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20.9% Year-on-Year Growth in Advertised Jobs

Zurich, Wednesday, 27 March 2019. According to the Michael Page Swiss Job Index, advertised jobs showed a yearly growth of +20.9% across Switzerland (March 2018 – March 2019). Monthly growth (February – March 2019) in advertised jobs amounted to +1.5%. The German speaking region, which accounts for 9 out of 10 advertised jobs, led the way with a monthly growth of +2.2%. The level of advertised jobs in Swiss Romande declined by -2.6% in the same period.

Industrial planning and purchasing roles showed the highest monthly growth followed by credit specialists, IT support, export specialists and scientists.

Winning Job Categories	Monthly Growth (Feb 2019 – March 2019)	Year-on-Year Growth (March 2018 – March 2019)
1. Planning & Purchasing Specialists	+11.4%	+21.0%
2. Banking Specialists (especially credit & private banking)	+8.7%	+14.2%
3. IT Support Specialists	+7.5%	+56.7%
4. Export Specialists	+6.6%	-0.2%
5. Scientists: (especially biologists and chemists)	+6.2%	+9.8%

“We expect continued growth in planning and purchasing roles in line with the expansion of online retailing and export focused roles”, said Nicolai Mikkelsen, Executive Director, Michael Page,

The Central and East regions showed the highest regional growth +3.9% and +3.8% monthly growth respectively. All regions recorded double-digit year-on-year growth.

Regions	Monthly Growth (Feb 2019 – March 2019)	Year-on-Year Growth (March 2018 – March 2019)
Central (LU, NW, OW, SZ, UR, ZG)	+3.9%	+17.8%
East (AI, AR, GL, GR, SG, SH, TG)	+3.8%	+30.5%
North (AG, BL, BS)	+2.3%	+18.8%
Zurich (ZH)	+1.4%	+14.2%
Mid (BE, FR, JU, NE, SO)	-0.5%	+24.1%
Lake Geneva (GE, VD, VS)	-2.9%	+15.6 %

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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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