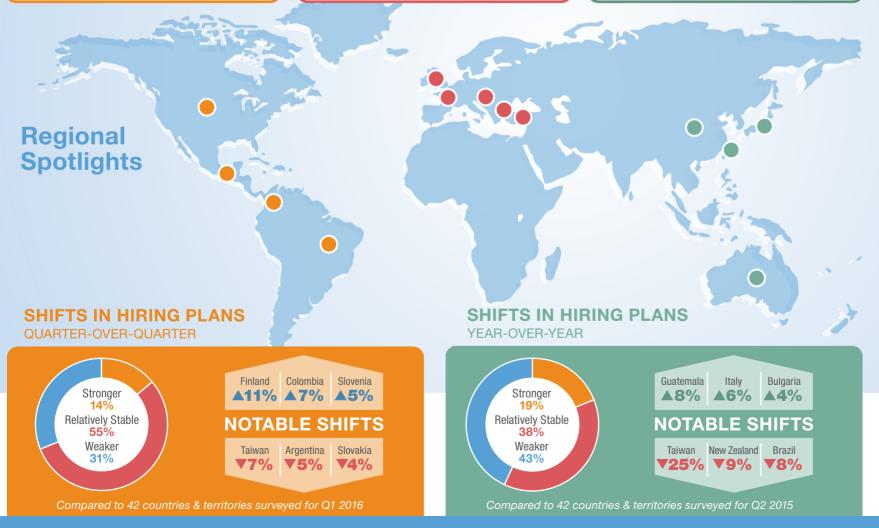
## Manpower Employment Outlook Survey GLOBAL HIRING EXPECTATIONS

WHERE WILL HIRING BE STRONGEST? WHERE WILL IT BE WEAKEST?

U.S. hiring pace expected to remain steady, while confidence climbs in Guatemala and dips once again in Brazil. Outlooks are positive in nine of 10 countries surveyed in the Americas. Brazil is again the exception with negative forecasts reported in all regions and in all but one industry sector. Hiring is expected to remain steady in the U.S., fueled by bright prospects in the Leisure & Hospitality sector. And in **Colombia** and **Guatemala**, approximately one in every four employers intends to add staff in the second quarter.

**Bulgarian employers report their strongest** hiring plans since joining survey, but opportunities for French job seekers remain subdued. Employers in 22 of 24 EMEA countries expect some second-quarter payroll growth with the strongest forecasts reported in Bulgaria, Turkey and Hungary, while **French** employers report the region's only negative forecast. Elsewhere in EMEA, the second-quarter hiring pace is expected to be modest, including the **UK** where positive hiring plans are reported in all regions and in seven of nine industry sectors.

Asia Pacific forecasts are strongest in India and Japan, while employers grow more cautious in Australia and China. Once again employers in India expect the most active labor market across the globe, while opportunities for job seekers in **Japan** are also expected to remain strong. Taiwanese employers are scaling back hiring plans for the fourth consecutive quarter, but steady job gains are still expected. In China and Australia, employer confidence remains restrained with the hiring pace expected to slow in both countries from both the prior guarter and last year at this time.



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