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Design manager with 9+ years of global experience facilitating complex projects. Highly skilled at collaborating with key stakeholders, managing design processes, and acting as an owner.

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

**Store Development Design Manager** | West Elm (Williams-Sonoma Inc.)
SAN FRANCISCO | FEB 2018 - PRESENT

# Design ownership:

- Own the planning, development, and deployment of domestic and global retail store design, including new stores, remodels, and special projects.
- Averages 10 new stores per year, with multiple miscellaneous design projects throughout the existing fleet (~\$2.5M per store).
- Develop and communicate architecture and design guidelines.
- Oversee the entire fixture program, from initial concept ideation and prototype development through to final production. Prioritize brand standards while balancing aesthetic appeal and affordability.

# Partnership focus:

- Partner with senior executives and cross-functional team leads (e.g., real estate, construction, procurement, and operations) to set goals, roadmaps, and facilitate team resources.
- Cultivate a network of external vendors, including consultants, fabricators, and architects, to map out scopes of work and meet cost, schedule, and quality expectations for each project.

### Technical execution:

- Own and review deliverables such as shop drawings, test fits / capacity plans, fixture layouts, technical specifications, mock ups and samples.
- Support RFPs, vendor proposals, and site feasibility assessments.

## **Senior Project Manager** | Right Direction Apartments

SANTIAGO, CHILE | 2016 - 2017

- Managed the remodel of residential home projects end-to-end, overseeing timelines, budgets, and vendors.
- Outlined scope deliverables and ensured projects were completed on time and within budget.
- Increased market response by +50%.

#### **CORE SKILLS**

Project Management

Creative Design

Client Relations

Vender Relations

Communication

Planning, Sourcing

Research & Development

Presentations

Product Design

#### **TECHNOLOGIES**

Bluebeam Revu

Photoshop

Keynote, Pages

Microsoft Suite

### **LANGUAGES**

English (fluent)

Spanish (fluent)

# **Product Development Manager** | Town & Country Living

NEW YORK, NY | 2015 - 2016

- Managed the product development cycle for mass merchants accounts, including Costco and Wal-Mart, reporting directly to the EVP and CEO.
- Headed communications between domestic and international agency partners, ensuring efficiency in product development, design and QC.
- Developed innovative products and supported Sales and Sourcing teams for new business opportunities.

## **Product Development Designer** | J.Queen New York

NEW YORK, NY | 2013 - 2015

- Led the design and development of a new product line from ideation to execution, including conducting market research to identify target markets, overseeing product shoots, and developing package design.
- Prioritized and managed design requests through client approvals.

#### **EDUCATION**

### **B.S. Home Products Development**

Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY

# A.S. Fashion Merchandising Management

Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY

### **Design Studies**

University of Arts, Sciences and Communications UNIACC, Santiago, Chile