

## **More jobs ads placed in here Q3 according to Robert Walters' Asia Job Index**

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Singapore's labour market continued to firm up in the third quarter, with the number of job advertisements rising in the July to September period.

A survey by recruitment consultant Robert Walters found that 200,496 job ads were placed out in the third quarter.

That's a 13.3 percent rise compared to the previous quarter.

Retail, sales and business development positions registered the most number of openings, with more than 34 thousand job ads placed.

Engineering and finance sectors also saw a sizable number of recruitments.

Robert Walters says financial institutions here are now enjoying improved trading conditions, which is creating demand for more support.

It adds that several new major retail and leisure developments have been completed, hence the need for suitable manpower in that sector.

Beyond Singapore, Robert Walters says in its Asia Job Index, the total number of ads placed in the third quarter increased 21.6 percent on-quarter.

It notes the main driver of growth was China, which saw an increase of 22.6 percent in job ads placed.

Robert Walters adds that the increase in China was driven by an uplift in activity across a range of sectors, led principally by retail.

The Asia Job Index tracks advertisement volumes for professional positions in Singapore, Hong Kong, China and Japan.