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Online Job Opportunities Show Promising Uptick in February, Reports Monster Employment Index Sweden

February 2010 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Sweden increased 17 points (16 percent) in February, showing positive signs in online recruitment effort following January's slowdown; year-on-year offerings were down four percent
- Online job demand was notably higher for plant and machine operators; while sales, marketing and construction also showed strong growth
- All regions increased in February, led by Vastsverige

Summary Overview

Following the relatively mild seasonal slowdown in January, Sweden's economy is showing positive trends continuing to emerge in the early part of 2010. Online job demand expanded in most industry sectors on the month, with healthcare, social work and marketing leading recruitment activity. The easing in annual growth for education and healthcare was also notable.

In the context of Europe as a whole, online job opportunities in Sweden increased the most among major regions monitored by the Index. In addition the Index increased 10 percent over the past quarter.

The Monster Employment Index Europe is a monthly analysis of millions of online job opportunities culled from a large, representative selection of corporate career sites and job boards across the European Union, including Monster.se

Monster Employment Index Sweden findings the past 13 months are as follows:

Feb 10	Jan 10	Dec 09	Nov 09	Oct 09	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09
125	108	116	114	103	102	98	107	115	115	117	127	130

"February has seen a huge surge in online worker demand, leaving the Index at the highest level since March 2009," said Carl Silverstople, managing director Monster Scandinavia. "Recruitment activity in Sweden has increased by 28 percent over the last six months, which is positive for 2010, but workers should still remain cautious."

Majority of industry sectors note increasing online job demand; healthcare, social work led all sectors

Online recruitment activity increased over nearly all industry sectors in February, following the seasonal slowdown exhibited in January.

Healthcare and social work led all sectors in February adding 36 points (34 percent). Year-on-year the sector declined two points (one percent) suggesting that demand levels are nearly on-par with where they were a year ago.

Increases were also seen in the construction and extraction sector, following a seasonal slowdown at the start of 2010, the sector climbed 39 points (25 percent). From an annual perspective construction has remained the top growth sector year-on-year, with opportunities up 35 points (21 percent).

Year-on-year transport, post and logistics registered an increase of nine points (seven percent), while online worker demand also showed an uptick in sales, logging a 21 point (11 percent) increase year-on-year. Banking, finance and insurance fell furthest year-on-year, declining 35 points (27 percent).

Plant and machine operators and assemblers report largest monthly rise

The majority of occupational groups monitored by the Index registered increased worker demand in February. Plant and machine operators and assemblers recorded the highest increase, adding 28 points (29 percent), while craft and related trades workers also experienced a steep rise in February, showing an uptick of 45 points (27 percent). Year-on-year both groups saw opportunities rise of 16 points (15 percent) and 37 points (21 percent) respectively.

Offerings for managers increased a mild three points (two percent) on the month. The group had the steepest annual decline, as recruitment among upper-level organizational positions remains challenging in this business climate.

All Swedish regions see monthly job availability rise; all decline year-on-year

Worker demand rose for all regions in February with Vastsverige and Sydsverige med Öarna leading the rise, registering monthly rises of 19 points (20 percent) and 21 points (20 percent) respectively.

Ostra Mellansverige noted a steady 11 percent increase over the past quarter. From an annual perspective, the region exhibited the most mild annual decline; offerings were down a modest one point (one percent) compared to February 2009. In contrast Norra Sverige was down by the most, decreasing 13 points (11 percent).

Best Performing Sectors

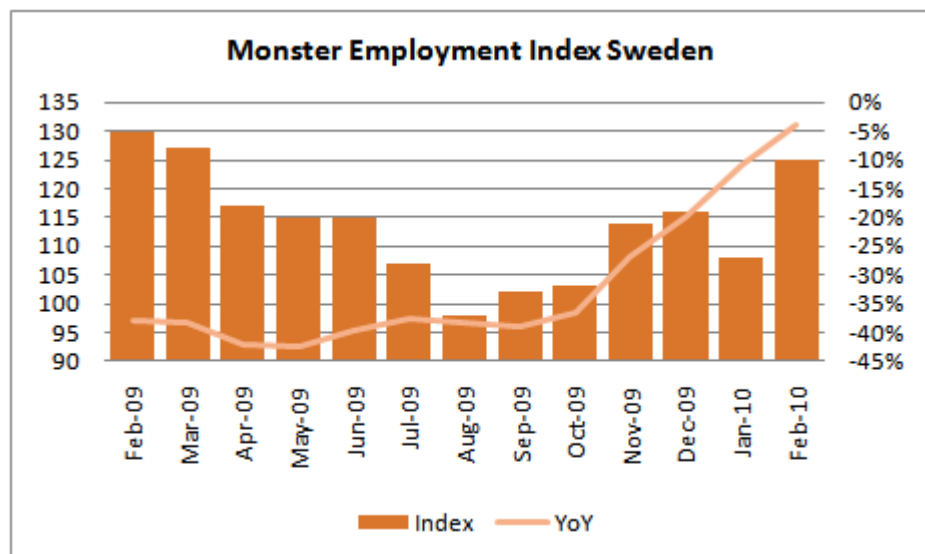
Industry sectors showing the best performance included:

Month-on-month

Industry	Feb 10	Jan 10	%
Healthcare, social work	143	107	34%
Marketing, PR and media	70	54	30%
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	161	126	28%
Construction and extraction	198	159	25%
Sales	210	171	23%

Year-on-year

Industry	Feb 10	Feb 09	%
Construction and extraction	198	163	21%
Accounting, audit, taxes	262	223	17%
Sales	210	189	11%
Public sector, defence, community	98	91	8%
Transport, post and logistics	136	127	7%



Monster Employment Index Sweden findings across industry sectors for the past 13 months are as follows:

Industry	Feb 10	Jan 10	Dec 09	Nov 09	Oct 09	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09
Accounting, audit, taxes	262	229	265	249	211	199	195	217	227	227	236	234	223
Administrative, organisation	157	135	128	142	126	124	121	124	129	137	145	162	190
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	161	126	127	117	113	127	123	123	127	132	164	173	178
Banking, finance, insurance	94	93	104	98	88	89	85	97	107	102	109	119	129
Construction and extraction	198	159	180	169	156	160	146	159	170	157	153	159	163
Education, training and library	95	96	104	97	93	94	96	108	117	108	90	89	90
Engineering	184	173	178	185	168	150	142	168	169	181	162	181	206
Healthcare, social work	143	107	110	108	106	105	111	108	114	120	137	157	145
Hospitality and tourism	120	100	106	109	105	116	110	104	113	120	128	134	118
IT	252	238	245	233	204	177	176	201	208	214	238	256	263
Management and consulting	162	175	188	188	161	165	148	157	159	167	175	188	188
Marketing, PR and media	70	54	57	62	54	63	55	57	64	61	70	70	77
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	130	109	110	116	115	105	96	102	103	110	111	122	135
Public sector, defence, community	98	95	94	91	94	93	91	92	89	95	88	91	91
Research and development	134	136	135	137	119	105	121	139	140	137	169	178	154
Sales	210	171	175	182	165	168	149	155	169	164	170	164	189
Transport, post and logistics	136	115	122	117	115	119	109	113	124	130	133	132	127

Monster Employment Index Sweden findings across occupational categories for the past 13 months are as follows:

Occupation	Feb 10	Jan 10	Dec 09	Nov 09	Oct 09	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09
Managers	178	175	178	190	163	165	150	155	163	170	184	196	211
Professionals	145	135	150	139	124	121	123	144	159	152	140	148	150
Technicians and associate professionals	100	84	88	88	79	77	72	78	84	86	92	102	108
Clerical support workers	140	121	121	129	123	116	116	126	127	145	138	140	142
Service and sales workers	174	136	142	146	141	156	152	139	144	158	171	178	173
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	126	105	103	99	94	98	97	101	106	108	125	131	137
Craft and related workers	210	165	187	175	162	169	149	163	178	165	165	167	173
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	123	95	102	106	104	98	90	95	100	102	105	101	107
Elementary occupations	128	104	122	124	117	143	122	120	134	134	135	138	125

Monster Employment Index Sweden findings across Swedish regions for the past 13 months are as follows:

Region	Feb 10	Jan 10	Dec 09	Nov 09	Oct 09	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09
Norra Sverige (Norra Mellansverige, Mellersta Norrland, Ovre Norrland)	109	102	106	106	100	101	98	106	105	113	112	120	122
Ostra Mellansverige (Ostra Mellansverige, Stockholm)	141	122	130	129	114	111	106	115	128	126	128	136	142
Sydsverige Med Oarna (Sydsverige, Smaland Med Oarna)	127	106	119	114	104	101	99	108	118	117	122	135	138
Vastsverige (Vastsverige)	112	93	101	97	89	90	86	93	98	106	105	118	119

Monster Employment Index data for March will be released on April 13, 2010.

About The Monster Employment Index Europe

The Monster Employment Index Europe provides monthly insight into online recruitment trends across the European Union. Launched in June 2005 with data from December 2004, the Index is based on a review of millions of employer job opportunities culled from a large, representative selection of corporate career sites and job boards, including Monster. The Monster Employment Index's underlying data is validated for accuracy by Research America, Inc. – an independent, third-party auditing firm – to ensure that measured online job recruitment activity is within a margin of error of +/- 1.05%.

The Index monitors online job opportunities across all European Union member countries.

The monthly reports for Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Europe are available at: <http://about-monster.com/employment/index/17>.

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