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2.1% Growth in Advertised Job Vacancies: IT, Engineering and Social Security lead

Zurich, 26 April 2017. According to the Michael Page Swiss Job Index, advertised jobs grew in three key job categories IT (+8.6%), engineering (+7.6%) and social security (+6.8%) between March and April 2017. On a year-on-year basis, advertised jobs in social security showed the highest growth rate (+37.6%), slightly ahead of that for engineers (+32.8%).

Top Job Advertised Job Categories

Winning Job Categories	Monthly Growth (March – April 2017)	Year-on-Year Growth (April 2016 – April 2017)
1. IT Specialists	+8.6%	+25.7%
2. Engineers	+7.6%	+32.8%
3. Social Security specialists	+6.8%	+37.6%
4. Accountants and financial controllers	+4.9%	+3.3%
5. Project Managers	+4.6%	+5.0%

Throughout Switzerland advertised jobs grew by +2.1% between March and April 2017. This continues the unbroken positive growth trend in advertised job vacancies since January 2017. The year-to-date growth stands at +9.8% (January – April 2017) and the year-on-year growth rate (April 2016 – April 2017) in advertised jobs reached 30.9%.

All regions recorded positive growth in advertised job vacancies. The German speaking region, which accounted for 9 out of 10 advertised jobs, recorded the highest monthly growth (+2.1%) ahead of the Swiss Romande (+1.5%).

“We’re seeing consistent growth around specialist technical fields, operations and risk management in both permanent and project management roles. Top candidates in these areas can expect to receive multiple offers”, said Nicolai Mikkelsen, Director, Michael Page.

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Michael Page Swiss Job Index

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