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**STUDIO AT MONTAGE LAGUNA BEACH LAUNCHES
2017 ROBB REPORT'S CULINARY MASTERS EVENT**

Chef Craig Strong Hosts Internationally Acclaimed Chef Team on Monday, October 23

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif. (September 19, 2017) – Studio's executive chef Craig Strong will welcome a most impressive chef lineup into his kitchen to prepare an elegant one-of-a-kind six-course dinner for guests on Monday, October 23 as part of the annual Robb Report Culinary Masters benefitting the ment'or BKB Foundation.

Headlined by ment'or founders and culinary icons Daniel Boulud, Thomas Keller and Jérôme Bocuse, the gala dinner kicks off three days of fine dining and golf presented by the annual Robb Report Culinary Masters October 23 to 25. Among the chefs joining Chef Strong in Studio's kitchen will be Mathew Peters, the victor for Team USA at this year's Bocuse d'Or competition held in Lyon, France; Gavin Kaysen, a former James Beard Rising Star Chef and current chef/owner of Spoon and Stable in Minneapolis; William Bradley, four-time James Beard Award nominee and current director/executive chef of Addison in San Diego; and Paul Bartolotto, chef/owner of Bartolotto Restaurants.

The evening will begin with a welcome cocktail reception where Taittinger Champagne will pour some of its rarest vintages. For the prestigious dinner, each of the invited participating celeb chefs will collaborate with a ment'or or mentee to create one of the evening's courses. The Spire Collection, comprised of the most esteemed wineries from the Jackson Family portfolio, will select wines for pairing with each of these courses.

Last year's *Robb Report* and ment'or BKB Foundation Culinary Masters raised over \$100,000 in proceeds, which benefitted the selection and training of promising young American chefs who were part of the gold medalist Bocuse d'Or Team USA. Monies raised also provide educational grants and culinary internships.

The cost to attend the gala reception, dinner and auction is \$1,500 per person.

For reservations for this event and updates on chefs and programming, visit <http://culinary.robbreport.com/>.

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About ment'or

The ment'or BKB Foundation is a nonprofit that aims to educate and inspire excellence in young culinary professionals and also preserve the traditions and quality of cuisine in America. Ment'or is led by founders Chefs Daniel Boulud, Thomas Keller and Jérôme Bocuse, as well as an esteemed Culinary Council of over forty renowned chefs. Educational grants and internships are offered to culinary professionals through the Continuing Education Program. The Young Chef and Commis Competition series offer yet another opportunity for them to further their careers. Ment'or is also responsible for recruiting, training, and financially supporting the promising young American talents who represent Team USA in the prestigious biennial Bocuse d'Or competition, held in Lyon, France. For the first time in history, Team USA 2017 won the coveted Gold Medal at the Bocuse d'Or. Visit: www.mentorbkb.org.

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