## <u>Crispy Salmon With Roasted</u> Leeks and Fennel

## Ingredients

- 2 tsp. Olive oil
- 2-3 fennel bulbs sliced, including the fronds for garnish
- 3-4 large leeks thinly sliced
- Salt and pepper

- 4-6 salmon fillets
- 1 tbsp. fresh thyme leaves chopped
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Parsley for garnish



## Preparation

- 1. Preheat an oven to 400°.
- 2. Cut off the stems and fronds from the fennel bulbs.
- 3. Chop the fronds and keep some aside for garnish.
- 4.Cut each fennel bulb in half lengthwise and remove the tough core.
- 5. Cut the bulbs crosswise into thin slices.
- 6. Slice the leeks into thin pieces, including a small portion of the green parts.
- 7. Rinse to remove any sand or dirt.
- 8. Scatter the sliced leeks and the sliced fennel bulbs evenly in a baking dish.
- 9. Lightly season with salt, pepper, and the chopped thyme and drizzle with olive oil.
- 10. Toss to coat evenly and roast in the oven for about 15 minutes while you prepare the salmon.
- 11. Heat a cast-iron pan with oil at medium-high heat.
- 12. Season the salmon with salt and pepper and sear for 5 minutes on one side until a crispy layer has formed.
- 13. Place the salmon on top of the fennel and leeks and cook until opaque and the vegetables are browned and tender.
- 14. Squeeze the juice of one lemon over the fish and vegetables.
- 15. Garnish with the reserved fennel fronds and serve immediately.