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Investment Bankers lead Growth in Advertised Jobs +15%

Zurich, Thursday, 22 March 2018. According to the Michael Page Swiss Job Index, demand for investment bankers grew by +15.0% (February 2018 - March 2018). This is the highest increase for this post-bonus period, since Swiss Job Index began in 2012.

Across Switzerland monthly growth was +1.6% with year-on-year growth at +24.9% (March 2017 – March 2018), ahead of the average growth over the last 3 years of +19.5%, for the same period. Advertised jobs in the German-speaking region, which accounts for 9 out of 10 advertised jobs, grew by +1.6%.

Advertised jobs in the Swiss Romande grew at +1.3%.

Winning Job Categories	Monthly Growth (Feb 2018 – March 2018)	Year-on-Year Growth (March 2017 – March 2018)
1. Investment Bankers	+15.0%	+19.0
2. Credit Specialists	+11.4%	-0.6%
3. Management Administrators	+8.6%	+1.7%
4. Auditors	+4.5%	-4.4%
5. Planning & Logistics Specialists	+4.0%	+18.5%

The Lake Geneva region (GE, VD, VS) recorded the greatest regional monthly growth of +3.8%.

Regions	Monthly Growth (Feb 2018 – March 2018)	Year-on-Year Growth (March 2017 – March 2018)
Lake Geneva (GE, VD, VS)	+3.8%	+27.0%
North (AG, BL, BS)	+2.3%	+27.4%
Central (LU, NW, OW, SZ, UR, ZG)	+2.3%	+11.9%
East (AI, AR, GL, GR, SG, SH, TG)	+1.9%	+16.8%
Mid (BE, FR, JU, NE, SO)	+1.5%	+52.9%
Zurich (ZH)	-1.7%	+12.9%

“The demand for investment bankers, based on advertised job vacancies, is really the tip of the iceberg. Most of the top positions are not advertised, said Nicolai Mikkelsen, Director, Michael Page, “The growth in management support and controlling positions shows the continued focus on cost-minimisation”.

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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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