# The Bayt.com Middle East **Job Index Survey**

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Section 1
PROJECT BACKGROUND





- To gauge perceptions of job availability and hiring.
- To identify trends in the Middle East and North Africa job market.
- To provide an understanding of the required key skill sets and qualifications.



### Calculation of Indices and Benchmarking

- The indices which concentrate on measuring the job market are the :
  - Job Index (JI)
  - Hiring Expectancy Index (HEI)
- The indices aim to measure the potential opportunities that are present in the market.
- The Job Index is composed of the following two questions:
  - Question 1 Will you be hiring in the next 3 months either for your organization or for your clients if you are in the recruitment field or an HR consultant?
  - Question 2 With regard to your future expectations, do you think you will be hiring in a year's time from now either for your organization or for your clients if you are in the recruitment field or an HR consultant? (This question also measures the HEI).



#### Calculation of Indices and Benchmarking

The index is calculated according to the following formula:

Index Value = (Current period value / Base period value) \* 100

• Current period's value for each question is calculated as:

(((Number of optimistic answers – Number of pessimistic answers) / Achieved sample)\*100) + 100

- Current period values for each question are summed up to obtain current period's value for the overall index.
- The current period's value calculated for October 2009 is fixed as the base period value.
- The base period of the index is set as October 2009 and the value of the index at this period is 100.
- The index has a point of scale ranging from 0 to 200.
- The JI is calculated from Question 1 and Question 2.
- The HEI is calculated using only Question 2.
- JI and HEI are calculated separately for each country.





- Overall, the Job Index has decreased by seven points since the last wave of August 2016, with notable decreases in Qatar, Algeria and KSA.
- The Hiring Expectancy Index for the region has decreased by four points since August 2016. Notable decreases can be seen for Qatar, Algeria, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.
- Looking at future hiring expectations, two-thirds of working respondents state that their companies are likely to hire in a year's time, while 51% claim they are likely to hire in the next three months.
- Amongst those who plan to hire in the next 3 months, 44% indicate that they will be hiring for maximum 5 jobs. The majority of companies hiring in the next 3 months are looking to fill in junior and mid-level positions.
- A graduation/ postgraduate degree in Engineering is the most sought-after academic qualification when looking for candidates (30%). This is followed by Business Management (28%) and Commerce (21%).





- Good communication skills in Arabic and English (68%) emerge as the top attribute that employers look for in a candidate. Being a team player (51%) and the ability to work under pressure (47%) are the next two important skills sought by employers.
- In terms of experience needed, almost 4 in 10 working respondents said they are seeking candidates with good managerial skills. Moreover, 30% state that they are ideally looking for candidates with mid-level experience (3 to 7 years) and for candidates with sales and marketing skills.
- 61% working respondents claim that their company has hired new employees within the past 6 months.
- 43% claim that their country of residence is more attractive as a job market than other MENA countries, while almost a third claim the opposite (31%). A much higher proportion of GCC residents (55%) believe that their country of residence is more attractive than other countries, as compared to those living in the Levant (24%) and in North Africa (21%).





- Half of working respondents rate their industry as being more attractive as a potential employer in comparison to other industries. There seems to be no major difference between areas when it come to attractiveness of industry (GCC 50%, Levant 48% and North Africa 52%).
- When asked which industry is attracting top talent, the highest proportion of respondents chose the banking/finance industry (30%).



Section 2 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY





#### Age and Gender:

Adult males and females

Aged 18 plus years

#### Nationalities:

GCC Arabs, North Africans, Levantines, Western Expats, Asians

#### **Country of Residence**

GCC: UAE, KSA, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain

Levant: Lebanon, Syria\*, Jordan

North Africa: Egypt, Morocco\*, Algeria, Tunisia\*

Asia: Pakistan\*

\*Low sample for current wave (less than 30 interviews)

#### **Data Collection**

All data was collected online. Fieldwork was done between December 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 and January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017. The total number of successful online interviews achieved is 3,107. Of these, 2,815 were of working status.



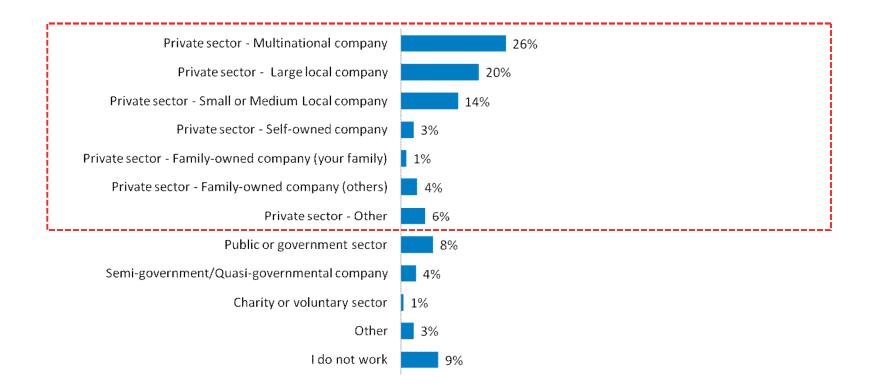
Section 3
RESPONDENT PROFILE





Q. In which of the following sectors do you work?

Three-quarters of respondents work in the private sector, with 26% working in a multinational company.







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|  |     |     |        |       |         | Levant |         |       |        |
|--|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|--------|---------|-------|--------|
|  | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman   | Lebanon | Syria | Jordan |
| Base: All  | 563 | 903 | 156    | 202   | 56      | 60     | 142     | 30    | 180    |
| Private sector - Multinational company             | 28% | 26% | 28%    | 35%   | 30%     | 27%    | 25%     | 17%   | 18%    |
| Private sector - Large Local company               | 15% | 25% | 29%    | 16%   | 21%     | 27%    | 19%     | 10%   | 16%    |
| Private sector - Small or Medium Local<br>company  | 17% | 17% | 13%    | 11%   | 18%     | 15%    | 12%     | 7%    | 12%    |
| Private sector – Self owned company                | 3%  | 1%  | 2%     | 1%    | 4%      | -      | 8%      | 13%   | 4%     |
| Private sector- Family owned company (your family) | 1%  | 1%  | 1%     | 1%    | 2%      | -      | 4%      | 3%    | 1%     |
| Private sector- Family owned company (others)      | 4%  | 5%  | 3%     | 2%    | 5%      | 2%     | 7%      | 7%    | 4%     |
| Private sector - Other                             | 8%  | 6%  | 8%     | 7%    | 2%      | 2%     | 6%      | 10%   | 7%     |
| Public or Government sector                        | 7%  | 6%  | 5%     | 9%    | 5%      | 8%     | -       | 20%   | 9%     |
| Semi-government/Quasi-governmental company         | 5%  | 4%  | 4%     | 6%    | 2%      | 13%    | -       | -     | 2%     |
| Charity or voluntary sector                        | 0%  | 0%  | 1%     | -     | 2%      | -      | 3%      | 7%    | 3%     |
| Other  | 2%  | 2%  | 2%     | 3%    | -       | -      | 4%      | -     | 6%     |
| l do not work                                      | 9%  | 7%  | 3%     | 8%    | 9%      | 7%     | 13%     | 7%    | 18%    |





#### Q. In which of the following sectors do you work?

|  |       | North   | Africa  |         | Asia     |
|--|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|  | Egypt | Morocco | Algeria | Tunisia | Pakistan |
| Base: All  | 579   | 42      | 132     | 37      | 25**     |
| Private sector - Multinational company             | 29%   | 19%     | 15%     | 16%     | 24%      |
| Private sector - Large Local company               | 19%   | 7%      | 5%      | 8%      | 28%      |
| Private sector - Small or Medium Local company     | 13%   | 17%     | 7%      | 11%     | 16%      |
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| Private sector- Family owned company (others)      | 4%    | 2%      | 1%      | -       | -        |
| Private sector - Other                             | 4%    | 7%      | 3%      | 8%      | 8%       |
| Public or Government sector                        | 8%    | 7%      | 33%     | 8%      | 12%      |
| Semi-government/Quasi-governmental company         | 2%    | 2%      | 6%      | 3%      | -        |
| Charity or voluntary sector                        | 0%    | 2%      | -       | -       | -        |
| Other  | 4%    | 2%      | 7%      | 8%      | 4%       |
| l do not work                                      | 8%    | 26%     | 20%     | 24%     | 8%       |



## Level of seniority at work

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 42% of working respondents are managers or assistant managers, while 1 in 5 belong to senior management.





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|---|-----|-----|------------|-------|-------------|----------|-------------|--------|------------|
|   | UAE | KSA | Kuwai<br>t | Qatar | Bahrai<br>n | Oma<br>n | Lebano<br>n | Syria  | Jorda<br>n |
| Base: Working   | 513 | 842 | 151        | 185   | 51          | 56       | 124         | 28**   | 147        |
| Senior Management – CEO/ CFO/ President/ General<br>Manager/ Director, etc. | 19% | 20% | 17%        | 8%    | 10%         | 14%      | 33%         | 54%    | 28%        |
| Middle Management – Manager/ Assistant Manager, etc.                        | 43% | 43% | 40%        | 41%   | 41%         | 54%      | 43%         | 11%    | 44%        |
| Junior Manager/ Team leader/ Supervisor                                     | 23% | 21% | 25%        | 32%   | 27%         | 20%      | 15%         | 18%    | 19%        |
| Employed Professional – Doctor/ Lawyer/ Architect, etc.                     | 5%  | 9%  | 10%        | 6%    | 8%          | 9%       | 4%          | 11%    | 5%         |
| Executive with no managerial responsibilities                               | 10% | 8%  | 8%         | 14%   | 14%         | 4%       | 5%          | 7%     | 4%         |



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| Base: Working   | 531   | 31      | 105     | 28**    | 23**     |
| Senior Management – CEO/ CFO/ President/ General<br>Manager/ Director, etc. | 30%   | 16%     | 14%     | 32%     | 9%       |
| Middle Management – Manager/ Assistant Manager,<br>etc.                     | 43%   | 35%     | 36%     | 25%     | 57%      |
| Junior Manager/ Team leader/ Supervisor                                     | 17%   | 19%     | 19%     | 29%     | 35%      |
| Employed Professional – Doctor/ Lawyer/ Architect,<br>etc.                  | 6%    | 6%      | 16%     | -       | -        |
| Executive with no managerial responsibilities                               | 5%    | 23%     | 14%     | 14%     | -        |

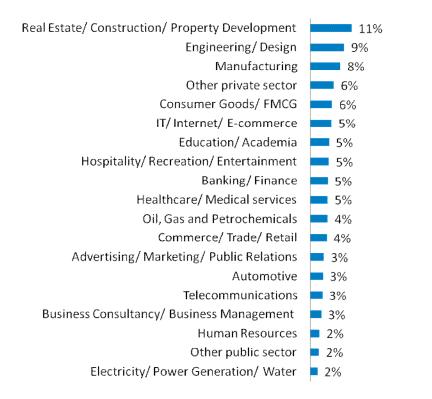


## Industry of work

Q. And in which of the following industries do you work?

• 11% of working respondents are working in the real estate and property development industry.

Other: 9%







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|   | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman   | Lebanon | Syria | Jordan |
| Base: Working   | 513 | 842 | 151    | 185   | 51      | 56     | 124     | 28**  | 147    |
| Real Estate/ Construction/ Property<br>Development                  | 12% | 12% | 9%     | 23%   | 10%     | 14%    | 10%     | 14%   | 3%     |
| Engineering/ Design   | 9%  | 10% | 6%     | 14%   | 6%      | 14%    | 7%      | 18%   | 9%     |
| Manufacturing   | 6%  | 10% | 3%     | 2%    | 10%     | 9%     | 4%      | 4%    | 7%     |
| Other private sector  | 8%  | 6%  | 8%     | 4%    | 8%      | 2%     | 3%      | 4%    | 7%     |
| Consumer Goods/ FMCG  | 6%  | 6%  | 7%     | 6%    | 4%      | 2%     | 7%      | -     | 3%     |
| IT/ Internet/ E-commerce  | 4%  | 6%  | 5%     | 4%    | 6%      | -      | 8%      | -     | 6%     |
| Education/ Academia   | 4%  | 5%  | 4%     | 2%    | 6%      | 7%     | 5%      | 7%    | 10%    |
| Hospitality/ Recreation/ Entertainment                              | 8%  | 3%  | 11%    | 10%   | 8%      | 2%     | 5%      | -     | 3%     |
| Banking/ Finance  | 6%  | 4%  | 6%     | 2%    | 4%      | 2%     | 7%      | 4%    | 5%     |
| Healthcare/ Medical services  | 5%  | 5%  | 5%     | 3%    | 4%      | 2%     | 4%      | 4%    | 5%     |
| Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals   | 4%  | 4%  | 9%     | 4%    | 2%      | 14%    | 2%      | 7%    | 1%     |
| Commerce/ Trade/ Retail   | 5%  | 5%  | 5%     | 2%    | 4%      | 2%     | 6%      | -     | 2%     |
| Advertising/ Marketing/ Public Relations                            | 3%  | 3%  | 2%     | 4%    | 14%     | -      | 7%      | 11%   | 4%     |
| Automotive  | 4%  | 2%  | 3%     | 4%    | 6%      | 9%     | 2%      | -     | 3%     |
| Telecommunications  | 2%  | 2%  | 3%     | 2%    | -       | 2%     | 5%      | -     | 5%     |
| Business Consultancy/ Business Management/<br>Management Consulting | 3%  | 2%  | 3%     | 1%    | 2%      | 2%     | 5%      | 7%    | 3%     |
| Human Resources   | 2%  | 3%  | 1%     | 3%    | -       | 5%     | 2%      | 7%    | 1%     |
| Other public sector   | 2%  | 2%  | 1%     | 3%    | -       | 2%     | 2%      | -     | 2%     |
| Electricity/ Power Generation/ Water                                | 1%  | 3%  | 2%     | 2%    | 2%      | 2%     | 1%      | 4%    | 1%     |



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| Education/ Academia   | 4%    | 6%      | 10%     | 4%      | -        |
| Hospitality/ Recreation/ Entertainment                              | 2%    | -       | 2%      | 4%      | 4%       |
| Banking/ Finance  | 4%    | 3%      | 3%      | 11%     | 26%      |
| Healthcare/ Medical services  | 5%    | -       | 3%      | -       | 4%       |
| Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals   | 4%    | -       | 13%     | 11%     | -        |
| Commerce/ Trade/ Retail   | 5%    | 6%      | 1%      | -       | -        |
| Advertising/ Marketing/ Public Relations                            | 3%    | 6%      | 3%      | -       | -        |
| Automotive  | 4%    | 13%     | 1%      | -       | 4%       |
| Telecommunications  | 6%    | 3%      | 4%      | -       | 4%       |
| Business Consultancy/ Business Management/ Management<br>Consulting | 4%    | 3%      | 3%      | 4%      | 4%       |
| Human Resources   | 2%    | -       | 5%      | -       | -        |
| Other public sector   | 2%    | 3%      | 11%     | 4%      | -        |
| Electricity/ Power Generation/ Water                                | 1%    | -       | 4%      | 4%      | -        |



Section 4
PAST AND CURRENT PERIOD VALUES



### Current Hiring Values

| Year | Period   | Total | Algeria | Bahrain | Egypt | Jordan | Kuwait | Lebano<br>n | Morocco | Oman | Pakista<br>n | Qatar | Saudi<br>Arabia | Syria | Tunisia | UAE |
|------|----------|-------|---------|---------|-------|--------|--------|-------------|---------|------|--------------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|
| 2009 | Oct 2009 | 119   | 124     | 109     | 118   | 117    | 120    | 128         | 113     | 122  | 114          | 122   | 124             | 120   | 123     | 114 |
|      | Jan 2010 | 120   | 120     | 124     | 119   | 118    | 122    | 124         | 122     | 123  | 120          | 116   | 125             | 121   | 123     | 112 |
| 2010 | Apr 2010 | 121   | 125     | 115     | 118   | 114    | 115    | 128         | 121     | 118  | 125          | 130   | 127             | 120   | 114     | 117 |
| 2010 | Jul 2010 | 120   | 130     | 132     | 117   | 113    | 125    | 125         | 121     | 126  | 125          | 123   | 120             | 116   | 118     | 117 |
|      | Oct 2010 | 119   | 126     | 126     | 119   | 116    | 120    | 115         | 125     | 130  | 117          | 117   | 123             | 122   | 112     | 114 |
|      | Jan 2011 | 121   | 121     | 120     | 119   | 121    | 118    | 120         | 119     | 122  | 117          | 123   | 126             | 120   | 114     | 119 |
| 2011 | Apr 2011 | 121   | 123     | 117     | 117   | 115    | 122    | 130         | 117     | 134  | 125          | 129   | 127             | 118   | 120     | 120 |
| 2011 | Jul 2011 | 121   | 124     | 115     | 117   | 119    | 116    | 117         | 112     | 130  | 128          | 123   | 125             | 126   | 124     | 117 |
|      | Oct 2011 | 119   | 126     | 94      | 115   | 117    | 119    | 122         | 126     | 118  | 118          | 116   | 126             | 116   | 112     | 114 |
| 2012 | Jan 2012 | 119   | 122     | 123     | 116   | 116    | 118    | 120         | 116     | 124  | 122          | 125   | 124             | 110   | 116     | 118 |
| 2012 | Aug 2012 | 119   | 116     | 121     | 115   | 118    | 119    | 114         | 118     | 117  | 121          | 127   | 125             | 101   | 122     | 118 |
| 2013 | Jan 2013 | 122   | 126     | 123     | 117   | 124    | 123    | 123         | 120     | 125  | 121          | 121   | 130             | 108   | 115     | 120 |
| 2015 | Aug 2013 | 120   | 119     | 105     | 118   | 119    | 122    | 113         | 111     | 122  | 123          | 124   | 127             | 105   | 125     | 122 |
| 2014 | Jan 2014 | 124   | 122     | 126     | 118   | 121    | 134    | 117         | 121     | 137  | 119          | 129   | 131             | 116   | 112     | 124 |
| 2014 | Aug 2014 | 125   | 123     | 114     | 121   | 127    | 124    | 123         | 123     | 122  | 126          | 125   | 132             | 109   | 130     | 128 |
|      | Jan 2015 | 123   | 122     | 129     | 120   | 120    | 122    | 118         | 121     | 127  | 127          | 125   | 124             | 115   | 116     | 123 |
| 2015 | Jun 2015 | 127   | 123     | 117     | 129   | 120    | 127    | 121         | 113     | 137  | 131          | 133   | 131             | 50    | 133     | 126 |
|      | Dec 2015 | 123   | 125     | 133     | 125   | 121    | 122    | 117         | 121     | 122  | 145          | 118   | 123             | 117   | 150     | 120 |
| 2016 | Aug 2016 | 126   | 126     | 117     | 128   | 127    | 125    | 120         | 132     | 125  | 124          | 133   | 126             | 118   | 132     | 124 |
| 2017 | Jan 2017 | 115   | 115     | 120     | 117   | 118    | 116    | 119         | 118     | 106  | 117          | 117   | 112             | 118   | 111     | 115 |



### Future Hiring Values

| Year | Period   | Total | Algeria | Bahrain | Egypt | Jordan | Kuwait | Lebano<br>n | Morocco | Oman | Pakista<br>n | Qatar | Saudi<br>Arabia | Syria | Tunisia | UAE |
|------|----------|-------|---------|---------|-------|--------|--------|-------------|---------|------|--------------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|
| 2009 | Oct 2009 | 130   | 132     | 129     | 129   | 129    | 131    | 131         | 127     | 135  | 122          | 130   | 133             | 131   | 129     | 126 |
|      | Jan 2010 | 130   | 131     | 127     | 128   | 130    | 129    | 130         | 129     | 130  | 120          | 129   | 134             | 131   | 131     | 123 |
| 2010 | Apr 2010 | 131   | 133     | 138     | 128   | 128    | 129    | 132         | 127     | 135  | 135          | 134   | 136             | 134   | 128     | 129 |
| 2010 | Jul 2010 | 120   | 130     | 132     | 117   | 113    | 125    | 125         | 121     | 126  | 125          | 123   | 120             | 116   | 118     | 117 |
|      | Oct 2010 | 119   | 126     | 126     | 119   | 116    | 120    | 115         | 125     | 130  | 117          | 117   | 123             | 122   | 112     | 114 |
|      | Jan 2011 | 129   | 130     | 130     | 128   | 129    | 129    | 128         | 124     | 129  | 141          | 132   | 133             | 132   | 127     | 128 |
| 2011 | Apr 2011 | 130   | 130     | 129     | 128   | 127    | 130    | 134         | 128     | 139  | 136          | 133   | 133             | 131   | 128     | 130 |
| 2011 | Jul 2011 | 130   | 131     | 130     | 127   | 132    | 125    | 135         | 126     | 132  | 122          | 130   | 132             | 130   | 133     | 128 |
|      | Oct 2011 | 128   | 134     | 117     | 125   | 129    | 126    | 125         | 126     | 124  | 125          | 126   | 135             | 123   | 124     | 124 |
| 2012 | Jan 2012 | 128   | 131     | 133     | 125   | 126    | 126    | 130         | 126     | 130  | 127          | 133   | 131             | 126   | 126     | 126 |
| 2012 | Aug 2012 | 128   | 126     | 132     | 127   | 128    | 129    | 130         | 121     | 115  | 128          | 132   | 132             | 117   | 127     | 128 |
| 2013 | Jan 2013 | 129   | 131     | 128     | 126   | 132    | 133    | 127         | 128     | 130  | 127          | 128   | 135             | 122   | 131     | 129 |
| 2015 | Aug 2013 | 129   | 134     | 115     | 127   | 127    | 134    | 123         | 122     | 129  | 131          | 132   | 133             | 124   | 131     | 129 |
| 2014 | Jan 2014 | 130   | 130     | 123     | 125   | 132    | 134    | 123         | 127     | 144  | 131          | 133   | 135             | 126   | 123     | 129 |
| 2014 | Aug 2014 | 131   | 126     | 118     | 129   | 132    | 127    | 127         | 128     | 134  | 131          | 130   | 138             | 116   | 135     | 133 |
|      | Jan 2015 | 129   | 126     | 126     | 131   | 127    | 130    | 128         | 132     | 130  | 131          | 128   | 130             | 121   | 118     | 128 |
| 2015 | Jun 2015 | 133   | 134     | 117     | 134   | 132    | 133    | 133         | 133     | 142  | 131          | 135   | 135             | 50    | 133     | 130 |
|      | Dec 2015 | 130   | 133     | 129     | 129   | 131    | 133    | 126         | 146     | 130  | 140          | 128   | 127             | 133   | 136     | 131 |
| 2016 | Aug 2016 | 132   | 131     | 117     | 137   | 137    | 131    | 129         | 129     | 113  | 128          | 141   | 137             | 124   | 133     | 137 |
| 2017 | Jan 2017 | 127   | 116     | 121     | 129   | 124    | 132    | 135         | 129     | 124  | 133          | 124   | 124             | 130   | 121     | 129 |



#### Current Hiring + Future Hiring Values

| Year | Period   | Total | Algeria | Bahrain | Egypt | Jordan | Kuwait | Lebano<br>n | Morocco | Oman | Pakista<br>n | Qatar | Saudi<br>Arabia | Syria | Tunisia | UAE |
|------|----------|-------|---------|---------|-------|--------|--------|-------------|---------|------|--------------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|
| 2009 | Oct 2009 | 249   | 257     | 239     | 247   | 246    | 251    | 259         | 240     | 258  | 236          | 252   | 257             | 251   | 252     | 241 |
|      | Jan 2010 | 250   | 252     | 251     | 247   | 248    | 251    | 254         | 251     | 253  | 240          | 245   | 259             | 252   | 254     | 235 |
| 2010 | Apr 2010 | 252   | 258     | 253     | 246   | 242    | 243    | 260         | 249     | 253  | 260          | 263   | 264             | 254   | 242     | 246 |
| 2010 | Jul 2010 | 241   | 259     | 264     | 235   | 227    | 249    | 250         | 243     | 253  | 249          | 246   | 240             | 231   | 237     | 234 |
|      | Oct 2010 | 239   | 252     | 251     | 238   | 231    | 241    | 231         | 250     | 260  | 233          | 233   | 246             | 245   | 224     | 228 |
|      | Jan 2011 | 250   | 251     | 250     | 247   | 250    | 246    | 248         | 243     | 251  | 259          | 255   | 259             | 252   | 241     | 247 |
| 2011 | Apr 2011 | 251   | 253     | 247     | 246   | 242    | 253    | 264         | 245     | 273  | 261          | 262   | 260             | 249   | 248     | 250 |
| 2011 | Jul 2011 | 250   | 254     | 244     | 244   | 251    | 241    | 252         | 238     | 262  | 250          | 253   | 257             | 256   | 258     | 245 |
|      | Oct 2011 | 246   | 260     | 211     | 240   | 246    | 245    | 247         | 251     | 242  | 243          | 242   | 261             | 239   | 236     | 238 |
| 2012 | Jan 2012 | 247   | 253     | 256     | 241   | 242    | 244    | 249         | 243     | 254  | 249          | 257   | 255             | 236   | 242     | 244 |
| 2012 | Aug 2012 | 247   | 242     | 253     | 242   | 245    | 248    | 245         | 239     | 231  | 249          | 259   | 257             | 218   | 248     | 246 |
| 2013 | Jan 2013 | 251   | 257     | 252     | 243   | 256    | 255    | 249         | 248     | 256  | 248          | 249   | 265             | 230   | 246     | 249 |
| 2013 | Aug 2013 | 249   | 253     | 220     | 244   | 246    | 257    | 236         | 232     | 251  | 254          | 256   | 260             | 229   | 256     | 251 |
| 2014 | Jan 2014 | 254   | 252     | 249     | 243   | 253    | 268    | 239         | 248     | 281  | 250          | 263   | 266             | 243   | 235     | 253 |
| 2014 | Aug 2014 | 256   | 249     | 232     | 250   | 258    | 251    | 250         | 251     | 255  | 257          | 255   | 270             | 225   | 265     | 261 |
|      | Jan 2015 | 253   | 248     | 255     | 251   | 248    | 252    | 246         | 253     | 257  | 259          | 253   | 254             | 235   | 234     | 250 |
| 2015 | Jun 2015 | 260   | 256     | 233     | 263   | 253    | 260    | 254         | 246     | 279  | 263          | 267   | 266             | 100   | 267     | 257 |
|      | Dec 2015 | 253   | 258     | 263     | 254   | 252    | 254    | 243         | 267     | 252  | 285          | 247   | 251             | 250   | 286     | 251 |
| 2016 | Aug 2016 | 258   | 257     | 233     | 265   | 263    | 256    | 249         | 261     | 238  | 252          | 273   | 263             | 241   | 265     | 261 |
| 2017 | Jan 2017 | 241   | 231     | 240     | 245   | 242    | 248    | 254         | 247     | 230  | 250          | 241   | 236             | 248   | 232     | 243 |



Section 5



#### Hiring Expectancy Index

- The Hiring Expectancy Index (HEI) for the MENA region has decreased by four points when compared to August 2016.
- Notable decreases can be seen for Qatar, Algeria, Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

| Year | Period   | Total | Algeria | Bahrain | Egypt | Jordan | Kuwait | Lebanon | Morocco | Oman | Pakistan | Qatar | Saudi<br>Arabia | Syria | Tunisia | UAE |
|------|----------|-------|---------|---------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|------|----------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|
|      | Apr 2010 | 99    | 100     | 94      | 101   | 101    | 102    | 100     | 100     | 100  | 90       | 97    | 98              | 98    | 100     | 98  |
| 2010 | Jul 2010 | 108   | 102     | 98      | 110   | 114    | 105    | 105     | 105     | 107  | 98       | 105   | 111             | 113   | 109     | 108 |
|      | Oct 2010 | 109   | 105     | 103     | 108   | 112    | 109    | 114     | 102     | 104  | 105      | 111   | 108             | 107   | 115     | 111 |
|      | Jan 2011 | 100   | 102     | 100     | 101   | 100    | 102    | 103     | 103     | 105  | 86       | 99    | 100             | 99    | 102     | 99  |
| 2014 | Apr 2011 | 100   | 102     | 100     | 101   | 101    | 101    | 98      | 99      | 98   | 90       | 97    | 100             | 100   | 101     | 98  |
| 2011 | Jul 2011 | 100   | 101     | 100     | 101   | 98     | 105    | 97      | 101     | 102  | 100      | 100   | 101             | 101   | 97      | 99  |
|      | Oct 2011 | 102   | 99      | 111     | 103   | 100    | 104    | 105     | 101     | 109  | 98       | 103   | 99              | 106   | 104     | 102 |
|      | Jan 2012 | 101   | 101     | 97      | 103   | 102    | 104    | 101     | 101     | 104  | 96       | 98    | 102             | 104   | 102     | 100 |
| 2012 | Aug 2012 | 101   | 105     | 98      | 101   | 101    | 102    | 101     | 105     | 118  | 95       | 98    | 101             | 112   | 102     | 99  |
| 2013 | Jan 2013 | 100   | 101     | 101     | 102   | 98     | 99     | 104     | 99      | 104  | 96       | 102   | 99              | 108   | 98      | 98  |
| 2013 | Aug 2013 | 100   | 99      | 112     | 102   | 102    | 98     | 107     | 105     | 105  | 93       | 98    | 101             | 106   | 98      | 98  |
| 2014 | Jan 2014 | 100   | 101     | 105     | 103   | 98     | 98     | 107     | 100     | 94   | 93       | 97    | 99              | 104   | 105     | 98  |
| 2014 | Aug 2014 | 101   | 95      | 91      | 100   | 102    | 97     | 97      | 101     | 99   | 107      | 100   | 103             | 89    | 105     | 105 |
| 2015 | Jan 2015 | 100   | 95      | 97      | 102   | 98     | 99     | 98      | 103     | 96   | 108      | 99    | 97              | 92    | 92      | 101 |
| 2015 | Jun 2015 | 103   | 101     | 90      | 104   | 102    | 101    | 102     | 105     | 105  | 108      | 104   | 101             | 38    | 104     | 103 |
|      | Dec 2015 | 100   | 101     | 100     | 100   | 101    | 101    | 96      | 115     | 96   | 115      | 99    | 95              | 102   | 105     | 104 |
| 2016 | Aug 2016 | 102   | 99      | 90      | 106   | 106    | 100    | 98      | 101     | 83   | 105      | 109   | 103             | 94    | 103     | 108 |
| 2017 | Jan 2017 | 98    | 88      | 93      | 100   | 96     | 100    | 103     | 101     | 92   | 109      | 95    | 93              | 99    | 94      | 102 |

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• At an overall level, the Job Index exhibits a drop by seven points since August 2016, with notable decreases in Qatar, Algeria and KSA.

| Year | Period   | Total | Algeria | Bahrain | Egypt | Jordan | Kuwait | Lebanon | Morocco | Oman | Pakistan | Qatar | Saudi<br>Arabia | Syria | Tunisia | UAE |
|------|----------|-------|---------|---------|-------|--------|--------|---------|---------|------|----------|-------|-----------------|-------|---------|-----|
|      | Apr 2010 | 101   | 100     | 106     | 100   | 98     | 97     | 100     | 103     | 98   | 110      | 105   | 102             | 101   | 96      | 102 |
| 2010 | Jul 2010 | 97    | 101     | 111     | 95    | 92     | 99     | 97      | 101     | 98   | 106      | 98    | 93              | 92    | 94      | 97  |
|      | Oct 2010 | 96    | 98      | 105     | 96    | 94     | 96     | 89      | 104     | 101  | 99       | 93    | 96              | 98    | 89      | 94  |
|      | Jan 2011 | 101   | 98      | 105     | 100   | 102    | 98     | 96      | 101     | 97   | 110      | 101   | 101             | 100   | 96      | 102 |
| 2011 | Apr 2011 | 101   | 99      | 103     | 100   | 98     | 101    | 102     | 102     | 106  | 110      | 104   | 101             | 99    | 98      | 104 |
| 2011 | Jul 2011 | 101   | 99      | 102     | 99    | 102    | 96     | 97      | 99      | 102  | 106      | 101   | 100             | 102   | 102     | 102 |
|      | Oct 2011 | 99    | 101     | 88      | 97    | 100    | 98     | 95      | 105     | 94   | 103      | 96    | 101             | 95    | 94      | 99  |
| 2012 | Jan 2012 | 99    | 99      | 107     | 98    | 99     | 97     | 96      | 101     | 98   | 105      | 102   | 99              | 94    | 96      | 101 |
| 2012 | Aug 2012 | 99    | 94      | 106     | 98    | 100    | 99     | 95      | 100     | 90   | 106      | 103   | 100             | 87    | 99      | 102 |
| 2013 | Jan 2013 | 101   | 100     | 105     | 99    | 104    | 102    | 96      | 103     | 99   | 105      | 99    | 103             | 92    | 98      | 103 |
| 2013 | Aug 2013 | 100   | 99      | 92      | 99    | 100    | 102    | 91      | 97      | 97   | 108      | 102   | 101             | 91    | 102     | 104 |
| 2014 | Jan 2014 | 102   | 98      | 104     | 99    | 103    | 107    | 92      | 103     | 109  | 106      | 104   | 103             | 97    | 93      | 105 |
| 2014 | Aug 2014 | 103   | 97      | 97      | 102   | 105    | 100    | 97      | 105     | 99   | 109      | 101   | 105             | 90    | 105     | 108 |
|      | Jan 2015 | 102   | 97      | 107     | 102   | 101    | 100    | 95      | 105     | 100  | 110      | 101   | 99              | 94    | 93      | 104 |
| 2015 | Jun 2015 | 105   | 100     | 98      | 107   | 103    | 103    | 98      | 102     | 108  | 111      | 106   | 103             | 40    | 106     | 107 |
|      | Dec 2015 | 102   | 101     | 110     | 103   | 102    | 101    | 94      | 111     | 98   | 121      | 98    | 97              | 100   | 114     | 104 |
| 2016 | Aug 2016 | 104   | 100     | 98      | 107   | 107    | 102    | 96      | 109     | 92   | 107      | 109   | 102             | 96    | 105     | 108 |
| 2017 | Jan 2017 | 97    | 90      | 101     | 99    | 98     | 99     | 98      | 103     | 89   | 106      | 96    | 92              | 99    | 92      | 101 |

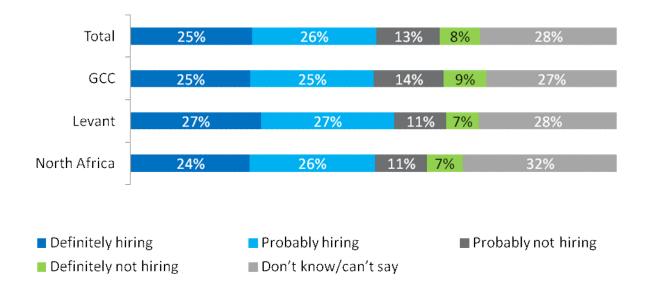
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Section 6
RESEARCH FINDINGS



### Hiring in next 3 months – By area

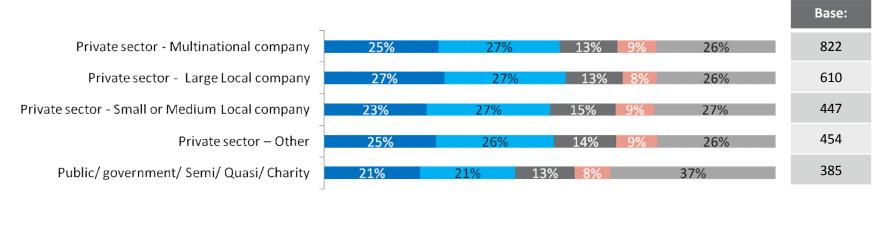
- Q. Will you be hiring in the next 3 months either for your organisation or for your clients if you are in the recruitment field?
  - At an overall level, half of respondents state they will be hiring in the next 3 months.
  - No significant differences per region are observed.





### Hiring in next 3 months – By sector

Q. Will you be hiring in the next 3 months either for your organization or for your clients if you are in the recruitment field?



Definitely hiring

Probably hiring Probably not hiring

niring 💦 📕 Definitely not hiring

Don't know/can't say



#### Hiring in next 3 months – By country

Q. Will you be hiring in the next 3 months either for your organization or for your clients if you are in the recruitment field?

|                       |     |     |        | GCC   |         |      | Levant  |       |        |  |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|------|---------|-------|--------|--|
|                       | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman | Lebanon | Syria | Jordan |  |
| Base: Working         | 513 | 842 | 151    | 185   | 51      | 56   | 124     | 28**  | 147    |  |
| Definitely hiring     | 26% | 23% | 28%    | 31%   | 12%     | 20%  | 27%     | 29%   | 26%    |  |
| Probably hiring       | 26% | 25% | 24%    | 24%   | 43%     | 23%  | 28%     | 29%   | 27%    |  |
| Probably not hiring   | 14% | 14% | 16%    | 13%   | 10%     | 16%  | 10%     | 11%   | 12%    |  |
| Definitely not hiring | 8%  | 10% | 4%     | 9%    | 6%      | 14%  | 8%      | 11%   | 5%     |  |
| Don't know/can't say  | 26% | 28% | 28%    | 23%   | 29%     | 27%  | 27%     | 21%   | 31%    |  |

|                       | North Africa |         |         |         | Asia     |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|                       | Egypt        | Morocco | Algeria | Tunisia | Pakistan |
| Base: Working         | 531          | 31      | 105     | 28**    | 23**     |
| Definitely hiring     | 24%          | 26%     | 27%     | 14%     | 43%      |
| Probably hiring       | 28%          | 26%     | 17%     | 25%     | 13%      |
| Probably not hiring   | 11%          | 16%     | 8%      | 7%      | 9%       |
| Definitely not hiring | 8%           | -       | 7%      | 11%     | 13%      |
| Don't know/can't say  | 29%          | 32%     | 42%     | 43%     | 22%      |



#### Hiring in next 3 months – By industry

Q. Will you be hiring in the next 3 months either for your organization or for your clients if you are in the recruitment field or an HR consultant?

 Organizations in both the Hospitability/Recreation/Entertainment industry and the Human Resources industry present the highest intention (both at 67%) to hire in the next 3 months.

| _   |     |        |                      |        | Base: |
|---|-----|--------|----------------------|--------|-------|
| Real Estate/ Construction/ Property Development | 23% | 26%    | 15% 9%               | 27%    | 300   |
| Engineering/Design                              | 22% | 22%    | 15% 10%              | 32%    | 245   |
| Manufacturing                                   | 23% | 24%    | 16% 8%               | 29%    | 217   |
| Other private sector                            | 26% | 27%    | 12% 9%               | 26%    | 169   |
| Consumer Goods/ FMCG                            | 29% | 24%    | 13% 9%               | 25%    | 158   |
| IT/ Internet/ E-commerce                        | 19% | 25%    | 18% 7%               | 31%    | 153   |
| Education/ Academia                             | 31% | 17%    | 11% 8%               | 33%    | 136   |
| Hospitality/Recreation/Entertainment            | 35% |        | 32% 6%               | 3% 19% | 134   |
| Banking/Finance                                 | 35% | 209    | <mark>6 9% 5%</mark> | 31%    | 129   |
| Healthcare/ Medical services                    | 25% | 29%    | 15% 7%               | 24%    | 127   |
| Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals                     | 23% | 27%    | 7% 13%               | 29%    | 126   |
| Commerce/ Trade/ Retail                         | 26% | 27%    | 16% 8%               | 23%    | 121   |
| Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations          | 24% | 29%    | 13% 6%               | 28%    | 98    |
| Automotive                                      | 20% | 32%    | 17% 7%               | 25%    | 92    |
| Telecommunications                              | 25% | 28%    | 8% 6%                | 33%    | 88    |
| Business Consultancy/ Business Management       | 17% | 40%    | 10% 9%               | 25%    | 81    |
| Human Resources                                 | 33% |        | 34% 9%               | 9% 15% | 67    |
| Other public sector                             | 17% | 24% 10 | % 10%                | 40%    | 63    |
| Electricity/ Power Generation/ Water            | 21% | 23%    | 15% 8%               | 34%    | 53    |
|   |     |        |                      |        |       |

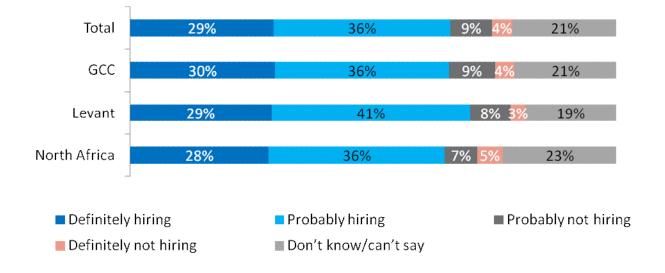
Definitely hiring Probably hiring Probably not hiring Definitely not hiring Don't know/can't say



## Hiring in a year's time – By area

Q. With regard to your future expectations, do you think you will be hiring in a year's time either for your organisation or for your clients if you are in the recruitment field?

- Focusing on future hiring expectations, two-thirds claim that they intend to hire in a year's time.
- Intention to hire in a year's time is somewhat higher in the Levant (70%), followed by GCC (66%).





### Hiring in a year's time – By country

Q. With regard to your future expectations, do you think you will be hiring in a year's time either for your organization or for your clients if you are in the recruitment field?

|                       | GCC |     |        |       | Levant  |      |         |       |        |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|------|---------|-------|--------|
|                       | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman | Lebanon | Syria | Jordan |
| Base: Working         | 513 | 842 | 151    | 185   | 51      | 56   | 124     | 28**  | 147    |
| Definitely hiring     | 32% | 28% | 30%    | 35%   | 24%     | 25%  | 31%     | 29%   | 28%    |
| Probably hiring       | 37% | 36% | 38%    | 30%   | 33%     | 38%  | 48%     | 39%   | 35%    |
| Probably not hiring   | 7%  | 11% | 3%     | 13%   | 12%     | 9%   | 7%      | 4%    | 10%    |
| Definitely not hiring | 4%  | 4%  | 1%     | 5%    | 4%      | 5%   | 2%      | 4%    | 4%     |
| Don't know/can't say  | 20% | 20% | 27%    | 17%   | 27%     | 23%  | 12%     | 25%   | 23%    |

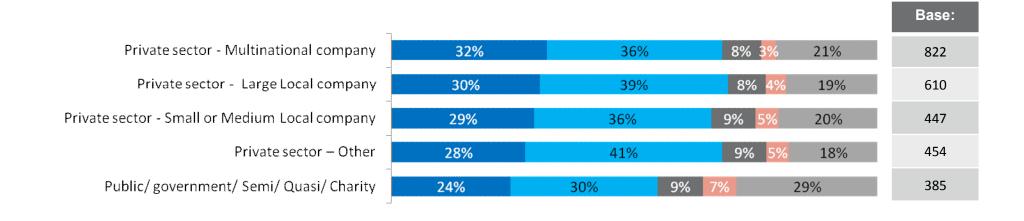
|                       | North Africa |         |         |         | Asia     |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|                       | Egypt        | Morocco | Algeria | Tunisia | Pakistan |
| Base: Working         | 531          | 31      | 105     | 28**    | 23**     |
| Definitely hiring     | 29%          | 39%     | 27%     | 7%      | 39%      |
| Probably hiring       | 40%          | 23%     | 21%     | 46%     | 30%      |
| Probably not hiring   | 7%           | 3%      | 7%      | 7%      | -        |
| Definitely not hiring | 5%           | -       | 9%      | 4%      | 4%       |
| Don't know/can't say  | 19%          | 35%     | 37%     | 36%     | 26%      |



\*\* Low base. Interpret with caution

## Hiring in a year's time – By sector

Q. With regard to your future expectations, do you think you will be hiring in a year's time from now either for your organisation or for your clients if you are in the recruitment field?



Definitely hiring

Probably hiring

Probably not hiring

Definitely not hiring

■ Don't know/can't say



#### Hiring in a year's time – By industry

Q. With regard to your future expectations, do you think you will be hiring in a year's time either for your organization or for your clients if you are in the recruitment field?

- Organizations in the Hospitability/Recreation/Entertainment industry (78%), in Human Resources (77%) and in Automotive (75%) present the highest intention.
- IT/ Internet/ E-commerce (56%) and Engineering/ Design (57%) have the lowest intention to hire in a year's time.

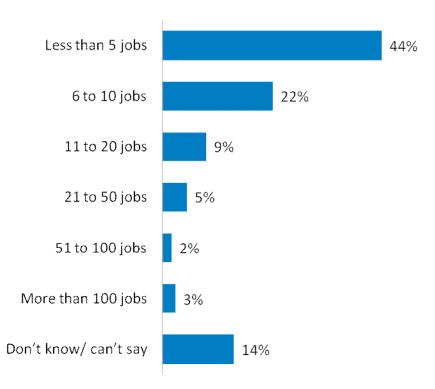
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|--|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| eal Estate/ Construction/ Property Development 🗍 | 28%                | 39%                  | 11% 3% 19%                       | 300      |
| Engineering/Design                               | 24%                | 33%                  | 1% 5% 27%                        | 245      |
| Manufacturing                                    | 28%                | 38%                  | 8% 6% 20%                        | 217      |
| Other private sector                             | 29%                | 36%                  | 9% <mark>4%</mark> 21%           | 169      |
| Consumer Goods/ FMCG                             | 36%                | 37%                  | 6% 6% 16%                        | 158      |
| IT/ Internet/ E-commerce                         | 24%                | 32%                  | 12% <mark>5%</mark> 27%          | 153      |
| Education/ Academia                              | 35%                | 29%                  | 11% 6% 20%                       | 136      |
| Hospitality/ Recreation/ Entertainment           | 44%                | 3                    | <b>4% <mark>4% 4%</mark> 13%</b> | 134      |
| Banking/Finance                                  | 30%                | 42%                  | <b>4%2</b> % 22%                 | 129      |
| Healthcare/ Medical services                     | 28%                | 39%                  | 13% 2 <mark>%</mark> 19%         | 127      |
| Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals                      | 23%                | 39%                  | 6% 8% 25%                        | 126      |
| Commerce/ Trade/ Retail                          | 31%                | 40%                  | 7% 2% 21%                        | 121      |
| Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations           | 32%                | 32%                  | 14% 3% 19%                       | 98       |
| Automotive                                       | 30%                | 45%                  | 7% 3% 15%                        | 92       |
| Telecommunications                               | 31%                | 36%                  | 5% 8% 20%                        | 88       |
| Business Consultancy/ Business Management        | 25%                | 42%                  | 10% 2% 21%                       | 81       |
| Human Resources                                  | 46%                |                      | 4%1% 16%                         | 67       |
| Other public sector                              | 22%                |                      | 11% 32%                          | 63<br>53 |
|  | robably not hiring | Definitely not hirir |                                  |          |



# Approximate number of jobs hiring for

Q. Please indicate the approximate number of jobs you would be hiring for in the next 3 months.

 Just over 4 in 10 companies that plan to hire in the next 3 months will be hiring for a maximum of 5 jobs.





# Approximate number of jobs hiring for – By country

Q. Please indicate the approximate number of jobs you would be hiring for in the next 3 months.

|                                     |     | GCC |        |       |         |      |         | Levant |        |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|------|---------|--------|--------|--|--|
|                                     | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman | Lebanon | Syria  | Jordan |  |  |
| Base: Those hiring in next 3 months | 265 | 400 | 79     | 103   | 28**    | 24** | 69      | 16**   | 77     |  |  |
| Less than 5 jobs                    | 44% | 39% | 44%    | 37%   | 50%     | 50%  | 54%     | 44%    | 51%    |  |  |
| 6 – 10 jobs                         | 19% | 25% | 22%    | 28%   | 18%     | 21%  | 23%     | 31%    | 19%    |  |  |
| 11 – 20 jobs                        | 9%  | 9%  | 9%     | 16%   | 4%      | 8%   | 3%      | -      | 8%     |  |  |
| 21 to 50 jobs                       | 5%  | 8%  | 5%     | 4%    | 7%      | 4%   | 3%      | 6%     | 5%     |  |  |
| 51 to 100 jobs                      | 2%  | 4%  | 1%     | -     | -       | 4%   | 1%      | -      | 1%     |  |  |
| More than 100 jobs                  | 4%  | 3%  | 6%     | 3%    | -       | -    | 1%      | -      | -      |  |  |
| Don't know/can't say                | 17% | 13% | 13%    | 13%   | 21%     | 13%  | 14%     | 19%    | 16%    |  |  |

|                                     |       | North   | Africa  |         | Asia     |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|                                     | Egypt | Morocco | Algeria | Tunisia | Pakistan |
| Base: Those hiring in next 3 months | 276   | 16**    | 46      | 11**    | 13**     |
| Less than 5 jobs                    | 51%   | 31%     | 52%     | 64%     | 15%      |
| 6 – 10 jobs                         | 21%   | 31%     | 15%     | 27%     | 23%      |
| 11 – 20 jobs                        | 8%    | -       | 13%     | -       | 23%      |
| 21 to 50 jobs                       | 3%    | 6%      | 4%      | -       | -        |
| 51 to 100 jobs                      | 1%    | 6%      | -       | -       | -        |
| More than 100 jobs                  | 2%    | 6%      | -       | -       | -        |
| Don't know/can't say                | 13%   | 19%     | 15%     | 9%      | 38%      |



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# Approximate number of jobs hiring for – By sector

Q. Please indicate the approximate number of jobs you would be hiring for in the next 3 months.

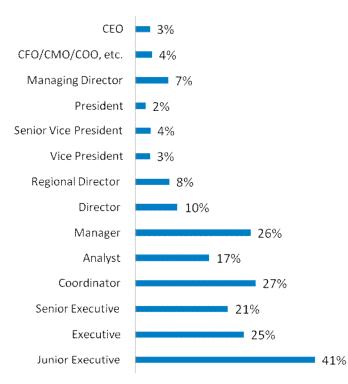
|                                     |  |  | Sector   |                         |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------|--|
|                                     | Private sector -<br>Multinational<br>company | Private sector -<br>Large Local<br>company | Private sector - Small<br>or Medium Local<br>company | Private Sector<br>Other | Public/Government/Se<br>mi/Quasi/Charity |
| Base: Those hiring in next 3 months | 429  | 327  | 224  | 231                     | 163                                      |
| Less than 5 jobs                    | 42%  | 38%  | 56%  | 55%                     | 36%                                      |
| 6 – 10 jobs                         | 21%  | 24%  | 23%  | 19%                     | 27%                                      |
| 11 – 20 jobs                        | 9%   | 9%   | 7%   | 6%                      | 13%                                      |
| 21 to 50 jobs                       | 5%   | 6%   | 3%   | 5%                      | 6%                                       |
| 51 to 100 jobs                      | 3%   | 2%   | 0%   | 2%                      | 2%                                       |
| More than 100 jobs                  | 3%   | 4%   | 3%   | 3%                      | 1%                                       |
| Don't know/can't say                | 17%  | 17%  | 8%   | 10%                     | 15%                                      |



# Positions hiring for

Q. Which of the following career levels/positions would you be hiring for in the next 3 months?

• The majority of companies will be hiring mid-career and junior positions. Only a few of them are hiring for top management.





# Positions hiring for – By country

Q. Which of the following career levels/positions would you be hiring for in the next 3 months?

|  |     |     | G      | c     |         |      |         | Levant |        |
|--|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|------|---------|--------|--------|
|  | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman | Lebanon | Syria  | Jordan |
| Base: Those hiring in next 3<br>months | 265 | 400 | 79     | 103   | 28**    | 24** | 69      | 16**   | 77     |
| CEO                                    | 3%  | 3%  | 4%     | 1%    | 7%      | 4%   | 4%      | 13%    | 3%     |
| CFO/CMO/COO, etc.                      | 3%  | 4%  | 3%     | 4%    | -       | 4%   | 6%      | -      | 6%     |
| Managing Director                      | 4%  | 6%  | 8%     | 5%    | 4%      | 4%   | 19%     | 6%     | 10%    |
| President                              | 3%  | 2%  | 1%     | 2%    | 4%      | -    | 1%      | 19%    | 3%     |
| Senior Vice President                  | 4%  | 3%  | 3%     | 1%    | -       | -    | 3%      | 6%     | 6%     |
| Vice President                         | 2%  | 3%  | 3%     | 1%    | 4%      | -    | 6%      | 19%    | 5%     |
| Regional Director                      | 6%  | 9%  | 5%     | 1%    | 7%      | 8%   | 7%      | 19%    | 13%    |
| Director                               | 6%  | 10% | 6%     | 8%    | 7%      | 8%   | 12%     | 13%    | 10%    |
| Manager                                | 27% | 25% | 25%    | 21%   | 21%     | 25%  | 28%     | 44%    | 25%    |
| Analyst                                | 14% | 19% | 9%     | 14%   | 18%     | 13%  | 16%     | -      | 26%    |
| Coordinator                            | 28% | 28% | 32%    | 28%   | 36%     | 17%  | 26%     | 25%    | 34%    |
| Senior Executive                       | 22% | 19% | 13%    | 24%   | 21%     | 21%  | 17%     | 25%    | 27%    |
| Executive                              | 25% | 22% | 18%    | 24%   | 32%     | 38%  | 26%     | 25%    | 25%    |
| Junior Executive                       | 45% | 42% | 47%    | 37%   | 39%     | 54%  | 33%     | 31%    | 45%    |



# Positions hiring for – By country

Q. Which of the following career levels/positions would you be hiring for in the next 3 months?

|                                     |       | North   | n Africa |         | Asia     |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
|                                     | Egypt | Morocco | Algeria  | Tunisia | Pakistan |
| Base: Those hiring in next 3 months | 276   | 16**    | 46       | 11**    | 13**     |
| CEO                                 | 4%    | -       | 4%       | 9%      | 8%       |
| CFO/CMO/COO, etc.                   | 4%    | -       | 9%       | -       | -        |
| Managing Director                   | 11%   | 13%     | 9%       | 9%      | 8%       |
| President                           | 2%    | 6%      | 4%       | -       | -        |
| Senior Vice President               | 6%    | -       | -        | 9%      | -        |
| Vice President                      | 4%    | 19%     | 4%       | -       | 8%       |
| Regional Director                   | 8%    | 13%     | 13%      | 9%      | 8%       |
| Director                            | 12%   | 19%     | 15%      | 9%      | 8%       |
| Manager                             | 32%   | 25%     | 15%      | 9%      | 23%      |
| Analyst                             | 16%   | 31%     | 26%      | 9%      | 15%      |
| Coordinator                         | 23%   | 25%     | 22%      | 27%     | 23%      |
| Senior Executive                    | 22%   | 25%     | 35%      | 9%      | 15%      |
| Executive                           | 28%   | 38%     | 24%      | 18%     | 8%       |
| Junior Executive                    | 38%   | 25%     | 30%      | 36%     | 31%      |





Q. Which of the following specific roles are you hiring for in the next 3 months?





# Specific roles hiring for – By country

#### Q. Which of the following specific roles are you hiring for in the next 3 months?

|                                     |     |     |        | GCC   |         |      |         | Levant |        |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|------|---------|--------|--------|
|                                     | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman | Lebanon | Syria  | Jordan |
| Base: Those hiring in next 3 months | 265 | 400 | 79     | 103   | 28**    | 24** | 69      | 16**   | 77     |
| Sales Executive                     | 22% | 15% | 14%    | 12%   | 25%     | 21%  | 23%     | 13%    | 18%    |
| Accountant                          | 14% | 19% | 14%    | 12%   | 11%     | 17%  | 7%      | 19%    | 13%    |
| Sales Manager                       | 14% | 13% | 14%    | 12%   | 36%     | 8%   | 19%     | 19%    | 10%    |
| Project Manager                     | 9%  | 14% | 13%    | 12%   | 7%      | 4%   | 16%     | 13%    | 22%    |
| Marketing Executive                 | 14% | 9%  | 11%    | 12%   | 14%     | 13%  | 9%      | 13%    | 12%    |
| Mechanical Engineer                 | 8%  | 16% | 13%    | 11%   | 4%      | 8%   | 4%      | 13%    | 5%     |
| Administrative Assistant            | 13% | 12% | 15%    | 10%   | 11%     | 8%   | 6%      | 6%     | 9%     |
| Engineer (other)                    | 10% | 13% | 9%     | 15%   | 14%     | 4%   | 1%      | 19%    | 8%     |
| Customer Service Representative     | 15% | 8%  | 11%    | 13%   | 7%      | 8%   | 13%     | 6%     | 9%     |
| Director                            | 7%  | 9%  | 10%    | 11%   | 7%      | 8%   | 12%     | 13%    | 12%    |
| Marketing Manager                   | 8%  | 10% | 11%    | 9%    | 11%     | 4%   | 10%     | 13%    | 8%     |
| Electrical Engineer                 | 7%  | 14% | 9%     | 8%    | 4%      | 4%   | 4%      | 19%    | 3%     |
| Executive Assistant                 | 14% | 6%  | 11%    | 17%   | 11%     | 13%  | 7%      | -      | 3%     |
| Receptionist                        | 12% | 9%  | 10%    | 7%    | 14%     | 4%   | 4%      | -      | 3%     |
| Civil Engineer                      | 10% | 11% | 1%     | 17%   | 4%      | 13%  | 1%      | 13%    | 3%     |



# Specific roles hiring for – By country

Q. Which of the following specific roles are you hiring for in the next 3 months?

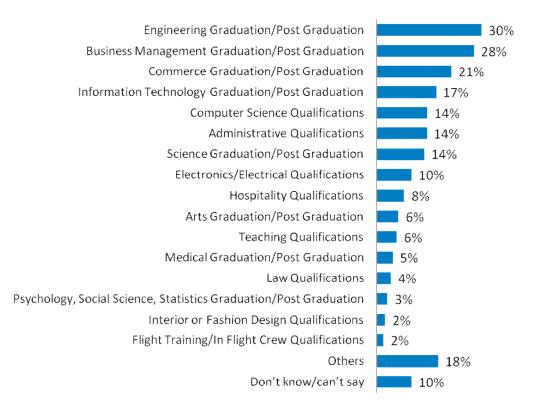
|                                     |       | North   | Africa  |         | Asia     |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|                                     | Egypt | Morocco | Algeria | Tunisia | Pakistan |
| Base: Those hiring in next 3 months | 276   | 16**    | 46      | 11**    | 13**     |
| Sales Executive                     | 20%   | 13%     | 7%      | -       | 23%      |
| Accountant                          | 16%   | 31%     | 13%     | 18%     | 23%      |
| Sales Manager                       | 18%   | 19%     | 11%     | -       | 15%      |
| Project Manager                     | 11%   | 19%     | 13%     | 27%     | -        |
| Marketing Executive                 | 13%   | 13%     | 11%     | -       | -        |
| Mechanical Engineer                 | 13%   | 6%      | 15%     | -       | 8%       |
| Administrative Assistant            | 7%    | 25%     | 15%     | -       | 15%      |
| Engineer (other)                    | 10%   | -       | 13%     | 9%      | 8%       |
| Customer Service Representative     | 11%   | 13%     | 9%      | -       | 8%       |
| Director                            | 14%   | 19%     | 22%     | 9%      | 15%      |
| Marketing Manager                   | 11%   | 13%     | 11%     | 9%      | 8%       |
| Electrical Engineer                 | 9%    | 6%      | 17%     | -       | 8%       |
| Executive Assistant                 | 8%    | 19%     | 13%     | -       | 8%       |
| Receptionist                        | 7%    | 6%      | 9%      | -       | 8%       |
| Civil Engineer                      | 5%    | -       | 7%      | -       | -        |



# Educational and academic qualifications sought in candidate

Q. Which educational and academic qualifications do you look for when hiring new employees? (Please select all that apply)

 Graduation/ Post Graduation degrees in Engineering (30%-significantly lower in the Levant 24%), Business Management (28%- significantly higher in the Levant 36%), and Commerce (21%-significantly higher in North Africa 28%) are the most sought-after academic qualifications among employers in the MENA region.





# Educational and academic qualifications – By country

|  |     |     |        |       | Levant  |      |         |       |        |
|--|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|------|---------|-------|--------|
|  | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman | Lebanon | Syria | Jordan |
| Base: Working  | 513 | 842 | 151    | 185   | 51      | 56   | 124     | 28**  | 147    |
| Engineering Graduation/Post Graduation                               | 28% | 33% | 19%    | 37%   | 27%     | 41%  | 19%     | 43%   | 25%    |
| Business Management Graduation/Post Graduation                       | 27% | 27% | 32%    | 25%   | 22%     | 27%  | 39%     | 25%   | 35%    |
| Commerce Graduation/Post Graduation                                  | 20% | 20% | 26%    | 15%   | 12%     | 13%  | 13%     | 14%   | 14%    |
| Information Technology Graduation/Post Graduation                    | 12% | 18% | 19%    | 10%   | 22%     | 11%  | 20%     | -     | 25%    |
| Computer Science Qualifications                                      | 10% | 16% | 16%    | 9%    | 14%     | 7%   | 13%     | 11%   | 16%    |
| Administrative Qualifications  | 16% | 14% | 17%    | 15%   | 8%      | 7%   | 21%     | 11%   | 19%    |
| Science Graduation/Post Graduation                                   | 14% | 13% | 9%     | 9%    | 10%     | 14%  | 7%      | 4%    | 16%    |
| Electronics/Electrical Qualifications                                | 9%  | 11% | 7%     | 12%   | 10%     | 9%   | 8%      | 11%   | 9%     |
| Hospitality Qualifications   | 9%  | 7%  | 11%    | 15%   | 8%      | 4%   | 10%     | -     | 11%    |
| Arts Graduation/Post Graduation                                      | 6%  | 5%  | 6%     | 6%    | 14%     | 5%   | 6%      | -     | 9%     |
| Teaching Qualifications  | 4%  | 6%  | 7%     | 4%    | 14%     | 5%   | 6%      | 7%    | 10%    |
| Medical Graduation/Post Graduation                                   | 4%  | 5%  | 7%     | 3%    | 6%      | 4%   | 2%      | 4%    | 3%     |
| Law Qualifications   | 2%  | 4%  | 4%     | 3%    | 6%      | -    | 4%      | 4%    | 3%     |
| Psychology, Social Science, Statistics Graduation/Post<br>Graduation | 2%  | 2%  | 1%     | 3%    | 2%      | -    | 3%      | 7%    | 5%     |
| Interior or Fashion Design Qualifications                            | 2%  | 3%  | 3%     | 2%    | 2%      | -    | 2%      | -     | 3%     |
| Flight Training/In Flight Crew Qualifications                        | 2%  | 2%  | 1%     | 2%    | 4%      | 2%   | 1%      | -     | 3%     |
| Others   | 18% | 17% | 23%    | 20%   | 16%     | 18%  | 17%     | 11%   | 17%    |
| Don't know/can't say   | 11% | 10% | 7%     | 9%    | 25%     | 9%   | 7%      | 11%   | 11%    |



# Educational and academic qualifications – By country

|   |       | North   | Africa  |         | Asia     |
|---|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|   | Egypt | Morocco | Algeria | Tunisia | Pakistan |
| Base: Working   | 531   | 31      | 105     | 28**    | 23**     |
| Engineering Graduation/Post Graduation                            | 31%   | 26%     | 28%     | 25%     | 13%      |
| Business Management Graduation/Post Graduation                    | 28%   | 16%     | 22%     | 21%     | 26%      |
| Commerce Graduation/Post Graduation                               | 32%   | 23%     | 18%     | 11%     | 26%      |
| Information Technology Graduation/Post Graduation                 | 19%   | 35%     | 19%     | 11%     | 13%      |
| Computer Science Qualifications                                   | 17%   | 16%     | 25%     | 14%     | 13%      |
| Administrative Qualifications                                     | 10%   | 16%     | 16%     | 7%      | 17%      |
| Science Graduation/Post Graduation                                | 17%   | 16%     | 18%     | 11%     | 9%       |
| Electronics/Electrical Qualifications                             | 9%    | 16%     | 17%     | 14%     | -        |
| Hospitality Qualifications  | 6%    | 3%      | 4%      | -       | -        |
| Arts Graduation/Post Graduation                                   | 8%    | 6%      | 2%      | -       | 13%      |
| Teaching Qualifications   | 5%    | 6%      | 10%     | 4%      | -        |
| Medical Graduation/Post Graduation                                | 5%    | 3%      | 7%      | -       | -        |
| Law Qualifications  | 6%    | 6%      | 11%     | 14%     | -        |
| Psychology, Social Science, Statistics Graduation/Post Graduation | 4%    | 13%     | 6%      | 4%      | -        |
| Interior or Fashion Design Qualifications                         | 3%    | 3%      | 1%      | -       | -        |
| Flight Training/In Flight Crew Qualifications                     | 3%    | -       | 5%      | -       | -        |
| Others  | 15%   | 19%     | 21%     | 21%     | 13%      |
| Don't know/can't say  | 8%    | 10%     | 15%     | 21%     | 13%      |



# Educational and academic qualifications – By industry

|  |                              |                        |               |                            | Industry                   |                             |     |     |          |            |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----|----------|------------|
|  | Real Estate<br>/Construction | Engineering/<br>Design | Manufacturing | Other<br>private<br>sector | Consumer<br>Goods<br>/FMCG | IT/ Internet/<br>E-commerce |     |     | Banking/ | Healthcare |
| Base: Working  | 300                          | 245                    | 217           | 169                        | 158                        | 153                         | 136 | 134 | 129      | 127        |
| Engineering Graduation/Post Graduation                               | 57%                          | 72%                    | 41%           | 20%                        | 16%                        | 22%                         | 15% | 4%  | 5%       | 10%        |
| Business Management Graduation/Post<br>Graduation                    | 26%                          | 8%                     | 22%           | 27%                        | 39%                        | 17%                         | 24% | 22% | 46%      | 21%        |
| Commerce Graduation/Post Graduation                                  | 21%                          | 5%                     | 20%           | 24%                        | 43%                        | 10%                         | 15% | 13% | 54%      | 12%        |
| Information Technology Graduation/Post<br>Graduation                 | 11%                          | 9%                     | 14%           | 14%                        | 10%                        | 64%                         | 21% | 4%  | 23%      | 10%        |
| Computer Science Qualifications                                      | 14%                          | 10%                    | 9%            | 11%                        | 7%                         | 39%                         | 26% | 7%  | 16%      | 10%        |
| Administrative Qualifications  | 16%                          | 7%                     | 11%           | 17%                        | 13%                        | 6%                          | 19% | 14% | 18%      | 20%        |
| Science Graduation/Post Graduation                                   | 8%                           | 11%                    | 20%           | 14%                        | 11%                        | 10%                         | 27% | 5%  | 5%       | 26%        |
| Electronics/Electrical Qualifications                                | 10%                          | 17%                    | 13%           | 9%                         | 8%                         | 8%                          | 10% | 2%  | 2%       | 4%         |
| Hospitality Qualifications   | 3%                           | 0%                     | 1%            | 9%                         | 10%                        | 3%                          | 4%  | 56% | 6%       | 9%         |
| Arts Graduation/Post Graduation                                      | 6%                           | 3%                     | 3%            | 7%                         | 4%                         | 7%                          | 15% | 4%  | 2%       | 1%         |
| Teaching Qualifications  | 3%                           | 4%                     | 2%            | 3%                         | 4%                         | 2%                          | 49% | 1%  | 5%       | 8%         |
| Medical Graduation/Post Graduation                                   | 2%                           | 1%                     | 2%            | 1%                         | 5%                         | 2%                          | 4%  | 1%  | 1%       | 46%        |
| Law Qualifications   | 3%                           | 1%                     | 1%            | 5%                         | 2%                         | 3%                          | 3%  | -   | 5%       | 2%         |
| Psychology, Social Science, Statistics<br>Graduation/Post Graduation | 3%                           | 0%                     | 4%            | 2%                         | 3%                         | 3%                          | 7%  | -   | 2%       | 5%         |
| Interior or Fashion Design Qualifications                            | 4%                           | 4%                     | 1%            | 2%                         | 1%                         | 1%                          | 4%  | 1%  | -        | 2%         |
| Flight Training/In Flight Crew Qualifications                        | 1%                           | 0%                     | 0%            | 3%                         | 2%                         | 1%                          | 4%  | 2%  | 2%       | 2%         |
| Others   | 14%                          | 10%                    | 24%           | 29%                        | 16%                        | 5%                          | 15% | 23% | 16%      | 15%        |
| Don't know/can't say   | 10%                          | 7%                     | 8%            | 11%                        | 9%                         | 8%                          | 11% | 7%  | 6%       | 6%         |



# Educational and academic qualifications – By industry

|  |                                       |                            |   |            | Industry               |  |                    |                           |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------------|---|
|  | Oil, Gas<br>and<br>Petrochem<br>icals | Commerce/<br>Trade/ Retail | Advertising<br>/<br>Marketing/<br>Public<br>Relations | Automotive | Telecommunic<br>ations | Business<br>Consultancy/<br>Business<br>Management | Human<br>Resources | Other<br>public<br>sector | Electricity/<br>Power<br>Generation/<br>Water |
| Base: Working  | 126                                   | 121                        | 98  | 92         | 88                     | 81   | 67                 | 63                        | 53  |
| Engineering Graduation/Post Graduation                               | 53%                                   | 7%                         | 11%   | 38%        | 35%                    | 22%  | 19%                | 17%                       | 58%   |
| Business Management Graduation/Post<br>Graduation                    | 17%                                   | 40%                        | 39%   | 34%        | 32%                    | 59%  | 49%                | 29%                       | 11%   |
| Commerce Graduation/Post Graduation                                  | 10%                                   | 40%                        | 20%   | 29%        | 24%                    | 27%  | 24%                | 21%                       | 11%   |
| Information Technology Graduation/Post<br>Graduation                 | 10%                                   | 13%                        | 16%   | 15%        | 36%                    | 14%  | 30%                | 14%                       | 17%   |
| Computer Science Qualifications                                      | 7%                                    | 12%                        | 11%   | 10%        | 28%                    | 12%  | 19%                | 14%                       | 8%  |
| Administrative Qualifications  | 8%                                    | 19%                        | 13%   | 17%        | 6%                     | 20%  | 33%                | 14%                       | 9%  |
| Science Graduation/Post Graduation                                   | 21%                                   | 7%                         | 10%   | 9%         | 13%                    | 12%  | 15%                | 13%                       | 8%  |
| Electronics/Electrical Qualifications                                | 16%                                   | 9%                         | 3%  | 12%        | 23%                    | 5%   | 15%                | 5%                        | 40%   |
| Hospitality Qualifications   | 1%                                    | 7%                         | 4%  | 1%         | 3%                     | 5%   | 19%                | 3%                        | -   |
| Arts Graduation/Post Graduation                                      | -                                     | 8%                         | 27%   | 4%         | 7%                     | 5%   | 18%                | -                         | 2%  |
| Teaching Qualifications  | 4%                                    | 2%                         | 3%  | 3%         | 3%                     | 1%   | 10%                | 8%                        | 2%  |
| Medical Graduation/Post Graduation                                   | 1%                                    | 2%                         | 4%  | 3%         | 2%                     | 5%   | 10%                | 3%                        | -   |
| Law Qualifications   | 5%                                    | 7%                         | 3%  | 1%         | 3%                     | 5%   | 7%                 | 11%                       | 2%  |
| Psychology, Social Science, Statistics<br>Graduation/Post Graduation | 1%                                    | 2%                         | 5%  | 2%         | 2%                     | 1%   | 12%                | 10%                       | -   |
| Interior or Fashion Design Qualifications                            | -                                     | 5%                         | 10%   | -          | 1%                     | 1%   | 6%                 | 3%                        | -   |
| Flight Training/In Flight Crew Qualifications                        | 2%                                    | 1%                         | 2%  | 1%         | 3%                     | 1%   | 4%                 | -                         | -   |
| Others   | 13%                                   | 14%                        | 24%   | 22%        | 11%                    | 16%  | 24%                | 32%                       | 17%   |
| Don't know/can't say   | 16%                                   | 14%                        | 12%   | 10%        | 11%                    | 11%  | 18%                | 13%                       | 8%  |



# Skills most sought in a candidate

Q. Which of the following skills do you MOST look for in a candidate? (Please select all that apply)

 Good communication skills in Arabic and English (68%) is by far the top skill that employers look for in a candidate. Being a team player and having the ability to work under pressure (51% and 47% respectively) take the spots for second and third top skills.

| Good communication skills - Arabic and English | 68% | , |
|--|-----|---|
| Team player/ cooperative/ helpful/ flexible    | 51% |   |
| Ability to work under pressure                 | 47% |   |
| Good leadership skills                         | 42% |   |
| Efficient/ productive                          | 40% |   |
| Good negotiation skills                        | 39% |   |
| Ability to take on new challenges              | 38% |   |
| Trustworthy/ Honest                            | 38% |   |
| Creative                                       | 38% |   |
| Good technical skills                          | 34% |   |
| Overall personality and demeanour              | 34% |   |
| Well experienced/ knowledgeable                | 33% |   |
| Good analytical skills                         | 32% |   |
| Good people management skills                  | 31% |   |
| Passionate/ desire to make a difference        | 30% |   |
| Good personal grooming                         | 28% |   |
| Relevant industry experience                   | 27% |   |
| Good contacts/ professional network            | 27% |   |
| Local work experience                          | 21% |   |
| Candidates already in country of residence     | 20% |   |
| Good communication skills - English only       | 17% |   |
| Regional work experience                       | 14% |   |
| Has not changed jobs frequently/ reliable      | 14% |   |
|  |     |   |



# Skills most sought in a candidate – By country

#### Q. Which of the following skills do you MOST look for in a candidate?

|  |     |     |        | GCC   |         |      |         | Levant |        |
|--|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|------|---------|--------|--------|
|  | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman | Lebanon | Syria  | Jordan |
| Base: Working                                  | 513 | 842 | 151    | 185   | 51      | 56   | 124     | 28**   | 147    |
| Good communication skills - Arabic and English | 54% | 77% | 74%    | 54%   | 59%     | 63%  | 64%     | 82%    | 82%    |
| Team player/ cooperative/ helpful/ flexible    | 51% | 49% | 49%    | 47%   | 45%     | 54%  | 58%     | 54%    | 58%    |
| Ability to work under pressure                 | 44% | 48% | 47%    | 49%   | 37%     | 43%  | 48%     | 46%    | 57%    |
| Good leadership skills                         | 41% | 42% | 45%    | 44%   | 41%     | 43%  | 48%     | 36%    | 43%    |
| Efficient/ productive                          | 39% | 41% | 43%    | 34%   | 43%     | 36%  | 40%     | 32%    | 41%    |
| Good negotiation skills                        | 37% | 37% | 36%    | 37%   | 27%     | 30%  | 47%     | 43%    | 44%    |
| Ability to take on new challenges              | 36% | 39% | 41%    | 39%   | 35%     | 38%  | 34%     | 29%    | 38%    |
| Trustworthy/ Honest                            | 39% | 38% | 42%    | 39%   | 33%     | 39%  | 44%     | 46%    | 37%    |
| Creative                                       | 31% | 35% | 38%    | 38%   | 35%     | 30%  | 33%     | 54%    | 57%    |
| Good technical skills                          | 32% | 35% | 36%    | 32%   | 31%     | 29%  | 37%     | 32%    | 35%    |
| Overall personality and demeanour              | 33% | 35% | 28%    | 25%   | 29%     | 39%  | 31%     | 39%    | 35%    |
| Well experienced/ knowledgeable                | 36% | 34% | 38%    | 43%   | 27%     | 43%  | 34%     | 21%    | 37%    |
| Good analytical skills                         | 29% | 31% | 32%    | 32%   | 33%     | 41%  | 36%     | 43%    | 33%    |
| Good people management skills                  | 31% | 31% | 32%    | 32%   | 27%     | 25%  | 28%     | 36%    | 35%    |
| Passionate/ desire to make a difference        | 29% | 31% | 29%    | 26%   | 27%     | 27%  | 35%     | 32%    | 33%    |
| Good personal grooming                         | 30% | 29% | 29%    | 27%   | 29%     | 25%  | 17%     | 36%    | 27%    |
| Relevant industry experience                   | 31% | 30% | 25%    | 31%   | 18%     | 34%  | 22%     | 18%    | 19%    |
| Good contacts/ professional network            | 26% | 27% | 29%    | 27%   | 18%     | 16%  | 31%     | 32%    | 31%    |
| Local work experience                          | 23% | 23% | 31%    | 21%   | 14%     | 20%  | 17%     | 32%    | 22%    |
| Candidates already in country of residence     | 33% | 17% | 26%    | 14%   | 10%     | 16%  | 19%     | 18%    | 12%    |
| Good communication skills - English only       | 34% | 14% | 17%    | 35%   | 37%     | 30%  | 5%      | 4%     | 7%     |
| Regional work experience                       | 14% | 15% | 11%    | 18%   | 18%     | 18%  | 13%     | 11%    | 14%    |
| Has not changed jobs frequently/ reliable      | 17% | 14% | 13%    | 11%   | 14%     | 9%   | 15%     | 7%     | 24%    |



#### Skills most sought in a candidate – By country

Q. Which of the following skills do you MOST look for in a candidate?

|  |       | North   | Africa  |         | Asia     |
|--|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|  | Egypt | Morocco | Algeria | Tunisia | Pakistan |
| Base: Working                                  | 531   | 31      | 105     | 28**    | 23**     |
| Good communication skills - Arabic and English | 82%   | 26%     | 32%     | 14%     | 26%      |
| Team player/ cooperative/ helpful/ flexible    | 55%   | 55%     | 42%     | 39%     | 17%      |
| Ability to work under pressure                 | 49%   | 35%     | 35%     | 25%     | 22%      |
| Good leadership skills                         | 46%   | 32%     | 30%     | 32%     | 22%      |
| Efficient/ productive                          | 41%   | 42%     | 36%     | 25%     | 22%      |
| Good negotiation skills                        | 47%   | 26%     | 30%     | 11%     | 17%      |
| Ability to take on new challenges              | 44%   | 32%     | 25%     | 32%     | 22%      |
| Trustworthy/ Honest                            | 37%   | 35%     | 38%     | 21%     | 22%      |
| Creative                                       | 47%   | 42%     | 28%     | 11%     | 17%      |
| Good technical skills                          | 36%   | 23%     | 39%     | 32%     | 9%       |
| Overall personality and demeanour              | 37%   | 32%     | 35%     | 18%     | 17%      |
| Nell experienced/ knowledgeable                | 28%   | 16%     | 18%     | 21%     | 22%      |
| Good analytical skills                         | 36%   | 29%     | 30%     | 18%     | 22%      |
| Good people management skills                  | 32%   | 26%     | 26%     | 11%     | 17%      |
| Passionate/ desire to make a difference        | 32%   | 35%     | 29%     | 29%     | 17%      |
| Good personal grooming                         | 29%   | 13%     | 22%     | 21%     | 17%      |
| Relevant industry experience                   | 26%   | 23%     | 25%     | 21%     | 17%      |
| Good contacts/ professional network            | 30%   | 19%     | 17%     | 14%     | 17%      |
| Local work experience                          | 16%   | 10%     | 7%      | 14%     | 22%      |
| Candidates already in country of residence     | 17%   | 23%     | 12%     | -       | 4%       |
| Good communication skills - English only       | 6%    | 10%     | 6%      | -       | 48%      |
| Regional work experience                       | 13%   | 16%     | 6%      | 4%      | 13%      |
| las not changed jobs frequently/ reliable      | 12%   | 6%      | 8%      | -       | 4%       |



#### Skills most sought in a candidate – By industry

#### Q. Which of the following requirements / factors do you MOST look for in a candidate?

|  | Industry   |                        |               |                            |                            |                              |                        |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|  | Real Estate/<br>Construction/<br>Property<br>Development | Engineering/<br>Design | Manufacturing | Other<br>private<br>sector | Consumer<br>Goods/<br>FMCG | IT/ Internet/ E-<br>commerce | Education/<br>Academia |  |  |  |  |
| Base: Working                                  | 300  | 245                    | 217           | 169                        | 158                        | 153                          | 136                    |  |  |  |  |
| Good communication skills - Arabic and English | 69%  | 62%                    | 60%           | 69%                        | 68%                        | 69%                          | 65%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Team player/ cooperative/ helpful/ flexible    | 46%  | 45%                    | 47%           | 50%                        | 58%                        | 52%                          | 57%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to work under pressure                 | 46%  | 44%                    | 48%           | 49%                        | 48%                        | 40%                          | 42%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Good leadership skills                         | 44%  | 42%                    | 42%           | 39%                        | 50%                        | 33%                          | 40%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Efficient/ productive                          | 38%  | 37%                    | 48%           | 41%                        | 41%                        | 36%                          | 44%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Good negotiation skills                        | 40%  | 31%                    | 35%           | 43%                        | 52%                        | 37%                          | 32%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to take on new challenges              | 38%  | 34%                    | 37%           | 37%                        | 49%                        | 38%                          | 36%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Trustworthy/ Honest                            | 35%  | 33%                    | 33%           | 42%                        | 49%                        | 34%                          | 43%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Creative                                       | 34%  | 35%                    | 33%           | 41%                        | 42%                        | 37%                          | 50%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Good technical skills                          | 39%  | 44%                    | 42%           | 28%                        | 26%                        | 44%                          | 34%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Overall personality and demeanour              | 33%  | 29%                    | 32%           | 34%                        | 36%                        | 33%                          | 40%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Well experienced/ knowledgeable                | 38%  | 36%                    | 36%           | 30%                        | 40%                        | 33%                          | 32%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Good analytical skills                         | 30%  | 29%                    | 34%           | 29%                        | 44%                        | 37%                          | 32%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Good people management skills                  | 32%  | 28%                    | 28%           | 30%                        | 40%                        | 25%                          | 32%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Passionate/ desire to make a difference        | 23%  | 23%                    | 29%           | 25%                        | 39%                        | 27%                          | 40%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Good personal grooming                         | 25%  | 22%                    | 21%           | 34%                        | 27%                        | 22%                          | 28%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Relevant industry experience                   | 28%  | 29%                    | 27%           | 29%                        | 34%                        | 24%                          | 26%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Good contacts/ professional network            | 25%  | 22%                    | 25%           | 25%                        | 24%                        | 26%                          | 23%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Local work experience                          | 24%  | 24%                    | 16%           | 25%                        | 22%                        | 18%                          | 15%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Candidates already in country of residence     | 22%  | 19%                    | 14%           | 22%                        | 28%                        | 18%                          | 18%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Good communication skills - English only       | 22%  | 20%                    | 19%           | 20%                        | 20%                        | 16%                          | 22%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Regional work experience                       | 14%  | 19%                    | 15%           | 14%                        | 14%                        | 5%                           | 15%                    |  |  |  |  |
| Has not changed jobs frequently/ reliable      | 15%  | 13%                    | 12%           | 15%                        | 21%                        | 10%                          | 15%                    |  |  |  |  |



#### Skills most sought in a candidate – By industry

Q. Which of the following requirements / factors do you MOST look for in a candidate?

|  |  |                     | Indu                            | ıstry                          |                            |  |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
|  | Hospitality/<br>Recreation/<br>Entertainment | Banking/<br>Finance | Healthcare/<br>Medical services | Oil, Gas and<br>Petrochemicals | Commerce/<br>Trade/ Retail | Advertising/<br>Marketing/<br>Public Relations |
| Base: Working                                  | 134  | 129                 | 127                             | 126                            | 121                        | 98   |
| Good communication skills - Arabic and English | 62%  | 69%                 | 74%                             | 58%                            | 70%                        | 82%  |
| Team player/ cooperative/ helpful/ flexible    | 52%  | 55%                 | 44%                             | 54%                            | 64%                        | 56%  |
| Ability to work under pressure                 | 48%  | 47%                 | 47%                             | 47%                            | 55%                        | 46%  |
| Good leadership skills                         | 44%  | 43%                 | 38%                             | 50%                            | 46%                        | 39%  |
| Efficient/ productive                          | 35%  | 37%                 | 42%                             | 39%                            | 41%                        | 41%  |
| Good negotiation skills                        | 27%  | 41%                 | 37%                             | 30%                            | 47%                        | 49%  |
| Ability to take on new challenges              | 47%  | 35%                 | 36%                             | 46%                            | 44%                        | 36%  |
| Trustworthy/ Honest                            | 43%  | 38%                 | 38%                             | 37%                            | 42%                        | 36%  |
| Creative                                       | 38%  | 31%                 | 40%                             | 30%                            | 38%                        | 45%  |
| Good technical skills                          | 26%  | 29%                 | 31%                             | 48%                            | 26%                        | 29%  |
| Overall personality and demeanour              | 36%  | 38%                 | 32%                             | 25%                            | 35%                        | 41%  |
| Well experienced/ knowledgeable                | 36%  | 33%                 | 33%                             | 41%                            | 30%                        | 24%  |
| Good analytical skills                         | 25%  | 36%                 | 29%                             | 38%                            | 34%                        | 21%  |
| Good people management skills                  | 34%  | 27%                 | 32%                             | 30%                            | 41%                        | 26%  |
| Passionate/ desire to make a difference        | 34%  | 27%                 | 35%                             | 20%                            | 37%                        | 43%  |
| Good personal grooming                         | 39%  | 28%                 | 32%                             | 15%                            | 36%                        | 37%  |
| Relevant industry experience                   | 28%  | 26%                 | 27%                             | 39%                            | 26%                        | 27%  |
| Good contacts/ professional network            | 24%  | 33%                 | 32%                             | 21%                            | 25%                        | 41%  |
| Local work experience                          | 21%  | 22%                 | 12%                             | 21%                            | 27%                        | 18%  |
| Candidates already in country of residence     | 23%  | 16%                 | 19%                             | 18%                            | 25%                        | 21%  |
| Good communication skills - English only       | 25%  | 15%                 | 11%                             | 21%                            | 15%                        | 13%  |
| Regional work experience                       | 15%  | 11%                 | 9%                              | 20%                            | 12%                        | 12%  |
| Has not changed jobs frequently/ reliable      | 16%  | 12%                 | 10%                             | 11%                            | 16%                        | 10%  |



#### Skills most sought in a candidate – By industry

Q. Which of the following requirements / factors do you MOST look for in a candidate?

|  |            |                        | Indu   | ıstry              |                     |  |
|--|------------|------------------------|--|--------------------|---------------------|--|
|  | Automotive | Telecommunicati<br>ons | Business<br>Consultancy/<br>Business<br>Management | Human<br>Resources | Other public sector | Electricity/ Power<br>Generation/<br>Water |
| Base: Working                                  | 92         | 88                     | 81   | 67                 | 63                  | 53   |
| Good communication skills - Arabic and English | 65%        | 74%                    | 79%  | 73%                | 60%                 | 70%  |
| Team player/ cooperative/ helpful/ flexible    | 52%        | 43%                    | 49%  | 49%                | 35%                 | 55%  |
| Ability to work under pressure                 | 54%        | 43%                    | 52%  | 55%                | 29%                 | 51%  |
| Good leadership skills                         | 45%        | 41%                    | 41%  | 45%                | 29%                 | 47%  |
| Efficient/ productive                          | 45%        | 38%                    | 28%  | 51%                | 22%                 | 36%  |
| Good negotiation skills                        | 42%        | 45%                    | 43%  | 39%                | 30%                 | 34%  |
| Ability to take on new challenges              | 39%        | 31%                    | 37%  | 45%                | 19%                 | 38%  |
| Trustworthy/ Honest                            | 39%        | 33%                    | 38%  | 52%                | 24%                 | 30%  |
| Creative                                       | 35%        | 36%                    | 37%  | 43%                | 22%                 | 34%  |
| Good technical skills                          | 39%        | 34%                    | 23%  | 33%                | 21%                 | 49%  |
| Overall personality and demeanour              | 30%        | 30%                    | 32%  | 45%                | 32%                 | 36%  |
| Well experienced/ knowledgeable                | 32%        | 25%                    | 28%  | 31%                | 21%                 | 36%  |
| Good analytical skills                         | 32%        | 38%                    | 32%  | 43%                | 19%                 | 40%  |
| Good people management skills                  | 33%        | 20%                    | 23%  | 43%                | 14%                 | 36%  |
| Passionate/ desire to make a difference        | 32%        | 25%                    | 32%  | 48%                | 22%                 | 30%  |
| Good personal grooming                         | 27%        | 26%                    | 26%  | 45%                | 22%                 | 28%  |
| Relevant industry experience                   | 30%        | 14%                    | 22%  | 39%                | 17%                 | 28%  |
| Good contacts/ professional network            | 26%        | 30%                    | 38%  | 31%                | 22%                 | 28%  |
| Local work experience                          | 24%        | 11%                    | 19%  | 24%                | 16%                 | 23%  |
| Candidates already in country of residence     | 22%        | 13%                    | 20%  | 27%                | 14%                 | 17%  |
| Good communication skills - English only       | 17%        | 13%                    | 14%  | 13%                | 6%                  | 17%  |
| Regional work experience                       | 20%        | 11%                    | 16%  | 15%                | 5%                  | 21%  |
| Has not changed jobs frequently/ reliable      | 11%        | 9%                     | 14%  | 19%                | 13%                 | 9%   |



# Experience needed

Q: What type of experience are you ideally looking for? (Please select all that apply)

 Almost 4 in 10 state that they are looking for candidates with managerial skills, while 3 in 10 are searching for those with mid-level experience and with sales and marketing skills.





# Experience needed – By country

#### Q. What experience are you ideally looking for?

|  |     |     |        | GCC   |         |      |         | Levant |        |
|--|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|------|---------|--------|--------|
|  | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman | Lebanon | Syria  | Jordan |
| Base: Working  | 513 | 842 | 151    | 185   | 51      | 56   | 124     | 28**   | 147    |
| Managerial – ability to manage a team  | 31% | 37% | 38%    | 30%   | 33%     | 29%  | 38%     | 36%    | 36%    |
| Administrative   | 32% | 33% | 22%    | 35%   | 18%     | 34%  | 23%     | 32%    | 28%    |
| Sales and marketing  | 30% | 30% | 30%    | 23%   | 31%     | 23%  | 27%     | 36%    | 31%    |
| Mid-level experience (3 to 7 years)  | 23% | 26% | 23%    | 32%   | 14%     | 29%  | 13%     | 32%    | 21%    |
| IT/ computer   | 15% | 23% | 17%    | 13%   | 22%     | 13%  | 19%     | 21%    | 21%    |
| Senior level experience (7 to 10 years)  | 21% | 19% | 23%    | 19%   | 16%     | 14%  | 20%     | 25%    | 18%    |
| Very senior level experience, Department Head or Director (more than 10 years) | 19% | 18% | 14%    | 10%   | 12%     | 5%   | 17%     | 11%    | 20%    |
| Junior level experience (less than 3 years)                                    | 8%  | 11% | 11%    | 9%    | 14%     | 13%  | 10%     | 11%    | 10%    |
| Public speaking/ giving presentations  | 7%  | 10% | 7%     | 9%    | 10%     | 11%  | 8%      | 18%    | 10%    |
| Secretarial  | 7%  | 8%  | 6%     | 5%    | 8%      | 4%   | 9%      | 7%     | 13%    |
| Research/ market research  | 9%  | 9%  | 13%    | 10%   | 4%      | 2%   | 4%      | 18%    | 5%     |
| Advertising and media  | 9%  | 6%  | 7%     | 9%    | 8%      | 13%  | 4%      | 7%     | 7%     |
| Don't know/ can't say  | 5%  | 5%  | 5%     | 9%    | 12%     | 4%   | 7%      | 25%    | 11%    |
| Writing/journalism/PR  | 5%  | 3%  | 5%     | 6%    | 8%      | 5%   | 7%      | 4%     | 3%     |
| Others   | 3%  | 3%  | 3%     | 4%    | 6%      | 7%   | 6%      | 7%     | 5%     |



# Experience needed – By country

#### Q. What experience are you ideally looking for?

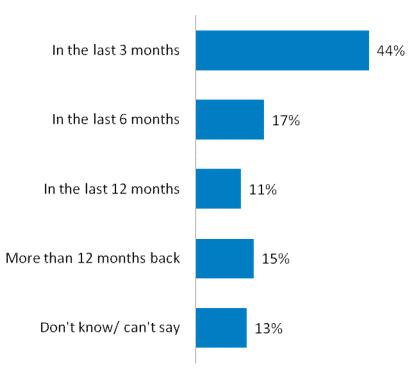
|  |       | North   | Africa  |         | Asia     |
|--|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|  | Egypt | Morocco | Algeria | Tunisia | Pakistan |
| Base: Working  | 531   | 31      | 105     | 28**    | 23**     |
| Managerial – ability to manage a team  | 40%   | 42%     | 38%     | 36%     | 35%      |
| Administrative   | 31%   | 13%     | 32%     | 25%     | 9%       |
| Sales and marketing  | 31%   | 45%     | 14%     | 14%     | 13%      |
| Mid-level experience (3 to 7 years)  | 19%   | 13%     | 20%     | 25%     | 30%      |
| IT/ computer   | 21%   | 29%     | 30%     | 18%     | 9%       |
| Senior level experience (7 to 10 years)  | 14%   | 29%     | 16%     | 21%     | 30%      |
| Very senior level experience, Department Head or Director (more than 10 years) | 21%   | 10%     | 19%     | 11%     | 17%      |
| Junior level experience (less than 3 years)                                    | 13%   | 13%     | 12%     | 18%     | 9%       |
| Public speaking/ giving presentations  | 11%   | 19%     | 12%     | 11%     | 4%       |
| Secretarial  | 8%    | 16%     | 10%     | 7%      | -        |
| Research/ market research  | 6%    | 10%     | 8%      | 7%      | -        |
| Advertising and media  | 7%    | 6%      | 13%     | 7%      | 9%       |
| Don't know/ can't say  | 8%    | 13%     | 8%      | -       | -        |
| Writing/journalism/PR  | 3%    | 6%      | 3%      | 4%      | 17%      |
| Others   | 5%    | 6%      | 7%      | 7%      | -        |



# Last time company hired new employees

Q. How recently in the past has your company hired any new employees?

• 6 in 10 working respondents claim that their company has hired new employees in the last 6 months, with 44% having hired new employees in the last 3 months.





# Last time company hired new employees – By country

Q. How recently in the past has your company hired any new employees?

|                          |     |     |        | GCC   |         |      | Levant  |       |        |  |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|------|---------|-------|--------|--|
|                          | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman | Lebanon | Syria | Jordan |  |
| Base: Working            | 513 | 842 | 151    | 185   | 51      | 56   | 124     | 28**  | 147    |  |
| In the last 3 months     | 46% | 41% | 53%    | 41%   | 35%     | 36%  | 42%     | 36%   | 50%    |  |
| In the last 6 months     | 18% | 18% | 19%    | 20%   | 24%     | 21%  | 19%     | 7%    | 16%    |  |
| In the last 12 months    | 11% | 12% | 7%     | 11%   | 16%     | 13%  | 10%     | 7%    | 8%     |  |
| More than 12 months back | 14% | 17% | 9%     | 13%   | 8%      | 18%  | 15%     | 36%   | 11%    |  |
| Don't know/ Can't say    | 11% | 12% | 11%    | 15%   | 18%     | 13%  | 15%     | 14%   | 14%    |  |

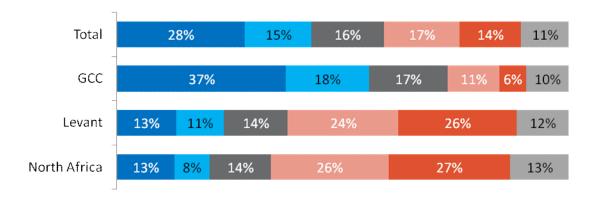
|                          |       | North                         | Africa |      | Asia |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|--------|------|------|--|--|--|
|                          | Egypt | Egypt Morocco Algeria Tunisia |        |      |      |  |  |  |
| Base: Working            | 531   | 31                            | 105    | 28** | 23** |  |  |  |
| In the last 3 months     | 48%   | 29%                           | 34%    | 32%  | 32%  |  |  |  |
| In the last 6 months     | 15%   | 16%                           | 11%    | 7%   | 7%   |  |  |  |
| In the last 12 months    | 13%   | 3%                            | 18%    | 18%  | 18%  |  |  |  |
| More than 12 months back | 13%   | 13%                           | 14%    | 14%  | 14%  |  |  |  |
| Don't know/ Can't say    | 11%   | 39%                           | 22%    | 29%  | 29%  |  |  |  |



### Attractiveness of job market in country of residence

Q. How attractive is your country of residence as a job market in comparison to other countries in the Middle East and North Africa?

- 43% believe that their country of residence is more attractive as a job market than other MENA countries, while 31% claim the opposite.
- A much higher proportion of GCC residents (55%) believe that their country of residence is more attractive than other countries, as compared to those living in the Levant (24%) and in North Africa (21%).



Much more attractive than other countries
 Equally attractive as other countries
 Slightly less attractive than other countries
 Much less attractive than other countries
 Don't know/can't say



# Attractiveness of job market in country of residence – By country

Q. How attractive is your country of residence as a job market in comparison to other MENA countries?

|   |     |     |        | GCC   |         |      |         | Levant |        |
|---|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|------|---------|--------|--------|
|   | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman | Lebanon | Syria  | Jordan |
| Base: All                                     | 563 | 903 | 156    | 202   | 56      | 60   | 142     | 30     | 180    |
| Much more attractive than other countries     | 59% | 30% | 24%    | 34%   | 14%     | 22%  | 13%     | 13%    | 13%    |
| Slightly more attractive than other countries | 16% | 20% | 15%    | 18%   | 16%     | 30%  | 11%     | 3%     | 12%    |
| Equally attractive as other countries         | 12% | 17% | 21%    | 28%   | 29%     | 18%  | 16%     | 7%     | 14%    |
| Slightly less attractive than other countries | 4%  | 15% | 21%    | 7%    | 14%     | 20%  | 23%     | 23%    | 26%    |
| Much less attractive than other countries     | 2%  | 7%  | 12%    | 4%    | 7%      | 5%   | 30%     | 30%    | 23%    |
| Don't know/can't say                          | 6%  | 12% | 8%     | 8%    | 20%     | 5%   | 7%      | 23%    | 13%    |

|   |       | North    | Africa |     | Asia |
|---|-------|----------|--------|-----|------|
|   | Egypt | Pakistan |        |     |      |
| Base: All                                     | 579   | 42       | 132    | 37  | 25** |
| Much more attractive than other countries     | 12%   | 24%      | 11%    | 16% | 32%  |
| Slightly more attractive than other countries | 8%    | 14%      | 5%     | 14% | 8%   |
| Equally attractive as other countries         | 13%   | 19%      | 14%    | 11% | 12%  |
| Slightly less attractive than other countries | 27%   | 12%      | 25%    | 30% | 20%  |
| Much less attractive than other countries     | 30%   | 17%      | 20%    | 16% | 24%  |
| Don't know/can't say                          | 11%   | 14%      | 23%    | 14% | 4%   |

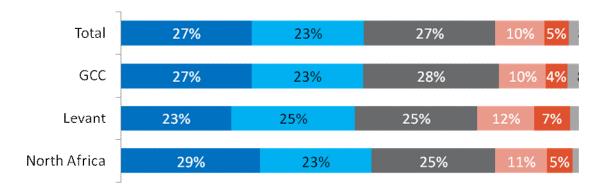


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### Attractiveness of industry as potential employer

Q. How attractive is your industry as a potential employer in comparison to other industries?

- Half of working respondents believe that their industry is more attractive as a potential employer in comparison to other industries.
- There seems to be no major difference between areas when it come to attractiveness of industry (GCC 50%, Levant 48% and North Africa 52%).



- Much more attractive than other businesses
- Equally attractive as other businesses
- Much less attractive than other businesses
- Slightly more attractive than other bι
- Slightly less attractive than other bus
- Don't know/can't say



### Attractiveness of industry as potential employer – By country

Q. How attractive is your industry as a potential employer in comparison to other industries?

|  |     |     |        | Levant |         |      |         |       |        |
|--|-----|-----|--------|--------|---------|------|---------|-------|--------|
|  | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar  | Bahrain | Oman | Lebanon | Syria | Jordan |
| Base: Working                                  | 513 | 842 | 151    | 185    | 51      | 56   | 124     | 28**  | 147    |
| Much more attractive than other businesses     | 30% | 26% | 23%    | 31%    | 14%     | 11%  | 20%     | 29%   | 24%    |
| Slightly more attractive than other businesses | 23% | 24% | 19%    | 22%    | 27%     | 25%  | 29%     | 36%   | 20%    |
| Equally attractive as other businesses         | 28% | 25% | 32%    | 29%    | 31%     | 46%  | 20%     | 21%   | 30%    |
| Slightly less attractive than other businesses | 8%  | 11% | 9%     | 10%    | 6%      | 9%   | 15%     | -     | 11%    |
| Much less attractive than other businesses     | 3%  | 5%  | 5%     | 3%     | 8%      | 4%   | 8%      | 4%    | 7%     |
| Don't know/can't say                           | 7%  | 9%  | 11%    | 5%     | 14%     | 5%   | 7%      | 11%   | 7%     |

|  |       |         | Asia    |         |          |
|--|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|  | Egypt | Morocco | Algeria | Tunisia | Pakistan |
| Base: Working                                  | 531   | 31      | 105     | 28**    | 23**     |
| Much more attractive than other businesses     | 30%   | 26%     | 26%     | 21%     | 22%      |
| Slightly more attractive than other businesses | 24%   | 16%     | 19%     | 25%     | 17%      |
| Equally attractive as other businesses         | 27%   | 23%     | 21%     | 25%     | 17%      |
| Slightly less attractive than other businesses | 10%   | 16%     | 11%     | 18%     | 17%      |
| Much less attractive than other businesses     | 5%    | 6%      | 8%      | 4%      | 13%      |
| Don't know/can't say                           | 5%    | 13%     | 15%     | 7%      | 13%      |



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# Industries attracting/retaining top talent

Q. Which industries would you say are attracting / retaining the top talent in your country of residence today?

- Banking/Finance (30%) emerges as the industry that attracts top talent and it is significantly higher in the Levant (40%).
- Engineering/ Design is significantly higher in the GCC (27%), while Manufacturing (22%), Automotive (19%) and Pharmaceuticals (17%) are higher in North Africa.

| Banking/ Finance   | 30% |
|--|-----|
| Real Estate/ Construction/ Property Development                  | 28% |
| Advertising/ Marketing/ Public Relations                         | 28% |
| Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals                                      | 27% |
| Engineering/ Design  | 25% |
| IT/ Internet/ E-commerce   | 23% |
| Telecommunications   | 23% |
| Consumer Goods/ FMCG   | 22% |
| Healthcare/ Medical services                                     | 22% |
| Business Consultancy/ Business Management/ Management Consulting | 22% |
| Hospitality/ Recreation/ Entertainment                           | 20% |
| Manufacturing  | 16% |
| Education/ Academia  | 16% |
| Automotive   | 15% |
| Electricity/ Power Generation/ Water                             | 14% |
| Commerce/ Trade/ Retail  | 14% |
| Tourism  | 13% |
| Human Resources  | 13% |
| Pharmaceuticals  | 12% |
| Government/ Civil service  | 12% |
| Aerospace/ Airline/ Aviation                                     | 11% |
|  |     |



# Industries attracting/retaining top talent – By country

Q. Which industries would you say are attracting / retaining the top talent in your country of residence today?

|   | GCC |     |        |       |         | Levant |         |       |        |
|---|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|--------|---------|-------|--------|
|   | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman   | Lebanon | Syria | Jordan |
| Base: All   | 563 | 903 | 156    | 202   | 56      | 60     | 142     | 30    | 180    |
| Banking/ Finance  | 31% | 26% | 33%    | 21%   | 30%     | 25%    | 50%     | 20%   | 35%    |
| Real Estate/ Construction/ Property Development                     | 36% | 21% | 30%    | 37%   | 27%     | 33%    | 28%     | 30%   | 21%    |
| Advertising/ Marketing/ Public Relations                            | 31% | 24% | 22%    | 18%   | 21%     | 22%    | 42%     | 23%   | 33%    |
| Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals   | 29% | 28% | 35%    | 35%   | 16%     | 43%    | 8%      | 10%   | 6%     |
| Engineering/ Design   | 30% | 25% | 19%    | 32%   | 20%     | 33%    | 19%     | 20%   | 18%    |
| IT/ Internet/ E-commerce  | 22% | 25% | 17%    | 14%   | 20%     | 18%    | 30%     | 13%   | 29%    |
| Telecommunications  | 19% | 22% | 15%    | 13%   | 27%     | 17%    | 27%     | 20%   | 25%    |
| Consumer Goods/ FMCG  | 25% | 22% | 16%    | 12%   | 20%     | 25%    | 25%     | 20%   | 19%    |
| Healthcare/ Medical services  | 29% | 23% | 26%    | 20%   | 21%     | 22%    | 24%     | 17%   | 22%    |
| Business Consultancy/ Business Management/<br>Management Consulting | 24% | 21% | 19%    | 21%   | 18%     | 28%    | 33%     | 10%   | 24%    |
| Hospitality/ Recreation/ Entertainment                              | 31% | 17% | 22%    | 24%   | 23%     | 15%    | 25%     | 7%    | 16%    |
| Manufacturing   | 14% | 18% | 8%     | 9%    | 11%     | 17%    | 8%      | 20%   | 12%    |
| Education/ Academia   | 18% | 14% | 12%    | 14%   | 14%     | 18%    | 18%     | 27%   | 26%    |
| Automotive  | 15% | 13% | 18%    | 15%   | 20%     | 17%    | 7%      | 17%   | 9%     |
| Electricity/ Power Generation/ Water                                | 14% | 17% | 12%    | 11%   | 11%     | 12%    | 9%      | 13%   | 8%     |
| Commerce/Trade/Retail   | 15% | 14% | 11%    | 11%   | 7%      | 10%    | 18%     | 17%   | 11%    |
| Tourism   | 23% | 7%  | 3%     | 9%    | 13%     | 17%    | 17%     | 7%    | 15%    |
| Human Resources   | 12% | 14% | 15%    | 9%    | 5%      | 12%    | 11%     | 10%   | 15%    |
| Pharmaceuticals   | 12% | 10% | 6%     | 3%    | 7%      | 3%     | 16%     | 7%    | 9%     |
| Government/ Civil service   | 16% | 11% | 8%     | 8%    | 16%     | 27%    | 10%     | 13%   | 13%    |
| Aerospace/ Airline/ Aviation  | 18% | 10% | 8%     | 10%   | 16%     | 12%    | 4%      | -     | 8%     |



# Industries attracting/retaining top talent – By country

Q. Which industries would you say are attracting / retaining the top talent in your country of residence today?

|  |       | Asia    |         |         |          |
|--|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|  | Egypt | Morocco | Algeria | Tunisia | Pakistan |
| Base: All  | 579   | 42      | 132     | 37      | 25**     |
| Banking/ Finance   | 36%   | 45%     | 20%     | 22%     | 28%      |
| Real Estate/ Construction/ Property Development                  | 31%   | 43%     | 23%     | 24%     | 32%      |
| Advertising/ Marketing/ Public Relations                         | 33%   | 45%     | 19%     | 35%     | 32%      |
| Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals                                      | 30%   | 10%     | 44%     | 22%     | 12%      |
| Engineering/ Design  | 24%   | 21%     | 17%     | 22%     | 8%       |
| IT/ Internet/ E-commerce   | 25%   | 26%     | 23%     | 30%     | 12%      |
| Telecommunications   | 30%   | 40%     | 30%     | 24%     | 24%      |
| Consumer Goods/ FMCG   | 24%   | 31%     | 25%     | 19%     | 28%      |
| Healthcare/ Medical services                                     | 17%   | 10%     | 14%     | 22%     | 12%      |
| Business Consultancy/ Business Management/ Management Consulting | 20%   | 33%     | 11%     | 24%     | 12%      |
| Hospitality/Recreation/Entertainment                             | 12%   | 26%     | 12%     | 16%     | 24%      |
| Manufacturing  | 21%   | 21%     | 24%     | 30%     | 20%      |
| Education/ Academia  | 14%   | 26%     | 19%     | 22%     | 12%      |
| Automotive   | 18%   | 33%     | 23%     | 14%     | 16%      |
| Electricity/ Power Generation/ Water                             | 16%   | 14%     | 18%     | 16%     | 24%      |
| Commerce/ Trade/ Retail  | 12%   | 31%     | 18%     | 11%     | 8%       |
| Tourism  | 12%   | 45%     | 15%     | 30%     | 4%       |
| Human Resources  | 13%   | 19%     | 11%     | 14%     | 12%      |
| Pharmaceuticals  | 18%   | 12%     | 17%     | 14%     | 4%       |
| Government/ Civil service  | 8%    | 10%     | 8%      | 16%     | 12%      |
| Aerospace/ Airline/ Aviation                                     | 10%   | 21%     | 13%     | 16%     | 12%      |



### Industries attracting/retaining top national talent

Q. Which industries would you say are attracting / retaining the top national talent in your country of residence today?

- Banking/Finance (33%) and Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals (28%) emerge as the industries that attract top national talent.
- Government/ Civil service (25%), Aerospace/ Airline/ Aviation (14%), Human Resources (18%) and Electricity/ Power Generation/ Water (17%) are significantly higher in the GCC.

%

| Banking/ Finance   | 339 |
|--|-----|
| Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals                                      | 28% |
| Real Estate/ Construction/ Property Development                  | 26% |
| Telecommunications   | 24% |
| Advertising/ Marketing/ Public Relations                         | 23% |
| Engineering/ Design  | 22% |
| Business Consultancy/ Business Management/ Management Consulting | 21% |
| IT/ Internet/ E-commerce   | 21% |
| Government/ Civil service  | 20% |
| Healthcare/ Medical services                                     | 19% |
| Consumer Goods/ FMCG   | 17% |
| Education/ Academia  | 17% |
| Human Resources  | 16% |
| Hospitality/ Recreation/ Entertainment                           | 16% |
| Electricity/ Power Generation/ Water                             | 15% |
| Military/Defence/Police  | 15% |
| Automotive   | 15% |
| Manufacturing  | 14% |
| Commerce/ Trade/ Retail  | 13% |
| Tourism  | 13% |
| Aerospace/ Airline/ Aviation                                     | 12% |
| Pharmaceuticals  | 11% |
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# Industries attracting/retaining top national talent – By country

Q. Which industries would you say are attracting / retaining the top national talent in your country of residence today?

|   |     | GCC |        |       |         |      | Levant  |       |        |
|---|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|------|---------|-------|--------|
|   | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman | Lebanon | Syria | Jordan |
| Base: All   | 563 | 903 | 156    | 202   | 56      | 60   | 142     | 30    | 180    |
| Banking/ Finance  | 35% | 34% | 32%    | 26%   | 39%     | 35%  | 47%     | 23%   | 36%    |
| Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals   | 28% | 34% | 33%    | 34%   | 23%     | 32%  | 5%      | 7%    | 8%     |
| Real Estate/ Construction/ Property<br>Development                  | 30% | 25% | 19%    | 32%   | 25%     | 23%  | 25%     | 27%   | 16%    |
| Telecommunications  | 21% | 26% | 15%    | 12%   | 34%     | 13%  | 23%     | 20%   | 25%    |
| Advertising/ Marketing/ Public Relations                            | 21% | 19% | 15%    | 16%   | 30%     | 12%  | 42%     | 13%   | 29%    |
| Engineering/ Design   | 22% | 21% | 19%    | 27%   | 23%     | 22%  | 23%     | 27%   | 23%    |
| Business Consultancy/ Business<br>Management/ Management Consulting | 21% | 20% | 18%    | 18%   | 25%     | 23%  | 34%     | 17%   | 28%    |
| IT/ Internet/ E-commerce  | 17% | 21% | 15%    | 10%   | 27%     | 17%  | 25%     | 10%   | 27%    |
| Government/ Civil service   | 33% | 22% | 22%    | 20%   | 21%     | 23%  | 17%     | 13%   | 14%    |
| Healthcare/ Medical services  | 23% | 22% | 18%    | 20%   | 18%     | 15%  | 23%     | 13%   | 16%    |
| Consumer Goods/ FMCG  | 15% | 17% | 13%    | 9%    | 20%     | 13%  | 21%     | 10%   | 16%    |
| Education/ Academia   | 19% | 16% | 13%    | 12%   | 11%     | 20%  | 24%     | 30%   | 26%    |
| Human Resources   | 16% | 23% | 12%    | 9%    | 16%     | 20%  | 10%     | 10%   | 14%    |
| Hospitality/ Recreation/ Entertainment                              | 21% | 13% | 20%    | 20%   | 23%     | 17%  | 30%     | 7%    | 13%    |
| Electricity/ Power Generation/ Water                                | 18% | 18% | 13%    | 15%   | 7%      | 8%   | 11%     | 13%   | 11%    |
| Military/ Defence/ Police   | 19% | 16% | 12%    | 9%    | 13%     | 18%  | 11%     | 7%    | 11%    |
| Automotive  | 12% | 14% | 13%    | 14%   | 18%     | 20%  | 11%     | 3%    | 11%    |
| Manufacturing   | 10% | 15% | 8%     | 5%    | 9%      | 17%  | 12%     | 20%   | 14%    |
| Commerce/ Trade/ Retail   | 13% | 14% | 10%    | 9%    | 14%     | 10%  | 17%     | 20%   | 12%    |
| Tourism   | 18% | 9%  | 3%     | 8%    | 11%     | 17%  | 22%     | 3%    | 11%    |
| Aerospace/ Airline/ Aviation  | 18% | 13% | 13%    | 11%   | 14%     | 13%  | 5%      | -     | 7%     |
| Pharmaceuticals   | 8%  | 10% | 6%     | 6%    | 5%      | 5%   | 14%     | 3%    | 12%    |



# Industries attracting/retaining top national talent – By country

Q. Which industries would you say are attracting / retaining the top national talent in your country of residence today?

|  |       | North Africa |         |         |          |  |
|--|-------|--------------|---------|---------|----------|--|
|  | Egypt | Morocco      | Algeria | Tunisia | Pakistan |  |
| Base: All  | 579   | 42           | 132     | 37      | 25**     |  |
| Banking/ Finance   | 32%   | 33%          | 17%     | 27%     | 32%      |  |
| Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals                                      | 29%   | 10%          | 45%     | 22%     | 12%      |  |
| Real Estate/ Construction/ Property Development                  | 30%   | 24%          | 21%     | 22%     | 28%      |  |
| Telecommunications   | 29%   | 33%          | 20%     | 30%     | 24%      |  |
| Advertising/ Marketing/ Public Relations                         | 27%   | 55%          | 17%     | 30%     | 24%      |  |
| Engineering/ Design  | 23%   | 19%          | 14%     | 16%     | 16%      |  |
| Business Consultancy/ Business Management/ Management Consulting | 20%   | 31%          | 9%      | 22%     | 20%      |  |
| IT/ Internet/ E-commerce   | 23%   | 31%          | 25%     | 27%     | 16%      |  |
| Government/ Civil service  | 8%    | 10%          | 11%     | 5%      | 12%      |  |
| Healthcare/ Medical services                                     | 13%   | 14%          | 13%     | 24%     | 20%      |  |
| Consumer Goods/ FMCG   | 21%   | 29%          | 20%     | 19%     | 28%      |  |
| Education/ Academia  | 13%   | 14%          | 18%     | 19%     | 24%      |  |
| Human Resources  | 14%   | 17%          | 9%      | 5%      | 16%      |  |
| Hospitality/ Recreation/ Entertainment                           | 11%   | 24%          | 11%     | 8%      | 20%      |  |
| Electricity/ Power Generation/ Water                             | 12%   | 24%          | 15%     | 11%     | 24%      |  |
| Military/ Defence/ Police  | 13%   | 14%          | 23%     | 11%     | 8%       |  |
| Automotive   | 17%   | 36%          | 25%     | 16%     | 12%      |  |
| Manufacturing  | 19%   | 17%          | 17%     | 32%     | 12%      |  |
| Commerce/ Trade/ Retail  | 11%   | 31%          | 15%     | 16%     | 16%      |  |
| Tourism  | 11%   | 48%          | 17%     | 30%     | 8%       |  |
| Aerospace/ Airline/ Aviation                                     | 9%    | 24%          | 15%     | 16%     | 12%      |  |
| Pharmaceuticals  | 19%   | 14%          | 17%     | 8%      | 16%      |  |



## Industries attracting/retaining top graduate talent

Q. Which industries would you say are attracting/ retaining top graduate talent in your country of residence today? (Please select all that apply)

- Banking/Finance (38%) arises as the industry that attracts top graduate talent (significantly higher in the Levant: 48%).
- Government/ Civil service is significantly higher in the GCC (19%), while Automotive (20%) and Manufacturing (17%) in North Africa.

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### Industries attracting/retaining top graduate talent – By country

Q. Which industries would you say are attracting/ retaining top graduate talent in your country of residence today? (Please select all that apply)

|   |     |     |        | GCC   |         |      | Levant  |       |        |  |
|---|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|------|---------|-------|--------|--|
|   | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman | Lebanon | Syria | Jordan |  |
| Base: All   | 563 | 903 | 156    | 202   | 56      | 60   | 142     | 30    | 180    |  |
| Banking/ Finance  | 42% | 34% | 42%    | 31%   | 45%     | 27%  | 56%     | 27%   | 45%    |  |
| Engineering/ Design   | 34% | 28% | 30%    | 31%   | 32%     | 32%  | 26%     | 33%   | 33%    |  |
| Advertising/ Marketing/ Public Relations                            | 30% | 23% | 22%    | 19%   | 27%     | 10%  | 41%     | 27%   | 29%    |  |
| IT/ Internet/ E-commerce  | 27% | 28% | 26%    | 16%   | 21%     | 15%  | 32%     | 13%   | 34%    |  |
| Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals   | 26% | 29% | 31%    | 34%   | 23%     | 35%  | 7%      | 23%   | 7%     |  |
| Business Consultancy/ Business Management/<br>Management Consulting | 30% | 23% | 24%    | 23%   | 30%     | 30%  | 42%     | 23%   | 32%    |  |
| Real Estate/ Construction/ Property<br>Development                  | 32% | 20% | 21%    | 32%   | 13%     | 22%  | 27%     | 27%   | 13%    |  |
| Telecommunications  | 22% | 22% | 15%    | 12%   | 27%     | 15%  | 32%     | 30%   | 28%    |  |
| Healthcare/ Medical services  | 27% | 24% | 19%    | 23%   | 25%     | 15%  | 24%     | 17%   | 21%    |  |
| Education/ Academia   | 22% | 19% | 17%    | 15%   | 13%     | 22%  | 22%     | 27%   | 32%    |  |
| Consumer Goods/ FMCG  | 19% | 17% | 10%    | 13%   | 14%     | 17%  | 18%     | 13%   | 16%    |  |
| Human Resources   | 18% | 20% | 18%    | 13%   | 18%     | 13%  | 17%     | 7%    | 16%    |  |
| Hospitality/ Recreation/ Entertainment                              | 25% | 14% | 17%    | 22%   | 21%     | 13%  | 23%     | 10%   | 16%    |  |
| Government/ Civil service   | 22% | 17% | 16%    | 16%   | 18%     | 32%  | 12%     | 23%   | 11%    |  |
| Automotive  | 13% | 14% | 13%    | 11%   | 13%     | 13%  | 8%      | 13%   | 11%    |  |
| Electricity/ Power Generation/ Water                                | 14% | 17% | 14%    | 17%   | 7%      | 17%  | 9%      | 30%   | 12%    |  |
| Manufacturing   | 11% | 17% | 6%     | 7%    | 7%      | 18%  | 8%      | 13%   | 12%    |  |
| Aerospace/ Airline/ Aviation  | 18% | 13% | 13%    | 15%   | 13%     | 17%  | 6%      | -     | 7%     |  |
| Commerce/ Trade/ Retail   | 15% | 13% | 10%    | 10%   | 18%     | 8%   | 13%     | 10%   | 10%    |  |
| Pharmaceuticals   | 12% | 11% | 10%    | 7%    | 5%      | 8%   | 16%     | 13%   | 14%    |  |
| Tourism   | 21% | 8%  | 3%     | 12%   | 11%     | 13%  | 16%     | 10%   | 14%    |  |
| Media/ Journalism/ Publishing                                       | 15% | 9%  | 9%     | 9%    | 11%     | 7%   | 14%     | 3%    | 10%    |  |
| Military/Defence/Police   | 12% | 11% | 8%     | 6%    | 11%     | 15%  | 8%      | 13%   | 10%    |  |



# Industries attracting/retaining top graduate talent – By country

Q. Which industries would you say are attracting/ retaining top graduate talent in your country of residence today? (Please select all that apply)

|  |       | Asia    |         |         |          |
|--|-------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|  | Egypt | Morocco | Algeria | Tunisia | Pakistan |
| Base: All  | 579   | 42      | 132     | 37      | 25**     |
| Banking/ Finance   | 39%   | 45%     | 27%     | 30%     | 24%      |
| Engineering/ Design  | 29%   | 31%     | 17%     | 19%     | 16%      |
| Advertising/ Marketing/ Public Relations                         | 31%   | 55%     | 23%     | 24%     | 32%      |
| IT/ Internet/ E-commerce   | 26%   | 29%     | 29%     | 32%     | 16%      |
| Oil, Gas and Petrochemicals                                      | 28%   | 5%      | 41%     | 19%     | 12%      |
| Business Consultancy/ Business Management/ Management Consulting | 21%   | 45%     | 16%     | 32%     | 24%      |
| Real Estate/ Construction/ Property Development                  | 27%   | 19%     | 21%     | 8%      | 24%      |
| Telecommunications   | 31%   | 36%     | 27%     | 27%     | 20%      |
| Healthcare/ Medical services                                     | 13%   | 24%     | 22%     | 19%     | 16%      |
| Education/ Academia  | 15%   | 24%     | 29%     | 14%     | 12%      |
| Consumer Goods/ FMCG   | 20%   | 14%     | 17%     | 19%     | 20%      |
| Human Resources  | 13%   | 21%     | 12%     | 8%      | 16%      |
| Hospitality/ Recreation/ Entertainment                           | 10%   | 14%     | 9%      | 11%     | 12%      |
| Government/ Civil service  | 8%    | 12%     | 17%     | 5%      | 4%       |
| Automotive   | 20%   | 33%     | 20%     | 19%     | 16%      |
| Electricity/ Power Generation/ Water                             | 12%   | 14%     | 17%     | 11%     | 20%      |
| Manufacturing  | 17%   | 26%     | 14%     | 24%     | 12%      |
| Aerospace/ Airline/ Aviation                                     | 12%   | 24%     | 16%     | 24%     | 8%       |
| Commerce/ Trade/ Retail  | 14%   | 26%     | 20%     | 5%      | 20%      |
| Pharmaceuticals  | 19%   | 12%     | 19%     | 8%      | 16%      |
| Tourism  | 11%   | 36%     | 14%     | 16%     | 8%       |
| Media/ Journalism/ Publishing                                    | 15%   | 14%     | 11%     | 5%      | 12%      |
| Military/ Defence/ Police  | 12%   | 12%     | 23%     | 11%     | 12%      |



# Industries attracting/retaining top female talent

Q. Which industries would you say are attracting/ retaining top female talent in your country of residence today? (Please select all that apply)

- Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations (42%) and Banking/Finance (41%) seem to be the industries that attract top female talent.
- Advertising/Marketing/Public Relations is significantly lower in the GCC (38%) as compared to other regions.

| Advertising/ Marketing/ Public Relations                         | 42% |
|--|-----|
| Banking/ Finance   | 41% |
| Healthcare/ Medical services                                     | 35% |
| Education/ Academia  | 33% |
| Hospitality/ Recreation/ Entertainment                           | 28% |
| Human Resources  | 28% |
| Media/ Journalism/ Publishing                                    | 23% |
| Tourism  | 22% |
| Telecommunications   | 20% |
| Business Consultancy/ Business Management/ Management Consulting | 20% |
| Pharmaceuticals  | 16% |
| IT/ Internet/ E-commerce   | 14% |
| Government/ Civil service  | 14% |
| Charity/ Voluntary sector  | 14% |
| Consumer Goods/ FMCG   | 14% |
| Domestic Services  | 14% |
| Aerospace/ Airline/ Aviation                                     | 13% |
| Real Estate/ Construction/ Property Development                  | 13% |
| Engineering/ Design  | 12% |
| Market Research  | 12% |
| Commerce/ Trade/ Retail  | 11% |



# Industries attracting/retaining top female talent – By country

Q. Which industries would you say are attracting/ retaining top female talent in your country of residence today? (Please select all that apply)

|   | GCC |     |        |       |         |      | Levant  |       |        |  |
|---|-----|-----|--------|-------|---------|------|---------|-------|--------|--|
|   | UAE | KSA | Kuwait | Qatar | Bahrain | Oman | Lebanon | Syria | Jordan |  |
| Base: All   | 563 | 903 | 156    | 202   | 56      | 60   | 142     | 30    | 180    |  |
| Advertising/ Marketing/ Public Relations                            | 45% | 36% | 40%    | 33%   | 34%     | 25%  | 58%     | 30%   | 41%    |  |
| Banking/ Finance  | 41% | 37% | 40%    | 37%   | 43%     | 38%  | 58%     | 23%   | 52%    |  |
| Healthcare/ Medical services  | 38% | 41% | 31%    | 31%   | 41%     | 23%  | 32%     | 33%   | 34%    |  |
| Education/ Academia   | 34% | 35% | 27%    | 26%   | 25%     | 27%  | 43%     | 27%   | 48%    |  |
| Hospitality/ Recreation/ Entertainment                              | 36% | 22% | 28%    | 31%   | 32%     | 18%  | 36%     | 17%   | 27%    |  |
| Human Resources   | 33% | 26% | 22%    | 22%   | 32%     | 20%  | 32%     | 20%   | 29%    |  |
| Media/ Journalism/ Publishing                                       | 25% | 17% | 16%    | 15%   | 25%     | 12%  | 37%     | 13%   | 21%    |  |
| Tourism   | 30% | 14% | 6%     | 24%   | 20%     | 10%  | 33%     | 17%   | 23%    |  |
| Telecommunications  | 20% | 18% | 13%    | 14%   | 23%     | 17%  | 18%     | 17%   | 23%    |  |
| Business Consultancy/ Business Management/<br>Management Consulting | 22% | 17% | 19%    | 20%   | 18%     | 17%  | 29%     | 10%   | 24%    |  |
| Pharmaceuticals   | 15% | 12% | 9%     | 7%    | 13%     | 7%   | 24%     | 20%   | 28%    |  |
| IT/ Internet/ E-commerce  | 15% | 17% | 8%     | 9%    | 13%     | 13%  | 13%     | 7%    | 18%    |  |
| Government/ Civil service   | 19% | 12% | 21%    | 16%   | 18%     | 35%  | 9%      | 10%   | 18%    |  |
| Charity/ Voluntary sector   | 15% | 14% | 9%     | 8%    | 7%      | 7%   | 21%     | 27%   | 18%    |  |
| Consumer Goods/ FMCG  | 18% | 15% | 8%     | 12%   | 11%     | 15%  | 13%     | 7%    | 10%    |  |
| Domestic Services   | 14% | 16% | 11%    | 13%   | 5%      | 15%  | 8%      | 20%   | 10%    |  |
| Aerospace/ Airline/ Aviation  | 18% | 8%  | 9%     | 15%   | 11%     | 13%  | 9%      | 3%    | 16%    |  |
| Real Estate/ Construction/ Property<br>Development                  | 21% | 7%  | 12%    | 19%   | 14%     | 13%  | 17%     | 13%   | 5%     |  |
| Engineering/ Design   | 14% | 10% | 10%    | 14%   | 13%     | 7%   | 13%     | 13%   | 22%    |  |
| Market Research   | 14% | 11% | 8%     | 9%    | 14%     | 7%   | 13%     | 10%   | 12%    |  |
| Commerce/ Trade/ Retail   | 14% | 10% | 8%     | 11%   | 13%     | 10%  | 8%      | 23%   | 8%     |  |



# Industries attracting/retaining top female talent – By country

Q. Which industries would you say are attracting/ retaining top female talent in your country of residence today? (Please select all that apply)

|  | North Africa |         |         |         | Asia     |
|--|--------------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
|  | Egypt        | Morocco | Algeria | Tunisia | Pakistan |
| Base: All  | 579          | 42      | 132     | 37      | 25**     |
| Advertising/ Marketing/ Public Relations                         | 50%          | 50%     | 42%     | 32%     | 24%      |
| Banking/ Finance   | 43%          | 33%     | 34%     | 35%     | 44%      |
| Healthcare/ Medical services                                     | 27%          | 31%     | 48%     | 30%     | 32%      |
| Education/ Academia  | 26%          | 38%     | 52%     | 24%     | 28%      |
| Hospitality/ Recreation/ Entertainment                           | 31%          | 36%     | 27%     | 35%     | 16%      |
| Human Resources  | 31%          | 14%     | 27%     | 8%      | 20%      |
| Media/ Journalism/ Publishing                                    | 32%          | 19%     | 31%     | 19%     | 20%      |
| Tourism  | 25%          | 48%     | 26%     | 30%     | 8%       |
| Telecommunications   | 24%          | 40%     | 31%     | 30%     | 16%      |
| Business Consultancy/ Business Management/ Management Consulting | 17%          | 36%     | 20%     | 24%     | 28%      |
| Pharmaceuticals  | 19%          | 24%     | 24%     | 8%      | 16%      |
| T/ Internet/ E-commerce  | 12%          | 24%     | 14%     | 24%     | 8%       |
| Government/ Civil service  | 8%           | 7%      | 22%     | 8%      | 4%       |
| Charity/ Voluntary sector  | 16%          | 12%     | 14%     | 19%     | 4%       |
| Consumer Goods/ FMCG   | 12%          | 12%     | 17%     | 11%     | 12%      |
| Domestic Services  | 12%          | 24%     | 17%     | 14%     | 8%       |
| Aerospace/ Airline/ Aviation                                     | 15%          | 24%     | 13%     | 11%     | 8%       |
| Real Estate/ Construction/ Property Development                  | 14%          | 12%     | 8%      | 14%     | 8%       |
| Engineering/ Design  | 11%          | 24%     | 11%     | 14%     | 16%      |
| Market Research  | 16%          | 7%      | 6%      | 11%     | 4%       |
| Commerce/ Trade/ Retail  | 11%          | 24%     | 14%     | 5%      | 4%       |



# **Thank You**

