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Monster Employment Index Belgium Reports Uptick in September as Financial Sector Shows Growth

September 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Belgium rose two points in September following a decline earlier in 2009
- Financial sector offerings increased the most in September, and increased for the third consecutive month
- Online worker demand increased for the fourth consecutive month in Brussels Capital, showing the most significant improvement among all regions

Summary Overview

September saw demand for workers increase slightly, suggesting signs of stabilisation in the Belgium recruitment industry. The rise was largely due to an increase in financial sector opportunities, which are recovering from the drop in hiring as a result of the recession. From an annual perspective, the Belgian unemployment rate remained largely unchanged since March. Compared to the EU as a whole, where offerings fell 37 percent year-on-year, offerings in Belgium were down 10 points (nine percent) compared to year-earlier figures, the best of all European regions.

The European Index dipped to its lowest level in four and a half years in September, as offerings fell three points (three percent). Sharply reduced hiring was noted in the public sector, with previously strong areas such as education and healthcare now showing decreasing trends. Whilst online job opportunities continue to decline on a monthly basis, they are falling at a slower rate than seen earlier this year.

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.be.

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

Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
106	104	106	102	101	107	110	102	99	102	107	114	116

“Online recruitment activity held up favourably in Belgium and showed continued stabilisation compared to the rest of Europe during September. A number of key sectors began to return year-on-year growth trends,” commented Bernard Hensmans, country manager, Monster Belgium. “In addition to the public sector, which has benefited from government stimulus spending, the financial sector is showing signs of recovery.”

Banking, finance and insurance report the highest rate of increase

10 out of the 20 Belgium industry sectors monitored by the index registered an increase in worker demand between August and September, with five categories reporting growth on a year-on-year basis. The banking, finance and insurance sector added six points, (seven percent) as online job opportunities rose for the third consecutive month. However despite the recent increase, demand remained down by 13 percent from a year ago.

Online job offerings in production, manufacturing, maintenance and repair rose five points, (four percent). Production increased in March, year-on-year up seven percent. Healthcare and social work remains the top growth sector on an annual basis. Offerings are up 51 percent year-on-year reaching a new historical high in the Index.

In contrast, recruitment trends remain down in transport, post and logistics staying the same month-on-month at 54 points but also showing a dip decreasing by 55 percent from September last year. The IT sector dipped to a new Index low in September. Offerings dipped three points (three percent) compared to August and 24 percent year-on-year.

Craft and related trades workers registered the largest jump

Opportunities for craft and related trades gained six points, (six percent) after two months of decline. Minor gains were also seen for elementary occupations and technicians and associate professionals, which reported three points (three percent) and one point (one percent) respectively.

From an annual perspective manager saw opportunities gaining 17 percent, and craft and related trades workers grew 11 percent. In contrast plant and machine operators and professionals saw the greatest decline.

All regions see uptick in online job availability

As Autumn set in, all three major Belgian regions reported increased online recruitment activity. Offerings increased the most in the Walloon region, jumping four points, (four percent).

Offerings in the Flemish region climbed two points, (three percent) in September, but remain the top growth region, with opportunities jumping 11 percent since June.

Year-on-year, the Flemish region showed only one percent decline compared to September 2008, the best of all regions.

Best performing sectors

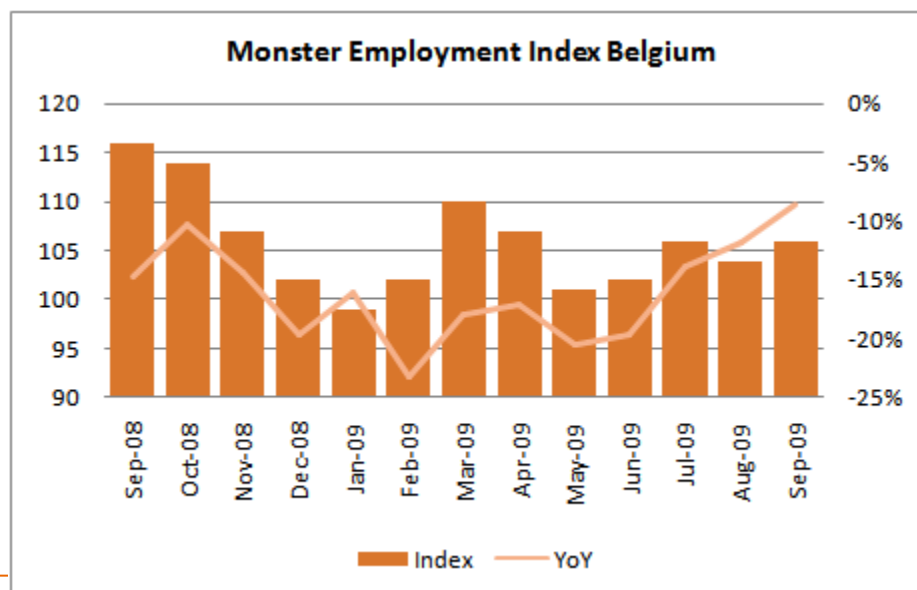
Industry sectors showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability included:

Month-on-month

Industry	Sep 09	Aug 09	%
Banking, finance, insurance	93	87	7%
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	120	115	4%
Environment, architecture, urbanism	99	95	4%
Healthcare, social work	178	172	3%
Sales	129	125	3%

Year-on-year

Industry	Sep 09	Sep 08	%
Healthcare, social work	178	118	51%
Management and consulting	120	110	9%
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	120	112	7%
Sales	129	123	5%
Public sector, defence, community	186	178	4%



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

Industry	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	111	109	116	117	113	123	134	135	130	142	148	150	144
Administrative, organisation	87	86	86	79	81	88	91	85	87	86	89	101	105
Agriculture, fishing and forestry	145	150	140	149	156	155	151	147	141	141	142	146	148
Arts, entertainment, sports, leisure	81	85	88	87	94	94	96	89	80	81	90	118	134
Banking, finance, insurance	93	87	83	75	75	87	96	87	94	90	94	102	107
Construction and extraction	112	111	118	120	124	125	125	111	104	106	109	115	116
Education, training and library	159	180	165	165	161	159	166	150	154	155	153	150	164
Engineering	111	116	123	111	110	120	130	110	102	111	115	127	119
Environment, architecture, urbanism	99	95	117	111	112	118	108	106	96	98	105	107	106
Healthcare, social work	178	172	175	170	166	162	155	133	121	121	114	112	118
Hospitality and tourism	82	85	86	94	92	89	83	77	72	71	77	92	113
HR	92	92	92	84	82	87	88	89	97	102	113	122	123
IT	86	89	93	92	90	104	108	105	105	110	112	113	113
Legal	110	108	109	104	100	107	107	108	109	114	111	119	122
Management and consulting	120	120	120	116	115	118	122	112	102	104	108	109	110
Marketing, PR and media	92	92	86	85	84	88	90	90	85	96	100	113	116
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	120	115	124	116	113	117	124	104	95	95	106	113	112
Public sector, defence, community	186	193	186	163	169	192	190	175	166	173	175	182	178
Research and development	109	108	113	115	109	115	117	115	114	115	120	120	120
Sales	129	125	124	118	117	121	125	115	105	109	112	119	123
Transport, post and logistics	54	54	53	51	50	51	53	51	55	62	77	107	120

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

Occupation	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
Managers	133	134	134	125	123	129	131	115	109	110	112	115	114
Professionals	96	96	100	97	96	106	111	108	107	111	115	117	118
Technicians and associate professionals	111	110	109	102	101	106	111	99	93	98	103	112	116
Clerical support workers	91	91	90	83	85	92	95	90	92	90	94	106	110
Service and sales workers	105	108	102	105	104	101	94	81	73	75	75	94	111
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	143	149	138	148	156	155	151	147	141	141	142	146	148
Craft and related workers	107	101	105	106	106	110	119	105	88	89	94	98	96
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	117	118	126	118	116	124	120	119	118	123	131	145	147
Elementary occupations	122	119	119	112	107	106	105	97	98	97	106	116	120

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

Region	Sep 09	Aug 09	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08
Brussels-Capital	81	79	76	73	72	80	87	84	73	85	89	104	116
Flemish Region	111	110	113	108	107	110	114	96	92	94	98	108	112
Walloon Region	105	101	105	101	99	107	110	110	108	111	116	119	116

Monster Employment Index Belgium for October will be released on November 10, 2009.

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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