

Leonardo

Chef



Personal Information

Birthdate	1996
Zodiac sign	Capricorn
Nationality	– South Africa
Marital status, own children	Single, no children
Place of Birth	South Africa
Location	UAE, Dubai
Driving License	No
Have a car	No
Sports	– Outdoor activities
Areas of interests	– Healthy lifestyle
About myself	Internationally trained private chef with over 6 years of experience working with high-networth individuals and families across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Skilled in fine dining, luxury hospitality, and diverse international cuisines. Known for discretion, professionalism, and creating elevated culinary experiences in both home and travel settings.
Accommodation	– I am ready to live on the territory of the employer

Certificates

Other Certificates	<p>Silwood School of Cookery – South Africa Cordon Bleus Certificate – 2017 Cordon Bleus Diploma – 2018 Grande Diploma – 2019 American International School, Cape Town, South Africa Highfield Level 2 Award in Food Safety for Catering Level 3 Food Safety and Hygiene for Supervisors</p>
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Food Allergy Awareness Training
Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting

Working experience

June 2024 - December 2025

UAE, Dubai.

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UHNW Family

My role includes

Formal, fully staffed residence for a family of five. Provided daily plated menus, formal entertaining, and international cuisine with dietary preferences. Collaborated with house management and butlers to maintain seamless service.

Reason for leaving

Family moved

March 2023 - May 2024

UK, London.

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UHNW Family

My role includes

Travelling chef for a high-profile family of 5, across multiple residences and yachts. Managed solo cooking, menu planning, and sourcing. Supported by estate staff in formal and semi-formal settings.

Reason for leaving

Moved to another country

September 2022 - March 2023

South Africa.

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UHNW Families

My role includes

Worked across multiple properties for high-net-worth families. Focused on seasonal, wellness-oriented cuisine. Managed kitchen independently.

Reason for leaving

Offered better conditions

August - September 2022

Netherlands.

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UHNW Family

My role includes	Worked aboard the 68m private yacht while it was docked in shipyard due to political restrictions. Managed daily crew meals and provisioning under limited conditions. Gained experience in yacht galley setup and operations in a non-sailing environment.
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Reason for leaving	Temporary job
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December 2021 - March 2022

France.

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Peak Property Services

My role includes	Catered for luxury ski chalets with international guests. Offered tailored menus, wine pairing, and après-ski cuisine.
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Reason for leaving	Temporary job
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June - October 2021

Spain, Ibiza.

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UHNW Families

My role includes	Seasonal chef for a client's Mediterranean summer homes. Daily service, event catering, and special occasion menus in fully staffed villas.
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Reason for leaving	Temporary job
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October 2020 - February 2021

South Africa, Cape Town.

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Shortmarket Grill

My role includes	Assisted in reopening strategy and prepped for daily service.
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Reason for leaving	Restaurant closed due to Covid-19
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November 2019 - October 2020

South Africa, Cape Town.

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JAN Innovation Studio

My role includes Development chef working on R&D for Michelin-starred chef Jan Hendrik van der Westhuizen's brand.

Health

Smoker	No
Epileptic	No
Diabetic	No
Colour blind	No
Dyslexic	No
Vegetarian	No
Have you had a medical exam within the last 6 months?	Yes
Allergies	No

Additional information

Personal characteristics	Responsible, punctual, reliable, qualified, experienced
Key skills	Ability to adapt to all kind of situations quickly. Ability to work under pressure or stressful conditions. Ability to work using your own initiative, taking on extra responsibility. Excellent communication and people skills at all levels. High profile family experience. 24/7 full time working experience
Are you ready to take a polygraph if it's required by employer?	Yes
English	Native
French	B2-Upper-Intermediate
ID	31992

Excellent references available on request