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Record Growth in Advertised Jobs: +7.6% Growth

Zurich, Wednesday, 20 February 2019. According to the Michael Page Swiss Job Index, the monthly growth in advertised jobs grew by +7.6% (January 2019 - February 2019); the highest growth for this period since the Index began in 2012. National year-on-year growth was +21.5% (February 2018 – February 2019). The Swiss Romande led the growth in advertised jobs with a monthly growth of +12.2%. Advertised jobs in German speaking region, which accounts for 9 out of 10 advertised jobs, grew by +6.9%.

“We’re seeing an extremely strong start to the year”, said Nicolai Mikkelsen, Executive Director, Michael Page, “In addition to the seasonal demand for audit, accounting and finance professionals, we see double digit growth across many job categories such as transport and logistics, IT security, as well as credit and risk management”.

Winning Job Categories	Monthly Growth (Jan 2019 – Feb 2019)	Year-on-Year Growth (Feb 2018 – Feb 2019)
1. Transport & Logistics Specialists	+30.7%	+48.0%
2. Risk & Credit Professionals	+17.0%	+26.8%
3. Insurance: Non-Life Specialists	+12.7%	+7.0%
4. IT Security Specialists	+12.0%	+36.3%
5. Audit, Accounting & Finance Professionals	+11.2%	+13.5%

The Lake Geneva region (GE, VD, VS), which accounts for two thirds of advertised jobs in the Swiss Romande, recorded the greatest growth with +12.2% and +24.5% monthly and year-on-year respectively.

Regions	Monthly Growth (Jan 2019 – Feb 2019)	Year-on-Year Growth (Feb 2018 – Feb 2019)
Lake Geneva (GE, VD, VS)	+12.2%	+24.5%
Zurich (ZH)	+8.0%	+10.9%
Mid (BE, FR, JU, NE, SO)	+7.7%	+28.3%
Central (LU, NW, OW, SZ, UR, ZG)	+7.4%	+16.9%
North (AG, BL, BS)	+6.5%	+17.1%
East (AI, AR, GL, GR, SG, SH, TG)	+6.1%	+29.6%

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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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