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EXPOGAST AND THE RAK PORCELAIN CULINARY WORLD CUP 2026: LUXEMBOURG IS ONCE AGAIN THE WORLD CAPITAL OF GASTRONOMY

From 21 to 25 November 2026, Luxembourg will host one of the world's largest gastronomic events. EXPOGAST and the RAK Porcelain Culinary World Cup 2026, organised by Luxexpo The Box and Vatel Luxembourg, will make their grand return for a 15th edition which promises to be a major highlight on the international gastronomic scene.

An international benchmark at the heart of Europe

Every four years, EXPOGAST and the Culinary World Cup bring together the entire gastronomy and hospitality sector to celebrate the culinary arts in all their forms. As a trade fair, a public event and a venue for world-class competitions, EXPOGAST stands out as a unique experience at the crossroads of cultures, trends and expertise. More than 200 exhibitors will present their products and innovations, making EXPOGAST a key event in the Greater Region and a strategic meeting place for international professionals, with exhibition spaces currently being marketed.

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The RAK Porcelain Culinary World Cup: a showcase of global excellence

At the heart of the event, one of the world's largest culinary championships, the RAK Porcelain Culinary World Cup 2026, embodies EXPOGAST's high standards and international reach. Supported by its new main sponsor, RAK Porcelain, this premier competition will bring together more than 85 teams from 74 countries and involve a total of 2,800 chefs taking part in the various events, competing to win the Culinary World Cup.

The competition schedule has now been finalised following the team draw. Each day, 11 kitchens will host the national and junior national teams, whilst 3 kitchens will be dedicated to *Gastronomic Catering* at lunchtime.

This setup will allow visitors to follow the performances of the most talented chefs from five continents up close, to observe their technical skill and creativity through the glass partitions, and to experience culinary excellence live.

The participating teams provide a high-profile platform for the country's talent and a unique opportunity for the public to support them. Luxembourg will be represented by a dedicated team in the *Gastronomic Catering* category, proudly flying the national flag.

An immersive and accessible dining experience

EXPOGAST and the RAK Porcelain Culinary World Cup offer an immersive experience at the heart of haute cuisine. The *Restaurant des Nations*, a true institution, will welcome over 750 guests every evening. Visitors will be able to sample the creations of the competing teams, enjoying a rare opportunity to come up close to the chefs and their world. Throughout the event, the kitchens will provide a live spectacle where precision, creativity and technical mastery unfold before the public's eyes.

A think tank for the future of the sector

Beyond competition and exhibition, EXPOGAST stands out as a forum for reflection and innovation on the major transformations taking place in the sector.

Among the topics covered:

- rethinking the customer experience and business models,
- supporting the transition towards a more sustainable gastronomy,
- promoting culinary heritage and expertise,
- enhancing the appeal of the sector and developing skills,
- highlighting the food of the future through emerging trends.

EXPOGAST has thus established itself as a genuine forum for exchange, at the crossroads of gastronomy, the hospitality industry and tourism.

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An exceptional collective effort

The success of EXPOGAST and the RAK Porcelain Culinary World Cup is the result of a remarkable collective effort. The event has brought together thousands of stakeholders – chefs, competitors, international judges, partners, volunteers and institutions – around a shared ambition, edition after edition since 1972.

As a long-standing partner and founding member, La Provençale will occupy an entire hall designed as a space for experiences and discoveries, showcasing products, innovations and expertise.

The HORESCA Federation and the Chamber of Commerce are renewing their support and will help to promote the key players, talent and professions within Luxembourg's HoReCa sector, as well as the training programmes associated with it.

The EHTL – École d'Hôtellerie et de Tourisme du Luxembourg – will mobilise its facilities, staff and 550 students, who are volunteering to help organise and run the event. Students from the Bouneweger Lycée (BLL) will also be part of this initiative, representing the next generation of the sector.

A few figures illustrate the scale of the event: over 20,000 dishes prepared, 150 international journalists in attendance and tens of thousands of visitors expected over five days.

An ambition shared by the entire sector

"EXPOGAST embodies a strong collective spirit. The event showcases talent, fosters dialogue and helps to raise the profile of an entire sector far beyond our borders. At Luxexpo The Box, we are proud to provide the setting in which this ambition can be fully realised," stresses Pascal Bertaux, Chief Sales Officer at Luxexpo The Box.

"This fifteenth edition will be a true celebration of gastronomy. It will bring together professionals, inspire young talent and actively contribute to the sector's momentum," adds Alain Hostert, Vice-President of Vatel Luxembourg.

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About Vatel Luxembourg

Vatel Luxembourg a.s.b.l. brings together culinary professionals and passionate advocates of the culinary arts in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. The association promotes and preserves culinary excellence while encouraging young talent to pursue careers in the hospitality and culinary professions. It notably organises the Culinary World Cup, held every four years in Luxembourg as part of EXPOGAST. Vatel Luxembourg also supports the national and junior culinary teams in international competitions. The association is a member of Worldchefs.

About RAK Porcelain

RAK Porcelain is a producer of professional tableware serving chefs and hospitality professionals across fine dining, casual dining, catering, healthcare, and institutional foodservice. Rooted in manufacturing expertise and developed for real service conditions, RAK's collections combine reliability, functionality, and design. Created for the pace and pressure of professional hospitality, RAK Porcelain supports chefs with tableware made to work in service and to carry food with clarity, balance, and character.

About Luxexpo The Box

Luxexpo The Box is Luxembourg's leading venue for events, trade fairs and conferences. Located at the heart of the Greater Region, it serves as a platform for exchange and innovation and actively contributes to raising Luxembourg's profile on the national and international stage. Its mission is to create meaningful, inspiring and responsible experiences which have a positive impact on society, the economy and the environment.

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