

Purchasing Business Partner (M/W/D)

Welcome to RIMOWA, the first German Maison of the LVMH Group. We are a global lifestyle brand with a mission to create the essential tools for a lifetime of travel. For more than 120 years, we've dedicated ourselves to develop unique products where function coexists with luxury, heritage with innovation, and craftsmanship with design.

At RIMOWA we believe that great ambitions demand resilient companions. It's why our tools are created with longevity in mind. Because the most meaningful journeys last more than a trip, they last a lifetime. Please join us to discover your own.

APPLICATION:

We would kindly ask you to send your complete application, including your salary expectations and the earliest commencement date.

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WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER:

Among the RIMOWA Purchasing team in Cologne, you define and deploy the sourcing strategies throughout the entire lifecycle of the products. As such, you work closely with Marketing, Development, Quality, Supply Chain and external suppliers to achieve the best Total Cost of Ownership performance. This role will be at the heart of our Purchasing Team and encompasses different responsibilities as sourcing buyer, project buyer and project leader. The exciting combination of responsibilities makes this role a great challenge for people looking for variety and autonomy.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

Your responsibilities as a sourcing buyer will encompass amongst others:

- Design global sourcing strategies in line with company policy and targets
- Develop relationships with current and potential suppliers
- Apply company's standard process in the integration of new suppliers
- Master the Design-to-Cost principle and process related cost structure
- Build an efficient running of the sourcing from sampling to serial delivery
- Negotiate best Minimum Order Quantity and Lead Time with suppliers
- Be aware of market trends, new technologies as to generate innovations

Your responsibilities as a project buyer will encompass amongst others:

- Liaise with the Development team and appropriate the scope
- Formalize technical brief and align with stake holders Create a process to identify and integrate suppliers in the early design phase
- Determine cost efficient solutions from design mock-up to industrialization
- Create a process to identify and integrate suppliers in the early design phase

- Build planning and action plan to secure smooth execution through the launch
- Track the cost and identify saving opportunities
- Actively participate in Project Reviews with clear status and action plans

Your responsibilities as a project leader will encompass amongst others:

- Liaise with Product Marketing and define product brief
- Understand the scope and collect internal needs
- Identify potential suppliers to be integrated in design phase
- Conduct market researches and run feasibility studies
- Design the project plan, from design brief to commercial launch
- Own and monitor the profitability by addressing the selling price and the manufacturing cost
- Prepare a sourcing recommendation and present it in Steering Committee
- Ensure smooth execution throughout the commercial launch

YOUR PROFILE:

- University degree in Purchasing management or textile Engineering or min 5 years with buyer responsibilities in industrial fields or min 3 years with textile/fabric sourcing and development in similar fields
- Relevant experience and knowledge of the fabric marketplaces
- Strong project management, including developing action plans, identifying deliverables and presenting results
- Good knowledge of PowerPoint and Microsoft Excel
- Enthusiastic negotiation skills and contract knowledge
- Proven knowledge of data management (Microsoft Office, Power BI)
- Fluent in German and English