

# Press Release

## Good times for Accountants: +6.8% Growth in Advertised Jobs

**Zurich, Wednesday, 26 June 2019.** According to the Michael Page Swiss Job Index, demand for accountants outpaced all other major job categories with +6.8% monthly growth (May – June 2019). Across Switzerland, advertised jobs declined by -3.0% over the same period, ahead of the summer holiday season. Year-on-year growth reached +8.6% (June 2018 – June 2019) with accountants and information managers leading all other job categories, recording an annual growth of over +22%.

The German speaking region, which accounts for 9 out of 10 advertised jobs, experienced a monthly decline in advertised jobs of -2.1%. The level of advertised jobs in Swiss Romande declined by -8.1% between May and June. Year-on-year growth in both regions increased; with Zurich showing a growth of +8.7% (June 2018 – June 2019) and Geneva experiencing a +7.4% growth over the same period.

Winning Job Categories	Monthly Growth (May 2019 – June 2019)	Year-on-Year Growth (June 2018 – June 2019)
1. Accountants and financial controllers	+6.8%	+22.2%
2. Legal and compliance professionals	+2.9%	-10.6%
3. Information managers (especially product and process specialists)	+1.7%	+22.8%
4. Software developers and engineers	+1.1%	+16.1%
5. SAP IT specialists	+0.9%	-6.5%

“We see strong demand for specialists in the fields of accounting and financial control as well as legal and compliance, mainly driven by the June financial year-end of many companies. At the same time, there is a continued, strong demand for IT specialists”, said Nicolai Mikkelsen, Executive Director, Michael Page.

Zurich was the only region to show a positive monthly growth (+0.5%).

Regions	Monthly Growth (May 2019 – June 2019)	Year-on-Year Growth (June 2018 – June 2019)
Zurich (ZH)	+0.5%	+2.3%
East (AI, AR, GL, GR, SG, SH, TG)	-1.0%	+21.1%
Mid (BE, FR, JU, NE, SO)	-3.1%	+7.7%
North (AG, BL, BS)	-3.2%	+6.2%
Central (LU, NW, OW, SZ, UR, ZG)	-3.5%	+9.2%
Lake Geneva (GE, VD, VS)	-10.2%	+2.4%

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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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