



## JAMES KHOZA

I would like to put forward my name for election by the association's members. I vouch my commitment to the mandate thereof given by the Board or its members to be executed by me at any given time.

The beauty of becoming a chef lies in the essential need that humans have for food. We cannot live without it. As chefs, however, we have the ability to improve the quality, variety, research and presentation of food. My passion lies within this realm, providing a platform from which to explore and highlight the characteristics of ingredients through experience, experimentation and recipes.

Travelling the world has opened me up to a new way of thinking. Essentially, a more creative approach to thinking about the nature of food. What you can do to a simple product that turns it into a masterpiece. Being invited to prestigious meetings, shaking hands of state presidents is truly a highlight that I can be proud of. I look at everything that I have accomplished as an achievement without singling any one of them but focussing on the moments were you feel appreciated for the amount of work you have put in to making a success of a recipe

My other passion is Education. Over the past 8 years, I have continuously tried to improve on the sharing of resources by being involved in training within Southern Sun and, more specifically, at the Sandton Sun. To this end, I have also been awarded an assessorship certificate level two and was on the Theta board of education. Luckily, there is a strong focus on training at the hotel so we have learnership students and trainee chefs that work with us in the kitchen when assigned to the hotel. I have personally taken these students under my tutorage, and will continue to do so for years to come. It is my opinion that we have the greatest role to play with the chefs that are starting out. They are our legacy and have the potential to make a difference to our industry in a country that has so much to offer by way of unique ideas and skill.

I would like to thank the Board and the association members for the opportunity offered to me, to represent its interests.

Yours Sincerely  
James Khoza