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The \$5.5k Altwork Station

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## Prithvi Kumar Joins BDI as Product Development Manager

Engineering design and operations management professional Prithvi Kumar has joined BDI furniture as Product Development Manager. He will be responsible for overseeing new product design and development including pricing, purchasing, product testing and designing for quality control. Kumar has more than 10 years of experience in new product design and development, continuous improvement and quality assurance in the furniture and contract manufacturing industries.



“Prithvi is a production management and quality assurance professional with a real passion for problem solving, process improvements and product design,” said Bill Becker, BDI’s Design Director and CEO. “His extensive background in furniture and other product manufacturing will strengthen BDI’s product development program from initial concept, to design, to testing, through production.”

Previously, Kumar served as Manager, Continuous Improvement and Quality Assurance for a manufacturer of contract office, healthcare, medical furniture and airline transportation interiors where he was responsible for improving production efficiency, managing quality assurance throughout the manufacturing process and maintaining compliance to ISO 9001 and ISO 13485 Quality Management Systems. He has also served as a Product or Manufacturing Engineer for a variety of furniture manufacturers.

“I’m excited to work at BDI because I really love the design aesthetic of BDI’s furniture, and I want to be part of the team that gets those designs developed, out to the market, and into customer’s hands,” said Kumar. “I’m also eager to introduce standardized systems and process disciplines to the new product development effort at BDI.”

Kumar received a Bachelor of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering from Visvesvaraya Technological University in Bangalore, India and has a Master’s degree in Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. His professional certifications include Advanced Lean Practitioner and ISO 9001 Lead Auditor of Quality Management Systems.

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## Sam Oboh joins Kasian’s Edmonton office as Principal

Kasian has added architect Samuel Óghale Oboh as principal in its Edmonton office.



Having successfully designed and managed projects and initiatives in private and public sectors in Canada and abroad, Oboh is motivated by an enduring commitment to excellence, innovation and stewardship. Educated in Nigeria, he holds a bachelor’s of science degree in architecture from Bendel State University (now Ambrose Alli University) and a master’s of science in architecture from Ahmadu Bello

Oboh University. He also is an alumnus of the University of Alberta, where he graduated with a master of arts, focusing on architectural communications.

With a career spanning over 24 years, Oboh has been a strong advocate for integrating architectural practice with research and academia. He’s served as an adjunct lecturer at various universities in South Africa and Canada. Since 2010, Oboh had worked with Public Services and Procurement Canada