

Press Release

Accountants lead in Advertised Jobs with +11.4% Growth

Zurich, Thursday 25 October 2018. According to the Michael Page Swiss Job Index, Accountants led the growth in advertised jobs with a monthly increase of +11.4% (September 2018 - October 2018). Across Switzerland advertised jobs grew by +2.2%, over the same period, with year-on-year growth at +15.2% (October 2017 – October 2018). Advertised jobs in the German-speaking region, which accounts for 9 out of 10 advertised jobs, grew by +2.2% (September 2018 – October 2018). At the same time, advertised jobs in the Swiss Romande increased by +2.4%.

According to Nicolai Mikkelsen, Executive Director, Michael Page, “Switzerland is currently experiencing a boost in accounting, financial, taxation advisory and management support roles to help with the year-end requirements and planning for 2019. In addition, demand for specialists across most industries continues to be strong.”

| Winning Job Categories | Monthly Growth (Sept. 2018 – Oct. 2018) | Year-on-Year Growth (Oct. 2017 – Oct 2018) |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| 1. Accountants | +11.4% | +7.2% |
| 2. Facility Managers | +9.8% | +15.8% |
| 3. IT Support Specialists | +7.5% | +36.5% |
| 4. HR Specialists | +7.5% | +11.5% |
| 5. Finance Specialists | +7.1% | +8.5% |

The East region recorded the highest monthly (+5.4%) regional growth, followed by Zurich (+2.2%).

| Regions | Monthly Growth (Sept. 2018 – Oct. 2018) | Year-on-Year Growth (Oct. 2017 – Oct 2018) |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| East (AI, AR, GL, GR, SG, SH, TG) | +5.4% | +14.5% |
| Zurich (ZH) | +2.2% | +12.8% |
| Mid (BE, FR, JU, NE, SO) | +1.9% | +20.5% |
| Lake Geneva (GE, VD, VS) | +1.5% | +17.3% |
| Central (LU, NW, OW, SZ, UR, ZG) | +1.1% | +13.3% |
| North (AG, BL, BS) | +1.1% | +11.8% |

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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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