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Monster Employment Index Italy Reports More Opportunities for HR Professionals, as Online Job Offerings Rise Across Italy

July 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Italy rose four percent at the onset of the third quarter of 2009, halting a three-month declining trend
- HR professionals saw a significant jump in online opportunities in July, suggesting companies are investing in recruitment and training personnel
- Despite the uptick, healthcare and education are the only two sectors reporting sustained annual growth
- Job opportunities increased in Sardegna, Sicilia and Calabria due to strong seasonal hiring

Summary Overview

July saw the first uptick in online worker demand since March, with the Monster Employment Index Italy climbing five points (four percent). The rise in July largely reflected strong seasonal recruitment activity in areas including hospitality and tourism, typical for this time of year. The HR sector saw a promising rise, even if offerings remained sharply down from July 2008. Year-on-year, the Index fell 50 points (28 percent), a slight improvement from last month.

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.it

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

Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08
129	124	126	137	141	130	129	155	164	157	150	165	179

“While the latest uptick in online job availability was largely in line with seasonal expectations, July also brought the first improvement in the Italian Index’s annual pace in nine months, suggesting hiring demand is nearing a bottom ,” said Nicola Rossi, county manager, Monster Italy. “The pick-up in offerings for HR positions is another sign that more employers have started preparing for recovery.”

Majority of industry sectors increase; HR jumps 13 percent

HR registered the highest increase among sectors, rising 12 points, (13 percent). Despite the recovery in July, year-on-year offerings were down 59 points (37 percent) indicating a continued underlying downward trend.

A seven-month high was reported by the legal sector, where offerings increased by 17 points (12 percent). Annually, online worker demand decreased a modest 16 points (nine percent), one of the weakest annual falls of all industry sectors.

Industries driven by the public sector including education, training and library saw continued increases. The public, defence and community sector increased nine points (nine percent), whilst healthcare and social work saw a steep gain of 12 points (seven percent).

There were fewer opportunities in construction and extraction, where opportunities decreased five points (four percent) and in marketing and PR, which decreased by five points (five percent).

Year-on-year, only two sectors saw a positive growth trend. Education, training and library rose 37 points (27 percent), while healthcare and social work jumped 11 points (six percent).

Plant and machine operators and assemblers bounce back; annual growth for agricultural workers

Manual occupations saw increased job offerings throughout July with plant and machine operators notching a 10 point (seven percent) gain in online opportunities following declines between April and June. Compared to year-earlier figures however the group declined 98 points (39 percent).

Meanwhile, demand for craft and related trade workers grew six points, (four percent) but remained down 67 points (32 percent) compared to year-earlier figures.

In contrast, online job offerings for skilled agriculture and forestry dipped four points (three percent) in July. Despite this decline, the group is the only occupational group to report a year-on-year increase in online job offerings, up nine points (seven percent) compared to July 2008.

Sicilia and Sardegna report largest upticks in online recruitment demand

A majority of Italian regions increased online job availability between June and July, although year-on-year all regions continued to report declines. Sicilia and Sardegna saw the largest rates of increase in demand rising 16 points (13 percent) and 12 points (nine percent) respectively. The increases were largely due to seasonal demand typically seen at this time of the year.

Online opportunities in Lombardia grew by six points (five percent) however from an annual perspective, job offerings have fallen at a faster pace than for the nation as a whole.

Best performing sectors

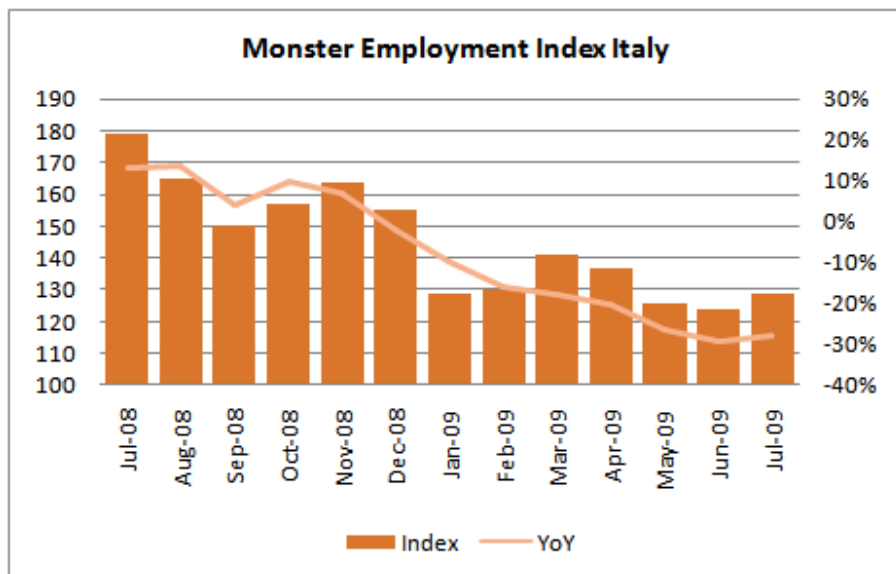
Industry sectors showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability included:

Month-on-month

Industry	Jul 09	Jun 09	%
HR	101	89	13%
Legal	159	142	12%
Public sector, defence, community	110	101	9%
Education, training and library	172	160	8%
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	155	145	7%

Year-on-year

Industry	Jul 09	Jul 08	%
Education, training and library	172	135	27%
Healthcare, social work, personal care	195	184	6%
Telecommunications	96	102	-6%
Banking, finance, insurance	106	114	-7%
Environment, architecture, urbanism	114	123	-7%



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

Industry	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	130	133	139	156	172	186	204	241	263	238	222	253	303
Administrative, organisation	172	164	165	182	194	183	168	219	218	218	206	236	258
Arts, entertainment, sport, leisure	142	138	149	146	150	132	126	139	141	139	135	148	161
Banking, finance, insurance	106	104	105	117	115	96	89	96	103	103	104	107	114
Construction and extraction	123	128	136	141	140	137	136	153	162	161	158	171	176
Education, training and library	172	160	144	156	171	155	125	128	138	126	131	127	135
Engineering	140	140	149	167	170	164	171	201	209	192	185	203	217
Environment, architecture, urbanism	114	114	120	135	130	126	116	133	136	129	113	118	123
Healthcare, social work, personal care	195	183	184	191	197	178	173	203	183	163	156	178	184
Hospitality and tourism	162	164	169	181	165	148	139	171	172	163	156	171	195
HR	101	89	87	94	104	107	100	128	145	146	145	149	160
IT	101	100	104	115	117	113	115	126	129	125	121	128	132
Legal	159	142	145	154	138	129	133	160	167	140	133	167	175
Management and consulting	109	111	107	115	119	115	116	121	124	119	120	124	126
Marketing, PR and media	87	92	89	86	81	97	92	121	140	146	122	136	147
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	155	145	152	167	177	159	162	185	208	200	191	210	226
Public sector, defence, community	110	101	103	112	99	84	87	94	112	116	97	127	136
Real estate	99	97	103	108	104	102	101	104	106	105	103	106	110
Research and development	94	93	98	103	109	110	109	130	154	149	139	156	173
Sales	119	116	116	123	129	119	120	156	165	155	144	157	181
Telecommunications	96	95	94	91	90	85	83	89	94	92	89	95	102
Transport, post and logistics	122	117	115	122	124	126	133	164	188	183	178	201	215

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

Occupation	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08
Managers	106	106	107	123	133	143	144	176	192	173	167	189	202
Professionals	133	129	128	138	141	125	125	143	148	141	136	144	154
Technicians and associate professionals	100	99	99	104	105	108	109	132	140	133	127	138	152
Clerical support workers	144	140	140	153	162	171	160	207	213	213	199	233	259
Service and sales workers	155	152	156	160	151	139	132	166	165	158	148	162	184
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	135	139	142	144	137	127	113	119	124	125	119	128	126
Craft and related workers	143	137	138	153	162	151	150	183	195	195	181	200	210
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	152	142	151	169	179	160	168	198	222	214	210	234	250
Elementary occupations	105	108	107	113	108	104	108	109	111	118	113	112	118

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

Region	Jul 09	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08
Abruzzo	123	123	122	123	125	121	121	133	135	133	128	133	143
Basilicata	112	112	112	114	117	115	111	120	127	128	122	121	134
Calabria	114	107	109	110	112	109	106	113	120	122	116	117	132
Campania	112	109	109	113	118	108	107	127	133	129	121	125	140
Emilia-Romagna	135	130	131	137	144	130	126	149	161	158	150	160	175
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	131	133	130	132	134	129	129	139	149	146	141	146	159
Lazio	121	115	108	121	128	117	114	148	158	153	141	157	175
Liguria	123	118	117	126	135	128	124	138	139	139	134	138	145
Lombardia	128	122	124	139	143	133	130	163	171	164	154	169	183
Marche	121	119	119	127	130	122	117	140	151	144	140	148	163
Molise	109	110	110	109	114	114	110	116	122	122	119	117	126
Piemonte	124	117	119	130	137	128	125	149	160	156	149	166	181
Puglia	118	112	113	119	125	115	109	122	126	127	128	129	144
Sardinia	140	128	125	125	130	130	115	129	145	142	138	139	168
Sicilia	136	120	119	120	116	105	103	127	135	131	127	133	158
Toscana	124	122	121	128	131	123	119	142	149	142	140	152	165
Trentino Alto-Adige	116	117	119	124	118	119	117	129	133	138	132	131	139
Umbria	117	119	116	118	121	124	121	135	138	139	134	135	152
Valle d' Aosta	113	115	113	112	115	119	114	119	125	129	125	122	136
Veneto	121	119	125	143	146	138	136	163	176	172	162	176	190

Monster Employment Index Italy for August will be released on September, 8, 2009.

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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.

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