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Monster Employment Index UK Demonstrates Annual Increase In Online Job Opportunities

January 2011 Index Highlights:

- **The Monster Employment Index UK** demonstrated a 15 per cent increase in online job demand since January last year
- IT industry opportunities increased more than any other sector with 34 per cent annual growth
- Demand for accounting and tax professionals has escalated to unusually high levels noting an increase of 18 per cent over the year
- Public sector, defence and community registered a 23 per cent dip since last January following downward trend in job opportunities which is expected to continue due to public austerity measures

Summary Overview

The Monster Employment Index UK demonstrated a 15 per cent increase in online job demand since January last year, suggesting positive momentum in the UK jobs market. IT led all sectors in terms of annual growth, exhibiting a 34 per cent increase. Banking, finance and insurance was also slightly improved on the year. Month-on-month the Index showed a slight decline, but this is a usual trend for early January as companies come back after the holiday season.

Monster Employment Index UK results for the past 13 months are as follows:

| Jan 11 | Dec 10 | Nov 10 | Oct 10 | Sep 10 | Aug 10 | Jul 10 | Jun 10 | May 10 | Apr 10 | Mar 10 | Feb 10 | Jan 10 |
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| 128 | 133 | 130 | 138 | 131 | 130 | 129 | 131 | 130 | 121 | 126 | 124 | 111 |

Isabelle Ratinaud, Monster UK & Ireland spokesperson said: "Taking in to account the recent announcements of a contraction in the UK economy, it's encouraging to see that more job opportunities are available now than this time last year. It's important for people who might be ready to make a career move to not feel disheartened by the current climate or feel trapped in roles that make them unhappy or are holding them back. A healthy recruitment market is an indicator of a healthy economy, so it's critical that candidates make the most of the opportunities that are out there."

Majority of industry sectors see strong year-on-year growth in online recruitment activity

16 of the 21 industry sectors exhibited positive annual growth. The IT sector had the highest year-on-year increase with opportunities up 34 per cent, followed by marketing, PR and media, up 28 per cent.

Accounting, audit and taxes also had a successful year in terms of recruitment, as year-on-year, the sector was up 18 per cent.

Demand for roles in technical sectors is also strong. Research and development noted a substantial increase in annual growth rate (18 per cent), having been flat in December. Engineering and environment, architecture and urbanism also registered accelerated year-on-year improvements in January, with opportunities up 21 per cent and 15 per cent respectively.

Public sector, defence and community charted the steepest annual decline among sectors, dipping 23 per cent. The long-term trend declined progressively since October and is expected to continue, reflecting Government austerity measures.

London registers greatest slowdown in online job demand

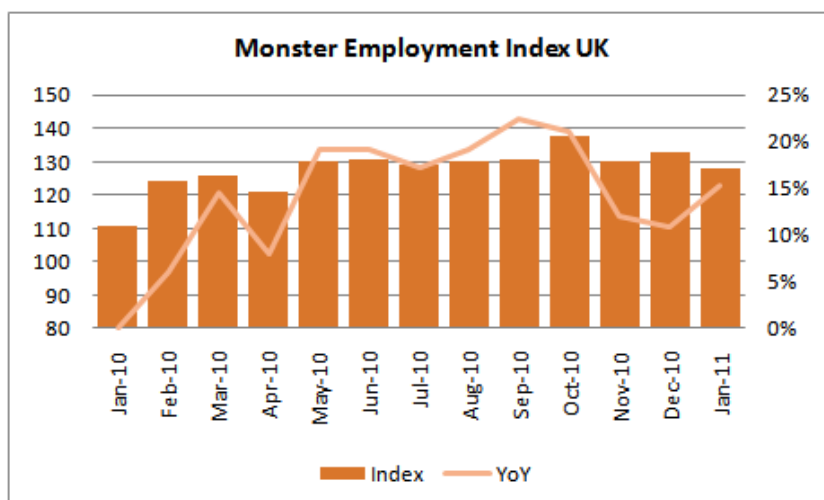
Across the year the best performing regions are East Anglia (27 per cent up), the North East (17 per cent up) and the South West (13 per cent up). The only regions that have seen a reduction in job opportunities year on year are Scotland (20 per cent down) and Wales (5 per cent down).

Best performing sectors across the year

Industry sectors showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability included:

Year-on-year

| Industry | Jan 11 | Jan 10 | % |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------|
| IT | 103 | 77 | 34% |
| Marketing, PR and media | 139 | 109 | 28% |
| Transport, post and logistics | 129 | 102 | 26% |
| Engineering | 120 | 99 | 21% |
| Accounting, audit, taxes | 104 | 88 | 18% |



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

| Industry | Jan 11 | Dec 10 | Nov 10 | Oct 10 | Sep 10 | Aug 10 | Jul 10 | Jun 10 | May 10 | Apr 10 | Mar 10 | Feb 10 | Jan 10 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Accounting, audit, taxes | 104 | 100 | 101 | 101 | 100 | 106 | 97 | 98 | 100 | 97 | 101 | 98 | 88 |
| Administrative, organisation | 99 | 111 | 113 | 120 | 118 | 108 | 111 | 123 | 123 | 111 | 114 | 117 | 104 |
| Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure | 123 | 145 | 124 | 136 | 133 | 134 | 133 | 149 | 140 | 133 | 153 | 145 | 131 |
| Banking, finance, insurance | 104 | 111 | 112 | 119 | 117 | 118 | 116 | 120 | 122 | 116 | 118 | 113 | 102 |
| Construction and extraction | 74 | 75 | 80 | 83 | 80 | 76 | 75 | 74 | 72 | 68 | 71 | 71 | 63 |
| Education, training and library | 256 | 312 | 290 | 296 | 251 | 254 | 291 | 291 | 283 | 250 | 282 | 294 | 250 |
| Engineering | 120 | 127 | 119 | 124 | 117 | 119 | 116 | 112 | 109 | 107 | 114 | 113 | 99 |
| Environment, architecture and urbanism | 62 | 62 | 62 | 65 | 66 | 61 | 62 | 64 | 64 | 59 | 61 | 61 | 54 |
| Healthcare, social work | 347 | 348 | 346 | 372 | 362 | 371 | 384 | 339 | 339 | 345 | 335 | 319 | 325 |
| Hospitality and tourism | 113 | 121 | 129 | 134 | 123 | 117 | 119 | 122 | 124 | 114 | 114 | 111 | 115 |
| HR | 70 | 74 | 72 | 74 | 73 | 72 | 72 | 77 | 82 | 78 | 78 | 79 | 69 |
| IT | 103 | 110 | 103 | 107 | 101 | 100 | 98 | 96 | 97 | 87 | 94 | 92 | 77 |
| Legal | 108 | 128 | 124 | 119 | 124 | 128 | 119 | 129 | 139 | 124 | 129 | 128 | 114 |
| Management and consulting | 175 | 198 | 192 | 187 | 182 | 176 | 171 | 177 | 184 | 178 | 185 | 180 | 163 |
| Marketing, PR and media | 139 | 145 | 130 | 137 | 131 | 124 | 120 | 134 | 133 | 129 | 135 | 127 | 109 |
| Production, manufacturing, maintenance, Repair | 135 | 146 | 137 | 138 | 130 | 135 | 130 | 129 | 126 | 120 | 127 | 124 | 121 |
| Public sector, defence, community | 90 | 95 | 93 | 97 | 94 | 95 | 98 | 98 | 95 | 90 | 97 | 103 | 117 |
| Research and development | 125 | 127 | 130 | 124 | 121 | 119 | 118 | 114 | 112 | 109 | 105 | 108 | 106 |
| Sales | 110 | 116 | 113 | 123 | 121 | 120 | 117 | 121 | 120 | 110 | 115 | 112 | 99 |
| Telecommunications | 70 | 76 | 72 | 75 | 74 | 69 | 69 | 75 | 77 | 70 | 75 | 72 | 68 |
| Transport, post and logistics | 129 | 151 | 137 | 152 | 147 | 137 | 136 | 135 | 123 | 106 | 118 | 117 | 102 |

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

| Occupation | Jan 11 | Dec 10 | Nov 10 | Oct 10 | Sep 10 | Aug 10 | Jul 10 | Jun 10 | May 10 | Apr 10 | Mar 10 | Feb 10 | Jan 10 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Managers | 106 | 110 | 109 | 110 | 111 | 108 | 105 | 115 | 117 | 109 | 114 | 112 | 102 |
| Professionals | 119 | 124 | 121 | 126 | 119 | 118 | 119 | 118 | 118 | 110 | 118 | 117 | 102 |
| Technicians and associate professionals | 145 | 155 | 149 | 153 | 151 | 150 | 147 | 148 | 150 | 143 | 141 | 137 | 127 |
| Clerical support workers | 131 | 143 | 133 | 159 | 145 | 137 | 135 | 145 | 142 | 127 | 131 | 129 | 119 |
| Service and sales workers | 69 | 81 | 83 | 84 | 81 | 81 | 81 | 80 | 80 | 75 | 78 | 74 | 71 |
| Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers | 138 | 139 | 140 | 153 | 169 | 164 | 169 | 185 | 189 | 183 | 179 | 171 | 162 |
| Craft and related workers | 154 | 169 | 176 | 167 | 165 | 169 | 163 | 159 | 154 | 147 | 152 | 146 | 128 |
| Plant and machine operators, and assemblers | 65 | 71 | 70 | 69 | 67 | 68 | 66 | 66 | 65 | 61 | 64 | 62 | 58 |
| Elementary occupations | 78 | 82 | 74 | 67 | 61 | 66 | 65 | 69 | 69 | 69 | 80 | 73 | 77 |

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

| Region | Jan 11 | Dec 10 | Nov 10 | Oct 10 | Sep 10 | Aug 10 | Jul 10 | Jun 10 | May 10 | Apr 10 | Mar 10 | Feb 10 | Jan 10 |
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| East Anglia | 125 | 132 | 116 | 131 | 125 | 132 | 128 | 119 | 117 | 107 | 107 | 107 | 98 |
| London | 116 | 130 | 132 | 127 | 122 | 125 | 121 | 126 | 127 | 119 | 125 | 118 | 109 |
| Midlands | 125 | 135 | 134 | 143 | 126 | 125 | 125 | 127 | 123 | 113 | 117 | 116 | 110 |
| North England | 151 | 158 | 157 | 162 | 154 | 153 | 155 | 156 | 160 | 146 | 149 | 148 | 129 |
| Northern Ireland | 105 | 117 | 120 | 117 | 118 | 109 | 106 | 116 | 119 | 106 | 126 | 114 | 101 |
| Scotland | 99 | 110 | 115 | 119 | 123 | 122 | 117 | 121 | 120 | 117 | 121 | 133 | 124 |
| South East | 111 | 116 | 113 | 113 | 109 | 109 | 108 | 110 | 110 | 104 | 107 | 106 | 95 |
| South West | 218 | 216 | 199 | 231 | 219 | 222 | 227 | 222 | 216 | 196 | 209 | 209 | 192 |
| Wales | 208 | 227 | 214 | 251 | 221 | 229 | 230 | 237 | 230 | 208 | 224 | 235 | 221 |

Monster Employment Index UK for February will be released on March 8, 2011.

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