develop a consolidated understanding of food preparation and also coordinate daily tasks.

SKILLS

- Menu planning
- Plating techniques
- Computer skills

EDUCATION HISTORY

- Food & Beverage Cost Control certificate - 2021
- Class One journeyman card - 2017
- National certificate in professional Cookery -2015
- +5 Ordinary Levels -Zimsec -2010

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Zimbabwe National Chefs Competition 2016 - Young Chef Of the Year
- Zimbabwe National Salon Culinaire 2017 - Represented Zimbabwe in South Africa (Gold Medal)
- Nelson Mandela Culinary Challenge - South Africa (2017)- Appointed Junior
- Zim National Team Captain (Gold medal & Silver medal)
- South Africa Chefs Association InfoChef2019 - Appointed Zim National Team Senior Captain.
- Cresta Hotels Manager of the year (2018)

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