

Discover kyBoot, the unique Swiss air-cushion shoe and the wide range of benefits that can be achieved with our high-quality products.



**Karl Müller**Inventor of kyBoot, the Swiss air-cushion shoe

#### > ABOUT KARL MÜLLER

## The man who started it all.



Karl Müller moves to South Korea and successfully founds 12 companies in the following years.

Ten years later, he sells all of his companies and returns to Lake Constance in Switzerland.

1979

Karl Müller continues investigating how to recreate the comfort of standing in paddy fields even more accurately. He develops the soft, springy sole, which he wants to use in the next generation of MBT shoes. However, his minority shareholding partners want to continue with the round sole model, so he parts ways with MBT on good terms in 2006.

2006

The model Karl developed becomes the new kyBoot brand. He founds kybun AG with Markus Bartholet in 2007 and begins developing the kyBoot shoe and other complementary products.

The kyBoot shoe is a part of the kybun movement concept, which also includes the soft, springy kyBounder mat and the soft kyTrainer treadmill.

2007

#### 1952

Karl Müller is born in a small village in Roggwil, Thurgau, Switzerland.

Karl Müller graduates from the mechanical engineering program at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich.

#### 1997

Müller introduces the MBT shoe to the market, revolutionising the shoe industry with the «rocker bottom sole». The rocker bottom shoe proves to have therapeutic effects and is currently being copied by over 100 shoe manufacturers worldwide.





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> SWISS QUALITY

## Swiss made

Switzerland is not just the home of chocolate, cheese, clocks, pocket knives, mountains and snow. It is also the home of the kyBoot Swiss air-cushion shoe, which is unlike any other shoe in the world!





Sonntagszeitung Switzerland, 6 April 2008



Müller, who studied engineering at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, revolutionises the physiological footware market, as well as the aesthetics of footware, with his Massai Barefoot Technology. He further develops the MBT, which leads to the creation of the kyBoot Swiss air-cushion shoe.

The high-tech process of manufacturing the kyBoot, developed by Karl Müller, reflects Switzerland's reputation for masterful precision and quality.

#### > TOP-BRAND

### Best of the best



#### **Swissness**

This distinction is awarded to the most outstanding brands, including Omega watches, Swatch watches, Swiss Air and Victorinox Swiss Army knives.



### Swissness: kyBoot is a major Swiss achievement in design



#### kybun kyBoot

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#### > ATTENTION TO DETAIL

# Our own production facilities in Switzerland and northern Italy





We manufacture our products in Sennwald, Switzerland and in Montebelluna near Venice, Italy.



#### > HANDCRAFTING AND HIGH-TECH PRODUCTION

# Top Swiss quality

We manufacture the kyBoot Swiss air-cushion shoe and its soft, elastic sole largely by hand, using a process that includes up to 40 different steps.

100%

The high-tech kyBoot production factory developed by Karl Müller – who invented the MBT shoe and has sold millions of units to date – reflects the spirit of innovation and emphasis on precision and quality for which Switzerland is renowned.















swiss technology 🛨

#### > WORN ALL OVER THE WORLD

# Celebrities seen wearing the kyBoot

For those who virtually have everything: less stress, better health

- **Ueli Maurer** Swiss Federal Council (President of the Confederation in 2013)
- **2 Pope Francis** received a pair of kyBoot shoes as a gift from Karl Müller
- **Elena Krygina** prominent make-up Artist in Russia
- **Simon Chang** one of the most successful designers in Canada
- **Yulianna Karaulova** Russian singer
- **Tunku Imran Tuanku Ja'afar** prince of Malaysia
- Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayid Al Nahyan, Al-Ain President of the United Arab Emirates
- **Sheikh of Dubai** Left: The crown prince of Dubai

















#### > MEDIA REPORTS

Skechers and other brands are built on the foundations laid by the inventor of the MBT and kybun

Although the idea has been copied many times, nothing matches the original kyBoot. The Swiss air-cushion shoe, kyBoot, provides an unrivalled sense of wellbeing for your whole body.





«Unlike the Nike Free. the effect is not just on the foot but on the whole body.»





«In this sector, copying between companies knows no limits»





#### Description of Skechers

Skechers is an American shoe company headquartered in Manhattan Beach, California, founded by CEO Robert Greenberg and his son Michael in 1992 right after Robert left LA Gear, which he had founded in 1983. Michael was a distributor for Doc Martens. Importing knock-off Doc Martens boots ended in a legal battle between Skechers and Doc Martins. Skechers' early products were utility-style boots and skate shoes; the company has since diversified to include thousands of athletic, casual and dress styles for men, women and children.

Skechers makes an effort to maintain a trendy and stylish brand image by using celebrity-driven advertising, and has promoted its product with singers Brandy, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, The Black Eyed Peas, Ashlee Simpson, Carrie Underwood and David Cook; actors Robert Downey Jr., Rob Lowe and Matt Dillon; athletes Joe Montana, Karl Malone, Rick Fox and Wayne Gretzky; and TV personalities Kim Kardashian, Kris Jenner and Brooke Burke.

Skechers' brands include Skechers Sport, Skechers USA, Active, Cali, Shape-ups, Tone-ups, Skechers Resistance, Skechers Work and Skechers Kids. Branded separately, the company's fashion and street lines include Unltd. by Marc Ecko, Zoo York and Mark Nason.

Many Skechers shoe designs are copies of other shoe designs with very good marketing. Many Skechers designs look almost like other designers products, one notable example being the Shape

In 2012, Skechers agreed to settle a class action lawsuit for \$40 million based on an FTC complaint that it had misled customers with its Shape-Ups ads.

Number of employees: 1000 - 4999 Industry: Clothing/Textiles Website: http://www.skechers.com/

«Many Skechers shoe designs are copies of other shoe designs with very good marketing. Many Skechers designs look almost like other designers products, one notable example being the Shape Ups line, a copy of Karl Müller's MBT shoe design.»

#### > HOLISTIC MOVEMENT CONCEPT - KYBUN MECHANOTHERAPY

# First choice of medical professionals

The following painful symptoms can be addressed with kybun therapy:

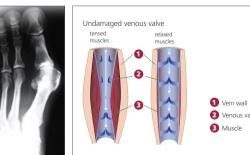
- Back pain
- Osteoarthritis of the knee/hip
- Vein problems
- Plantar fasciitis/heel spurs
- Chronic Achilles tendon inflammation
- Bunions deformity of the big toe



Too much time sitting down is a major cause of health problems today, as is walking on hard, flat everyday surfaces, which damages the joints and the back.



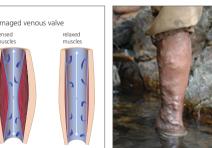














«We are able to reduce our patients' pain medication thanks to the kyBoot shoes. As a result, the shoes play a key role in the therapy process.»

Dr med. Markus Müller, consultant for orthopaedic surgery certified by the Swiss Medical Association, Switzerland



«Wearing the shoe does not require any social attentiveness, however, it's fun to walk consciously in them.»

Dr. Günter Niessen, specialist for orthopedic and trauma surgery and physical therapist, Switzerland



«The shoe suited my foot shape and needs from the very start, and I have been able to wear shoes without insoles for the first time in many years.»

Dr Andreas Gösele-Koppenburg, head of the Swiss Olympic Medical Center, Medical Director of Crossklinik Basel, Switzerland



#### > ADVANTAGES AND IMPACT

# A life of pain-free walking?

You will be thrilled with the kyBoot from the very first step. The kyBoot shoe is relaxing, helps you to get fit and protects your joints.

The airy honeycomb structure of the kyBoot creates an air cushion between your foot and the ground. Every step pumps a fifth of the air volume into the foot space to create a comfortable shoe climate.

The «walk-on-air» sole enables your foot to feel every detail of the floor. The soles of your feet will be gently stimulated with every step. The soft, springy air cushion provides optimum cushioning and your feet are strengthened.





