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The Peak Hiring Season has arrived: +6% Growth in Advertised Jobs

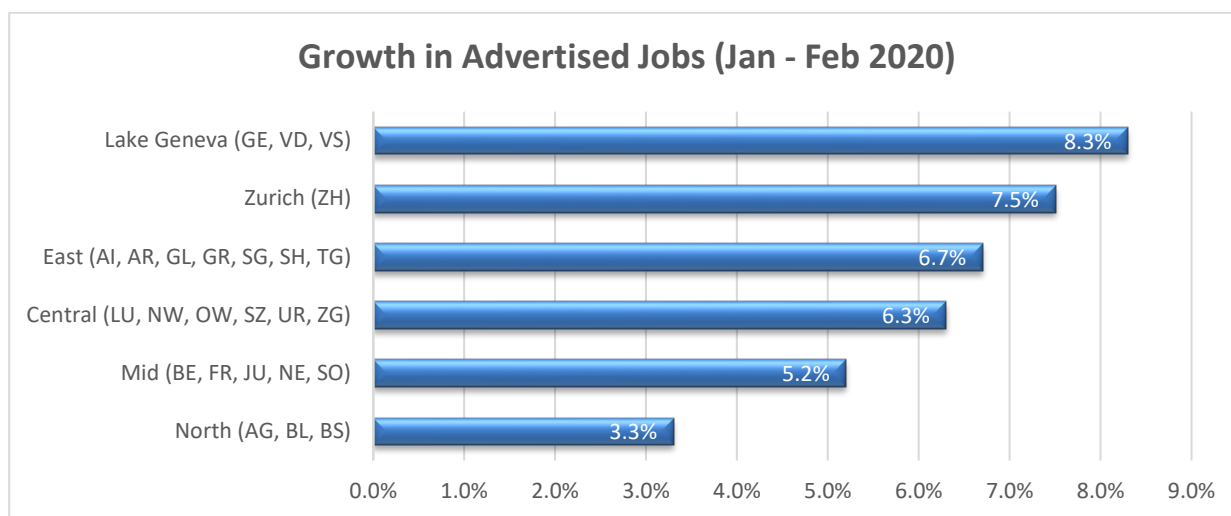
Zurich/Geneva, Wednesday, 26 February 2020. According to the Michael Page Swiss Job Index, the number of advertised jobs grew by +6.0% between January and February 2020. This is one of the highest increases for the period since the Index began in 2011. The French-speaking area led the way with an average monthly growth of +9.0% for the same period. The German-speaking region, which accounts for 9 out of 10 advertised jobs, grew by +5.5%.

The highest monthly growth was in Human Resources (HR) and Recruitment, IT Administration, Accounting and Financial Control.

Winning Job Categories	Monthly Growth (Jan 2020 – Feb 2020)	Year-on-Year Growth (Feb 2019 – Feb 2020)
1. HR & Recruitment Specialists	+20.8%	+11.0%
2. IT Administrators	+16.1%	+47.1%
3. Accountants & Financial Controllers	+11.7%	+0.8%
4. Office & Management Support Specialists	+9.2%	+7.3%
5. Insurance Specialists	+8.2%	+3.7%

“This is a strong start to the busiest time of the year for hiring. Employers need to be brisk with their hiring decisions to secure the best candidates who typically receive multiple offers”, said Nicolai Mikkelsen, Executive Director, Michael Page.

The Lake Geneva region (GE, VD, VS) led the regional growth in advertised job vacancies with a monthly increase of +8.3%. This was followed by Canton Zurich with +7.5% growth.



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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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