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More ads posted for professional jobs in Q2

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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. That's 8 per cent higher than the 164,000 positions advertised for in the first quarter 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 that there has been evidence of an increase in marketing and advertising here since April. It says this suggests that businesses are starting to spend more money on business generation.

The consultant also pointed out 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.

Robert Walters Asia Job Index tracks ad volumes across job websites and national newspapers in Singapore, Hong Kong, China and Japan. 938Live

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