



# Fernando Araujo

Global R&D Leader - Footwear at Honeywell

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## Languages

English (Native)

French (Basic)

Portuguese (Native)

Spanish (Work Proficiency)

## About

Experienced Product Development Project Manager with a demonstrated history of working in the footwear and fashion industry. Strong program and project management professional skilled in Trend Analysis, Negotiation, Luxury Goods, Technical Design, and Retail. A Lean Six Sigma Black Belt.

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## Experience



### ● Global R&D Leader - Footwear

Honeywell | Dec 2020 - Jun 2024

As Global R&D Leader at Honeywell, I spearheaded research and development initiatives, driving innovation and fostering collaboration across international teams to deliver cutting-edge solutions in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Led the global design team, overseeing all aspects of design projects and ensuring alignment with company goals and brand standards on a worldwide scale. Chosen as a mentor for young engineers at Brno facility in 2023. Spearheaded the latest development initiatives within the organization, driving innovation and staying abreast of industry trends to maintain a competitive edge. Managed the development of molds for manufacturing processes, optimizing design for efficiency and cost-effectiveness while maintaining quality standards. Directed the development and management of components, coordinating with cross-functional teams to ensure seamless integration and adherence to project timelines. Successfully met and exceeded costing objectives by implementing strategic cost saving measures without compromising quality or project deliverables. Oversaw the creation and maintenance of all technical documentation, ensuring accuracy, completeness, and compliance with industry regulations and standards. Also created a new documentation format for storage in teams in 2023. Worked towards Value Engineering (VE) and Cost Engineering (CE) target objectives by identifying opportunities for cost reduction and value enhancement throughout the design and development process. Increased the footwear lab testing facility by 25% spanning a two year period.



### ● Senior Process Manager

SHOEfabrik | Nov 2019 - Oct 2020

### ● VP - Co-founder

GFC | Aug 2018 - Nov 2019

Translating footwear needs in North America and Europe into product. We manufacture in Portugal, India, and Vietnam.



- **Product Development Project Manager**

KEEN | Jun 2017 - Jul 2018

- **EMEA R&D Leader - Footwear**

Honeywell Safety | May 2014 - Mar 2017

- **Head of Global Production & Sourcing**

Direct Sourcing - TW | May 2013 - Apr 2014



- **Technical Development Leader - Footwear & Components**

Joe Fresh | Mar 2010 - Apr 2013

- **VP Sales & Development**

Wet Blue Inc. | May 1995 - Dec 2010

## Education & Training

2018 - 2018

- **Acuity Institute**

Lean Six Sigma Black Belt,

2005 - 2021

- **University of Waterloo - St. Jerome's University**

Psychology,

- **Ryerson University**

Hospitality & Tourism Management,