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Online Recruitment Activity Continues to Fall across Italy as Financial Services Reports Fewer Job Opportunities

June 2009 Index Highlights:

- The Monster Employment Index Italy fell two percent in June, as online job availability cooled at the end of the second quarter. Year-on-year, the Index was down 29 percent, marking an eighth consecutive month of annual decline
- Financial services were hit hard in Italy, with banking, finance and insurance and accounting, audit and taxes registering declines. Topping year-on-year losses, accounting, audit and taxes marked a second month of reduced hiring as the sector fell six percent in June

Summary Overview

Online recruitment activity in Italy remains muted and is currently being held up by non-cyclical sectors such as education. Nevertheless, faint signs of easing in the pace of economic slowdown are starting to show with a variety of sectors started to display positive trends in June.

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.

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

Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08
124	126	137	141	130	129	155	164	157	150	165	179	175

“Though we’re seeing confidence among consumers and businesses slowly change for the better, labour market activity remains sluggish as companies across Italy continue to be cautious about hiring,” said Nicola Rossi, country manager, Monster Italy. “Education and healthcare are currently the only sectors showing long-term growth in online job demand.”

Financial services report slowdown in online recruitment activity; education, marketing up

Despite a rise in business confidence in June, financial services reported a shortfall in online opportunities, while non cyclical sectors such as marketing, PR and media bucked the overall downtrend.

Accounting, audit and taxes reported a six-point (six percent) decline, continuing a seven-month downtrend. Year-on-year, the sector declined more than any other, falling 57 percent. Banking, finance and insurance also fell one point (one percent), following its recent peak in April. Year-on-year banking opportunities have declined seven percent.

In contrast, a number of sectors started to show positive trends in June. Non-cyclical sectors such as education, training and library – which jumped 16 points (11 percent), showed some of the strongest increases. Advertised opportunities in education-related positions are up significantly year-on-year, having jumped 13 percent. Similarly, healthcare, social work and personal care saw a positive year-on-year trend, rising one percent.

Marketing, PR and media continued its steady rise in online hiring activity through June. The sector is exhibiting the strongest three-month growth trend in the Index, indicating a gradual revival in creative sector after earlier cooling due to the economic slowdown. Opportunities also edged up in management and consulting and HR following dips in May; growing four points (four percent) and two points (two percent) respectively.

Plant and machine operators and assemblers and service and sales workers report sharply lower opportunities; elementary occupations and professionals rise

Manual occupations and retail positions suffered most in the June index. Plant and machine operators and assemblers saw a sharp fall in online opportunities with a fall of nine points (six percent) while craft-related workers fell one point (one percent). Both occupational groups saw year-on-year declines. Meanwhile, service workers saw demand fall four points (three percent).

Elementary occupations and professionals were the only two occupational groups to report higher demand in June, both rising by one Index point (one percent).

Lazio reports sharp rise in opportunities as majority of regions report lower demand

Seven regions in Italy saw lower demand in June, with four remaining steady. Lombardia, Piemonte, and Veneto registered the most significant downtrends throughout the second quarter, all reporting double digit declines.

Lazio reported a seven point (six percent) rise, continuing to exhibit one of the most variable online hiring patterns among regions. In June there were strong gains in the education, administrative and sales sectors.

Best performing sectors

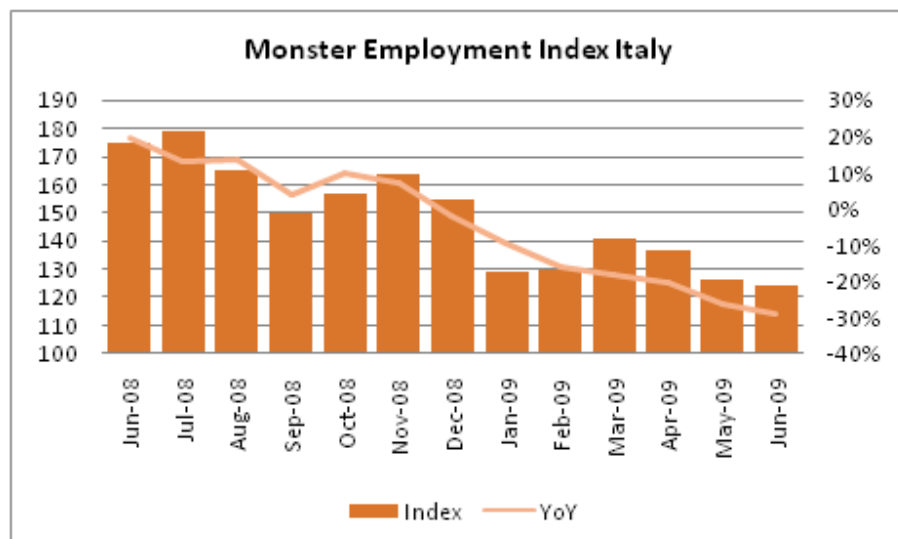
Industry sectors showing the greatest rate of increase in online job availability included:

Month-on-month

Industry	Jun 09	May 09	%
Education, training, and library	160	144	11%
Management and consulting	111	107	4%
Marketing, PR and media	92	89	3%
HR	89	87	2%
Transport, post and logistics	117	115	2%

Year-on-year

Industry	Jun 09	Jun 08	%
Education, training, and library	160	141	13%
Healthcare, social work, personal care	183	175	5%
Environment, architecture, urbanism	114	118	-3%
Banking, finance, insurance	104	112	-7%
Telecommunications	95	105	-10%



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

Industry	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08
Accounting, audit, taxes	133	139	156	172	186	204	241	263	238	222	253	303	312
Administrative, organisation	164	165	182	194	183	168	219	218	218	206	236	258	238
Arts, entertainment, sport, leisure	138	149	146	150	132	126	139	141	139	135	148	161	158
Banking, finance, insurance	104	105	117	115	96	89	96	103	103	104	107	114	112
Construction and extraction	128	136	141	140	137	136	153	162	161	158	171	176	174
Education, training and library	160	144	156	171	155	125	128	138	126	131	127	135	141
Engineering	140	149	167	170	164	171	201	209	192	185	203	217	227
Environment, architecture, urbanism	114	120	135	130	126	116	133	136	129	113	118	123	118
Healthcare, social work, personal care	183	184	191	197	178	173	203	183	163	156	178	184	175
Hospitality and tourism	164	169	181	165	148	139	171	172	163	156	171	195	190
HR	89	87	94	104	107	100	128	145	146	145	149	160	167
IT	100	104	115	117	113	115	126	129	125	121	128	132	132
Legal	142	145	154	138	129	133	160	167	140	133	167	175	162
Management and consulting	111	107	115	119	115	116	121	124	119	120	124	126	128
Marketing, PR and media	92	89	86	81	97	92	121	140	146	122	136	147	141
Production, manufacturing, maintenance, repair	145	152	167	177	159	162	185	208	200	191	210	226	211
Public sector, defence, community	101	103	112	99	84	87	94	112	116	97	127	136	118
Real estate	97	103	108	104	102	101	104	106	105	103	106	110	112
Research and development	93	98	103	109	110	109	130	154	149	139	156	173	174
Sales	116	116	123	129	119	120	156	165	155	144	157	181	178
Telecommunications	95	94	91	90	85	83	89	94	92	89	95	102	105
Transport, post and logistics	117	115	122	124	126	133	164	188	183	178	201	215	212

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

Occupation	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08
Managers	106	107	123	133	143	144	176	192	173	167	189	202	206
Professionals	129	128	138	141	125	125	143	148	141	136	144	154	154
Technicians and associate professionals	99	99	104	105	108	109	132	140	133	127	138	152	149
Clerical support workers	140	140	153	162	171	160	207	213	213	199	233	259	240
Service and sales workers	152	156	160	151	139	132	166	165	158	148	162	184	187
Skilled agricultural, forestry and fishery workers	139	142	144	137	127	113	119	124	125	119	128	126	128
Craft and related workers	137	138	153	162	151	150	183	195	195	181	200	210	210
Plant and machine operators, and assemblers	142	151	169	179	160	168	198	222	214	210	234	250	243
Elementary occupations	108	107	113	108	104	108	109	111	118	113	112	118	118

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

Region	Jun 09	May 09	Apr 09	Mar 09	Feb 09	Jan 09	Dec 08	Nov 08	Oct 08	Sep 08	Aug 08	Jul 08	Jun 08
Abruzzo	123	122	123	125	121	121	133	135	133	128	133	143	140
Basilicata	112	112	114	117	115	111	120	127	128	122	121	134	134
Calabria	107	109	110	112	109	106	113	120	122	116	117	132	134
Campania	109	109	113	118	108	107	127	133	129	121	125	140	141
Emilia-Romagna	130	131	137	144	130	126	149	161	158	150	160	175	173
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	133	130	132	134	129	129	139	149	146	141	146	159	155
Lazio	115	108	121	128	117	114	148	158	153	141	157	175	169
Liguria	118	117	126	135	128	124	138	139	139	134	138	145	145
Lombardia	122	124	139	143	133	130	163	171	164	154	169	183	177
Marche	119	119	127	130	122	117	140	151	144	140	148	163	155
Molise	110	110	109	114	114	110	116	122	122	119	117	126	125
Piemonte	117	119	130	137	128	125	149	160	156	149	166	181	176
Puglia	112	113	119	125	115	109	122	126	127	128	129	144	140
Sardinia	128	125	125	130	130	115	129	145	142	138	139	168	166
Sicilia	120	119	120	116	105	103	127	135	131	127	133	158	150
Toscana	122	121	128	131	123	119	142	149	142	140	152	165	165
Trentino Alto-Adige	117	119	124	118	119	117	129	133	138	132	131	139	141
Umbria	119	116	118	121	124	121	135	138	139	134	135	152	149
Valle d' Aosta	115	113	112	115	119	114	119	125	129	125	122	136	135
Veneto	119	125	143	146	138	136	163	176	172	162	176	190	187

Monster Employment Index Italy for July will be released on August 11, 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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