

# Press Release

## Record Year-on-Year Growth for the IT Sector: +55.0%

**Zurich, Wednesday, 31 January 2018.** According to the Michael Page Swiss Job Index, the number of advertised jobs remained high in January with a +0.6% monthly growth and year-on-year growth of +26.4% (January 2017 – January 2018). The IT sector led the growth in advertised jobs.

Winning Job Categories	Monthly Growth (Dec 2017 – Jan 2018)	Year-on-Year Growth (Jan 2017 – Jan 2018)
1. IT Specialists	+7.5%	+55.0%
2. Insurance Specialists (especially non-life)	+6.4%	+7.9%
3. Engineers	+5.9%	+42.0%

Within the IT category, demand for IT security specialists almost doubled between January 2017 and January 2018. Monthly growth (December 2017 – January 2018) was especially strong for in advertised jobs was especially strong for systems specialists.

Winning IT Jobs Categories	Monthly Growth (Dec 2017 – Jan 2018)	Year-on-Year Growth (Jan 2017 – Jan 2018)
1. Software Specialists	+9.9%	+58.1%
2. Programmers	+9.2%	+56.8%
3. SAP Specialists	+8.4%	+20.2%
4. IT Security Specialists	+7.3%	+96.4%
5. Information Support Specialists	+6.1%	+58.3%

*“The demand exceeds supply for specialists – especially in IT and engineering. Candidates with specific industry knowledge, such as in banking, insurance, healthcare and the industrial sector, can expect to receive multiple offers providing they have a successful track record”,* said Nicolai Mikkelsen, Director, Michael Page.

The Mid region (BE, FR, JU, NE, SO) recorded the greatest growth with +7.4% and +48.6% monthly and year-on-year respectively.

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Mid (BE, FR, JU, NE, SO)	+7.4%	+48.6%
Lake Geneva (GE, VD, VS)	-2.3%	+21.0%
Zurich (ZH)	-3.0%	+13.9%
Central (LU, NW, OW, SZ, UR, ZG)	-1.1%	+14.8%
East (AI, AR, GL, GR, SG, SH, TG)	-0.9%	+24.8%
North (AG, BL, BS)	-0.2%	+31.1%

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## Michael Page Swiss Job Index

The Michael Page Swiss Job Index measures the number of advertised vacancies on company sites throughout Switzerland. Introduced in January 2012, the Swiss Job Index provides a unique, comprehensive overview of the Swiss labour market and the most important monthly trends.

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