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2.3% Monthly Growth in Advertised Jobs

Zurich, 30 August 2017. According to the Michael Page Swiss Job Index, the number of jobs advertised throughout Switzerland, between July and August 2017, increased by +2.3% across Switzerland. This is one of the highest growth rates for this period since the Index began in 2012 and compares with the average of +0.06% (July-August). The German-speaking region accounted for 9 out of 10 advertised jobs and grew by +3.1% compared with the Swiss Romande which declined by -2.1%. Year-to-date (January – August 2017) growth in advertised jobs was 10.9%.

Demand for logistics, financial services and IT was especially strong.

Winning Job Categories	Monthly Growth (July – August 2017)	Year-to-Date Growth (Jan. 2017 – August 2017)
1. Logistics specialists	+12.8%	+20.0%
2. Insurance specialists	+10.4%	+28.3%
3. IT specialists - Software Testing & Security	+5.4%	+55.5%
4. Private Bankers	+2.2%	+17.8%
5. Science & Research Specialists – especially Pharmaceutical and Chemistry	+2.0%	+6.8%

“We continue to see robust demand in those industries digitising and streamlining their operations to deliver cost savings, enhanced customer service and continually meet new regulatory requirements (e.g. logistics and insurance). Demand is also strong for candidates with international experience in the pharma and chemical industries.” said Nicolai Mikkelsen, Director, Michael Page.

The North region recorded both the highest monthly (+5.4%) and YTD (+16.0%) regional growth in advertised jobs.

Regions	Monthly Growth (July – August 2017)	Year-to-Date Growth (Jan. 2017 – August 2017)
North (AG, BL, BS)	+5.4%	+16.0%
Zurich (ZH)	+4.6%	+13.5%
East (AI, AR, GL, GR, SG, SH, TG)	+3.8%	+15.2%
Lake Geneva (GE, VD, VS)	+0.5%	+2.3%
Central (LU, NW, OW, SZ, UR, ZG)	-0.4%	+8.7%
Mid (BE, FR, JU, NE, SO)	-0.5%	+6.8%

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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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