# Christopher M. Wehan

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### **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- A 12-year career spanning across the product lifecycle from research, ideation, development, line management, brand development, supply chain, sales, and warranty, has allowed me to develop the skills and cross-functional empathy needed to succeed and drive results in a fast-paced consumer-focused product brand.
- <u>Product & Brand Management Highlights</u> Venge ViAS Bicycles Family, Diverge Bicycle Family, Allez Sprint Bicycle Family, Roval Carbon Road Wheels
- <u>Supply Chain Highlights S-Works 7 & SW Exos Road Shoes Launches, Specialized Helmet line refresh with Angi and MIPs, Spring 2019 Apparel Launch, Partial Shoe line factory transition (China to Vietnam)</u>

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Specialized Bicycle Components, Morgan Hill, CA. May 2011 to Present

Supply Chain Manager & Procurement, Global Equipment; May 2017 - Present

- Managing a team of eight globally dispersed supply chain professionals; with a collective responsibility for delivering products, from over 30 vendors across seven countries resulting in revenues of roughly +\$300 million.
  - Lead the reorganization of the Equipment supply chain team to create role clarity and ownership while driving accountability for on-time production.
  - Solely managing the supply chain for apparel, shoes, and helmets.
  - Currently leading the onboarding of a new shoe factory in Vietnam, to diversify the SBC supplier base and reduce the risk of China production.
- Develop an NPI product timeline, for Specialized EQ development teams, with cross-functional stakeholders, focusing on lifecycle management, on-time production, and release to retail milestones.
- Contributing member of a cross-functional team of product management, merchandising, and global marketing reviewing the upcoming product line and NPI timelines.

### Global Supply Planner, Bikes; September 2016 – May 2017

- Collaborated with the Dir. Global Planning to establish the function and initial goals of supply planning at Specialized.
  - Led global supply planning for 22 subsidiaries and distributors, accounting for more than \$700 million in revenue.
  - Developed and implemented a system and procedures for allocations of capacity constrained products and limited edition launches, while documenting significant successes and failures for continuous improvements.
  - Implemented a communication plan for supply planning and global demand planning to share and collaborate on product information.
- Built and guided the executive team through the monthly bike inventory SOP slides, focusing on potential NIL inventory issues and product transfer opportunities to reduce global lost sales.
- Partnered with bike product managers and merchandising to facilitate product transitions strategies and maximize NPI launches.

### Senior Road Product Manager, High-Performance Road; November 2014 – September 2016

- Collaborated with the Director of Road, to execute a strategic business vision for Specialized road business; \$250million in revenue.
  - The focus was on improving revenue & gross margin through new product introductions, creating an improved product lifecycle management process and shortening the new product development timelines.
  - Collaborated with global sales leads and merchandising teams to ensure a well-rounded vision for all road product categories and launch strategies.
- Product management lead for Specialized Road Bikes and Roval Wheels; managing a cross-functional team of engineers, graphics designers, industrial designers, and product developers too; ideate, develop, and launch new products.
  - o 2016 Major product launches included the Venge Vias platform, Allez Sprint, and Roval CLX 60 wheels.
- Managed a team of three product managers, working across all categories of the road product business.
  - Primary goals were to mentor and develop product management talent, drive accountability and ownership of decision making, and create a collaborative and transparent team structure.

Road Product Manager, Performance Road, and Core Bicycles; May 2011- November 2014

- Led the strategic vision, development, line planning, and introduction of two new product families in three years and the transition out of two families of products.
  - The Diverge Family of bikes and the Gravel / Open Road category, which has grown to the third largest revenue contributor to Specialized Road business.
  - Roval Carbon Road wheels, which has grown revenue double digits, for six years and has grown to the fourth largest equipment business.
- Managed the go to market for the re-launch of Roval Road Wheels; with the goals of developing short term activations and a long-term strategy around establishing a premium market position, and a robust product roadmap.
- Lead product presentations to global media, domestic dealers, and international dealers at 6 − 10 events a year.
- Responsible for rider research, product brief creation, and tracking market sales KPIs and reporting back during global product reviews.

### LOOK Cycle USA, San Jose, CA. February 2007- May 2011

Marketing and Product Manager, USA Product; April 2010 – May 2011

- Managed the USA marketing strategy, including media buys, trade show buildouts, and technical product reviews.
  - Partnered with LOOK International product development and management teams on creating educational information for the USA based outside sales representatives and media.
- Collaborated with the national sales director and operations manager on the development of sales programs, revenue and margin targets, USA product line, and product launch schedule.
- Developed a USA specific custom bike assembly and sales program, to drive an increase in high-end bicycle frame sales and dealer presentation of complete bicycles.

### Inside Sales and Warranty Rep; February 2007 – April 2010

- Inside sales rep managing inbound and outbound sales calls with a focus on monthly sales goals.
- The focal point for inbound and outbound warranty and customer service calls from retail partners and end consumers.
  - Managed monthly warranty reporting to LOOK International, focused on warranty cost reimbursement and product failure analysis.
- Developed and implemented a demo & field test program, resulting in 22 events across the western United States.

### **EDUCATION**

University of California, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA. June 2006

Bachelor of Arts in Politics

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

University of California Santa Cruz Extension, Santa Clara, CA. January – September 2010

Finance & Accounting

Cabrillo Community College, Santa Cruz, CA. January – July 2010

**Business & Law** 

Scotwork, November 2017

Advancing Negotiation Skills 1

### **PROFICIENCIES & Visas**

Microsoft Office Suite, Oracle Agile, Oracle / Discoverer, MS SQL, Netsuite, Confluence / JIRA, China 10 Year & Vietnam 1 year VISAS

### **ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS & FAVORITE ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS**

Ultra-Marathon Running, Running, Road, and Mountain Biking, Fly Fishing, Constant work on my custom-built Sprinter campervan

Ironman World Championships 2011, Rio Del Lago & DTRE 100 Milers 2014, Sean O'Brien 100k 2017, Walnut Creek Halfmarathon 2014, California International Marathon 2016 PR 2:35