

Iceland bucks industry trend with store management recruitment drive

The Iceland Group is actively recruiting new store managers and area managers for both Iceland and The Food Warehouse, in locations across the UK, and expects to fill up to 100 of these senior positions during the next six months.

There are currently opportunities for more than 40 Iceland store managers, in areas including London, Essex, Hertfordshire, Hampshire, Birmingham, Warwickshire, Manchester, Cumbria, Dundee, Aberdeenshire and Belfast. Annual salaries start from £28,000 (£32,000 in London) and can rise to around £40,000 p.a.

There are also many opportunities within the fast-expanding The Food Warehouse business, with current vacancies for store managers in Luton, Bristol, Barnstaple and Manchester, and for area managers in the South West, North East, Lancashire, Wirral, Yorkshire and Scotland.

Ewan McMahon, Iceland Group operations director, said: "At a time when so many other food retailers are restructuring and downsizing their store management teams, we want people to know that we have some great opportunities for career progression at Iceland. We're a privately-owned, family business with a unique, friendly culture, a great track record as one of the Best Big Companies to Work For in the UK, a proven determination to do the right thing for our customers and the environment, and a clear focus on long term growth.

"As a fairly recent recruit myself, having joined the Iceland team in 2016, I can confirm from personal experience that Iceland is a thoroughly welcoming organisation. We offer great prospects for capable and motivated people, and I urge anyone who is uncertain about their future or simply looking to move on to the next stage of their career to take a look at what we have to offer.

"Assessment sessions are already organised for various locations across the UK including Dundee, Sunderland, Manchester, Birmingham and London, with many more to be confirmed. There will certainly be an assessment day within a commutable distance for all suitable candidates. We recommend that applications are submitted as soon as possible to ensure opportunities are not missed."

All jobs on offer at Iceland and The Food Warehouse can be found at http://jobs.iceland.co.uk/

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About Iceland Foods

Iceland is recognised as the leader in frozen food with over 900 stores in the UK. The company prides itself on being a convenient and friendly place to do the family's weekly shop, as well

as to meet everyone's daily top-up shopping needs for fresh, chilled and frozen food and groceries.

Since 1970 Iceland has been proudly demonstrating to shoppers just how the Power of Frozen can deliver an extensive choice of high quality, great-tasting food from fine sources around the world at great value prices. With the Power of Frozen at its heart, Iceland naturally generates low levels of food waste. In the 1980s the company led the way in removing artificial colours, flavours and non-essential preservatives from its own label products, while in the 1990s it became the first national food retailer to remove GM ingredients from its own brand range. In January 2018 Iceland became the first UK retailer to announce that it aimed to eliminate plastic packaging of its own brand products by the end of 2023.

Iceland has won multiple awards for the quality of its products and services, including being named Online Supermarket of the Year by both The Grocer and IGD in 2017. It has ranked as one of the UK's Best Big Companies to Work For in each of the last 11 years, and was number one in both 2012 and 2014.