

S'PORE BOSSES STILL RECRUITING, SAYS GLOBAL CONSULTANCY



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SALES-RELATED JOBS PUBLIC SECTOR AUDITING AND FINANCE

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JOBSEEKERS, take heart. Although recruitment has been affected by the downturn, there are bright spots.

In Singapore, employers are still hiring for positions in sales, auditing and the public sector.

A job index released yesterday by Robert Walters Asia, an international recruitment-consultancy firm, showed that “the focus on new financial regula-

tions meant that posts for compliance and audit specialists were advertised”. Several large accountancy firms are already recruiting in anticipation of fresh work this year, it added.

Mr Lim Lee Meng, senior partner at accountancy firm RSM Chio Lim, said: “We’re always hiring. While business may be slower, it’s a good time to attract talents like senior managers and directors who weren’t tempted to move previously.”

To keep costs down, retailers are also “focusing their recruit-

ment efforts at the junior end of the industry”, said Robert Walters.

Ms Elsie Chua, executive vice-president of classified advertisements in Singapore Press Holdings, said: “There’s always going to be a demand for sales people.”

The public sector is another big hirer. Last month, the Singapore Government announced that it is creating 18,000 jobs in the next two years.

The job index, which tracks advertisement volumes for professional positions in China,

Hong Kong, Japan and Singapore, indicated that the number of ads has dipped between 10 and almost 44 per cent in the fourth quarter of last year, compared to the previous quarter.

But the future looks promising, especially for human-resource practitioners in China.

In Japan, those in product and logistics operations face a similarly upbeat year.

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