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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write this reference for Victor Ollendorff, who worked as a Chef de Partie at the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express from April 2025 to December 2025.

During his time with us, Victor consistently demonstrated exceptional culinary skill, professionalism, and a strong work ethic. He was responsible for managing his section efficiently, maintaining high standards of food quality and presentation, and ensuring smooth service during busy periods.

Victor is highly organised, dependable, and performs exceptionally well under pressure. He showed great attention to detail, a strong understanding of kitchen operations, and a genuine passion for food. He also worked extremely well as part of a team, communicating effectively with senior chefs and supporting colleagues whenever needed.

In addition to his technical ability, Victor brought a positive attitude to the kitchen and was always willing to go the extra mile. His reliability and commitment made him a valued and respected member of our brigade.

I have no hesitation in recommending Victor for a position in your establishment. I am confident he will be an asset to any kitchen he joins. Please feel free to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



Joseph Rizzo
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