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SINGAPORE: Firms in Singapore placed out more advertisements for professional jobs in the second quarter this year.

Recruitment consultant Robert Walters' Asia Job Index found that 177,000 openings were offered in the April to June period. This was eight per cent higher than the 164,000 positions advertised in the first quarter of this year.

Looking at the various sectors, the construction and building industry placed the most ads in the second quarter, in line with the property sector boom.

Close to 29,000 jobs in the sector were made available, as firms looked to hire engineers, surveyors, architects and technicians.

Retail servicing, sales and business development personnel were also in high demand, with about 27,000 ads placed out.

Robert Walters said there has been evidence of an increase in marketing and advertising here since April. It said this suggests that businesses are starting to spend more money on business generation.

The consultant noted that there were also fewer examples of hiring freezes, and a greater level of visibility in the financial services sector.

Singapore's growth in advertisements was second to Hong Kong, which saw a 9.1 per cent increase on-quarter.

The Robert Walters Asia Job Index tracks advertisement volumes for professional positions across job websites and national newspapers in Singapore, Hong Kong, China and Japan.

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