



BIRKENSTOCK is a global lifestyle brand that stands for quality, function and all-round well-being. The historic roots of this long-standing family-run company can be traced back to the year 1774. Nowadays, the product portfolio comprises sandals and closed shoes, accessories, natural cosmetics as well as beds and sleep systems. With more than 4,300 employees, BIRKENSTOCK is the German shoe industry's largest employer. BIRKENSTOCK has 16 locations in Germany, with privately owned distribution companies in Europe, Asia and the USA.

For our division **Product Development** at our location in **Cologne** we are looking for a

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER IPO (M/F/D) (INNOVATION, PROFESSIONALS, ORTHOPEDICS)

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Be a pioneer of tomorrow's technical product solutions
- Manage new technical solutions all the way through ideation, planning, prototyping, 3D Construction, Mold Making, preproduction, and bulk ready process
- You focus especially on mold making and PU-related projects and tightly steer internal and external tooling making partners (own mold shop, external tooling engineering offices, external mold makers)
- Focus on the establishment of new (out of the box) constructions and components specialised in Professional Footwear, Orthopedic Products and Shoes
- Support the seasonal development team in PU-related projects by implementing new technologies and solutions for seasonal products (from concept to bulk)
- Manage component developments with material suppliers from testing the sample-material to production feasibility
- Hold and extend best knowledge about biomechanics, orthopedic needs, footwear functionality and production technologies
- Manage your projects and activate/manage all relevant and needed resources of the organization
- Your curiosity about products, technical developments and production methods on the market enriches the innovation team and opens up new possibilities to create new products

REQUIRED SKILLS, EXPERIENCE, BACKGROUND:

- You trained and/or studied in a technical field e.g. shoe/industrial manufacturing
- Min. 5 years of working experience in the shoe, orthopedic or professional industry (or related)
- Know-how of footwear manufacturing methods, construction and materials
- Basic knowledge about orthopedic and biomechanic principles
- Skills in data management software (e.g. SAP) and project management
- Fit in MS Office
- Fluent in English, German is an advantage
- Very good communication and networking skills
- Willingness to travel

WE OFFER:

BIRKENSTOCK offers you all the advantages of a successful, fast growing, global company: dynamic work environment, considerable design freedom, authentic and open corporate culture and excellent development opportunities. Sounds exciting? It is. We are looking forward to receiving your **online application**, stating your salary expectations via www.birkenstock-group.com/careers!

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