



### **„BENTELER is like one big family“**

Salzburg, Shanghai, Düsseldorf – these are the stops of our trainee Katharina Gulde. The native of Paderborn tells in an interview what makes out International Trainee Program so special and how she copes with the frequent relocations.

#### **Katharina, why did you opt for the International Trainee Program at BENTELER?**

During my university studies I spent two terms abroad. I therefore looked specifically for an international program for my start in the professional world. And I believe that the BENTELER International Trainee Program is one of the best programs in Germany.

#### **What was the highlight of your trainee program so far?**

Apart from the many valuable contacts all over the world, the interesting factory tours and the product reference are certainly among the highlights. I was also invited to attend important meetings from the very beginning and to develop an extensive network of colleagues. At the same time I was able to discover the world.

#### **Regarding networks: Our trainees come from all over the world. Do you get to share ideas?**

Yes, we trainees keep in contact via chats. This makes it easy to clarify questions and build new friendships.

#### **Our trainees are supported by the HR department. What was the support like?**

BENTELER is like one big family – we support each other. Axelle, the trainee program coordinator, is always available for us trainees and supports us with ideas. That’s a big help.

#### **And what was the experience of working with your local colleagues like?**

I always felt very much at home during my stays abroad. My colleagues in Austria and China made it easy for me to feel at ease right from the very beginning. If there were any questions or problems, we quickly found solutions together.

**China, Austria – Being abroad always involves having to move. Isn't that a problem at some point?**

No, of course not. During my studies in Germany, Slovenia and Australia I am used to relocating a lot. I really enjoy exploring new places and after just a few days I feel at home. I also share my impressions regularly with my loved ones via social media. This way they can also accompany me even across long distances.

**Thanks for talking to us.**

**About Katharina:** Katharina Gulde is a trainee in the Finance & Controlling department and has been part of the BENTELER family since July 2017. Her trainee program led her from Paderborn via Salzburg to Shanghai. In her spare time she enjoys sports, such as jogging or skiing.

