

Press Release

Swiss Romande Leads Growth in Advertised Jobs: +8.5%

Zurich, Wednesday, 25 October 2017: According to the Michael Page Swiss Job Index monthly advertised job vacancies grew by 2.0% between September and October 2017 across Switzerland. Year-to-date growth (January to October 2017) was 24.2%. The Swiss Romande showed the greatest increase in advertised vacancies (+8.5%) in October. This is on top of a growth of +13.1% in September. Advertised job vacancies in the German speaking Switzerland stayed relatively stable (+0.9%).

The regions with the greatest growth were Lake Geneva (+9.7%) and the Mid-region (+4.9%).

Regions	Monthly Growth (September - October 2017)	Year-to-Date Growth (January - October 2017)
Lake Geneva (GE, VD, VS)	+9.7%	+22.9%
Mid (BE, FR, JU, NE, SO)	+4.9%	+30.9%
North (AG, BL, BS)	+1.9%	+33.2%
East (AI, AR, GL, GR, SG, SH, TG)	+0.5%	+27.1%
Central (LU, NW, OW, SZ, UR, ZG)	-0.8%	+16.0%
Zürich (ZH)	-1.2%	+15.6%

Growth was especially strong in advertised jobs for logistics, export and purchasing specialists, risk managers, investment bankers and ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) specialists.

Winning Job Categories	Monthly Growth (September - October 2017)	Year-to-Date Growth (January - October 2017)
1. Logistics Specialists	+7.7%	+45.8%
2. Export Specialists	+7.5%	+27.7%
3. Banking (Risk & Investment Specialists)	+7.0%	+22.7%
4. Purchasing Specialists	+5.7%	+15.2%
5. IT (ERP Specialists)	+5.6%	+7.6%

"We're seeing especially strong demand for purchasing, supply chain and logistics specialists. We expect this trend to continue as companies increasingly centralise these European operations in Switzerland", said Nicolai Mikkelsen, Director, Michael Page.

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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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