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Strong Start to 2019: +16.4% Growth in Advertised Jobs

Zurich, Wednesday, 23 January 2019. According to the Michael Page Swiss Job Index, the number of advertised jobs remained high in January with a +16.4% growth (January 2018 – January 2019). The number of advertised jobs across Switzerland between December 2018 and January 2019 showed a decrease (-2.6%) which is typical of the seasonal decline over this period.

The winning sectors, showing the highest monthly (December 2018 – January 2019) growth, were financial services and IT.

Winning Job Categories	Monthly Growth (Dec 2018 – Jan 2019)	Year-on-Year Growth (Jan 2018 – Jan 2019)
1. Risk Managers	+10.7%	+10.7%
2. Trust Managers	+7.6%	+3.9%
3. Information Managers	+7.0%	+30.1%
4. Software Developers	+6.0%	+26.6%
5. IT Programmers	+6.0%	+24.3%

“Given the strong growth in advertised jobs and the low unemployment rate (2.6%), talent acquisition and retention will continue to be a challenge for employers in 2019. For these reasons, we highly recommend that employers and candidates consider all options – permanent, temporary and interim”, said Nicolai Mikkelsen, Executive Director, Michael Page.

Year-on-year regional growth was greatest in the Mid region (+23.5%), Lake Geneva (+20.9%) and the Eastern region (+20.3%). In line with the seasonal dip, all regions experienced a drop in the level of advertised jobs on a monthly basis (December 2018 – January 2019).

Regions	Monthly Growth (Dec 2018 - Jan 2019)	Year-on-Year Growth (Jan 2018 – Jan 2019)
Mid (BE, FR, JU, NE, SO)	-0.6%	+23.5%
Lake Geneva (GE, VD, VS)	-3.0%	+20.9%
East (AI, AR, GL, GR, SG, SH, TG)	-1.8%	+29.3%
North (AG, BL, BS)	-2.5%	+11.9%
Central (LU, NW, OW, SZ, UR, ZG)	-6.4%	+11.5%
Zurich (ZH)	-3.1%	+8.9%

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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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