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## Chef Eero Vottonen to develop Finnair Signature Menu

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Finnair announced November 1 a new partnership with Finnish Chef Eero Vottonen for its latest Signature Menu collaboration.

"The Signature Menu cooperation with Eero Vottonen will bring true Nordic elements to Finnair's long-haul business class customers flying out of Helsinki to all destinations as of January 11, 2017," said a release from Finnair.

Last year, Vottonen was selected as Finland's candidate for the *Bocuse d'Or* competition taking place in Lyon, France every second year. The *Bocuse d'Or* brings 24 chefs to compete on the international stage. During his career, Vottonen has worked in the top kitchens of Finland including restaurants such as Chez Dominique, Luomo, G.W. Sundmans and Olo.

"Eero has fast become one of the best chefs in Scandinavia and we are very excited to offer our long-haul business class passengers with his exceptional food," says Maarit Keränen, Head of In-Flight Service at Finnair. "With next year marking Finland's centennial anniversary, it's a great opportunity for us to collaborate with Finland's candidate for the *Bocuse d'Or* competition. We'd like to wish Eero all the best as he sets his sights on the final preparations for the prestigious event in January."

"Throughout the past few years, I've been fortunate enough to have the chance to work with many top chefs and I've learned a wide variety of ways and views on food through these experiences," said Vottonen, Finland's candidate for the 2017 *Bocuse d'Or* competition. "The philosophy I bring to cooking is actually quite simple, the flavor always comes first and I want to use quality ingredients that are sourced from nearby suppliers."