

# Press Release

## IT Dominates Advertised Job Vacancies: +43.7% Year to Date Growth

Zurich, Wednesday, 29 November 2017. According to the Michael Page Swiss Job Index, IT showed the highest rate of growth in advertised jobs of any sector. Year-to-date (January – November 2017) growth in advertised IT jobs was +43.7% and +3.0% (October – November 2017). The IT sector also accounted for the top 3 job categories showing the highest monthly growth (October-November 2017).

Winning Job Categories	Monthly Growth (October - November 2017)	Year-to-Date Growth (January - October 2017)
1. IT: SAP & ERP Specialists	+5.9%	+12.2%
2. IT: Software Testers/Specialists	+5.1%	+44.6%
3. IT: Programmers	+5.1%	+42.9%
4. Engineers	+3.4%	+34.1%
5. Project Managers	+2.6%	+24.2%

*"We're seeing strong demand for professionals with IT as well as banking knowledge and experience – especially those providing the link between the developers and the business",* said Charles Franier, Executive Director, Michael Page.

Across Switzerland advertised job vacancies grew by +0.5% between October and November 2017. Year-to-date growth was 24.9%. The German speaking region and the Swiss Romande both grew by +0.5% with year-to-date growth of +25.3% and +23.9% respectively. The growth in job vacancies was strongest in the Mid region with monthly growth of +3.8% and year-to-date growth of 35.9%.

Regions	Monthly Growth (October – November 2017)	Year-to-Date Growth (January - October 2017)
Mid (BE, FR, JU, NE, SO)	+3.8%	+35.9%
Zurich (ZH)	+1.0%	+16.8%
Central (LU, NW, OW, SZ, UR, ZG)	+0.1%	+16.1%
Lake Geneva (GE, VD, VS)	0.0%	+22.9%
North (AG, BL, BS)	-1.0%	+31.9%
East (AI, AR, GL, GR, SG, SH, TG)	-1.3%	+25.5%

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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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