

# Press Release

## Record Monthly Growth in Advertised Job Vacancies: +9.5%

**Zurich, Wednesday, 27 September 2017.** According to the Michael Page Swiss Job Index monthly advertised job vacancies (August – September 2017), grew by +9.5%. This is the highest increase in advertised job vacancies, over this period, since the index commenced in 2012. It tops the previous record of +8.5% achieved in September 2016 and is almost double the Index's average August – September growth in advertised jobs of +5.1%.

The Swiss Romande achieved an increase of +13.1% in advertised jobs between August and September – one of the highest growth rates recorded since 2012. The German-speaking region, which accounted for 9 out of 10 of all advertised jobs, grew by +9.1% over the same period. The growth in job vacancies was strongest in the Mid and North regions +16.9% and +10.4% growth respectively (August – September).

Regions	Monthly Growth (August - September 2017)	Year-to-Date Growth (Jan. 2017 – Sept. 2017)
Mid (BE, FR, JU, NE, SO)	+16.9%	+24.8%
North (AG, BL, BS)	+10.4%	+28.6%
East (AI, AR, GL, GR, SG, SH, TG)	+9.9%	+26.5%
Lake Geneva (GE, VD, VS)	+9.5%	+12.0%
Central (LU, NW, OW, SZ, UR, ZG)	+7.5%	+16.9%
Zurich (ZH)	+3.2%	+17.1%

Demand for facility managers, administrative, accounting, pharmaceutical and logistics specialists was especially strong.

Winning Job Categories	Monthly Growth (August - September 2017)	Year-to-Date Growth (Jan. 2017 – Sept. 2017)
1. Facility Managers	+30.5%	+22.3%
2. Office Managers & Business Administrators	+14.7%	+18.7%
3. Pharmaceutical Specialists	+13.4%	+22.1%
4. Logistics Specialists	+12.6%	+34.2%
5. Accountants	+11.4%	+10.6%

*"We are seeing continued growth for specialists in key industries with an international focus e.g. pharma and logistics. As we move into the budget season, we are also seeing especially strong demand for administration and accounting specialists. The scheduled conclusion of real estate developments ahead of winter, is also driving demand for professionals in this field e.g. facility managers."* 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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