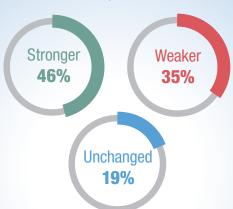
# MANPOWERGROUP EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK SURVEY ERE are hiring plans strongest? are hiring plans weakest?

## How are employer hiring plans changing?

### **QUARTER-OVER QUARTER**

Compared to 43 countries & territories surveyed for Q4 2017



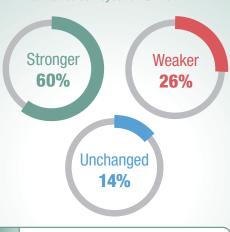
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**PERU** 10% **PORTUGAL** 10% **AUSTRALIA** 4%

#### **SINGAPORE** 2% **IRELAND** 5% **AUSTRIA** 8%

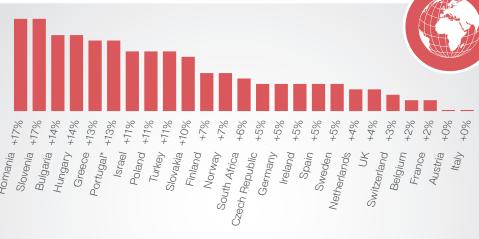
## YEAR-OVER-YEAR

Compared to 43 countries & territories surveyed for Q1 2017





# **Net Employment Outlooks**



- Staffing levels forecast to grow in Q1 in 23 of the 25 countries; only employers in Austria & Italy forecast flat hiring.
- Compared to Q4 2017, hiring prospects are stronger in 10 countries, weaker in 10, unchanged in 5.
- Compared to Q1 2017, hiring plans are stronger in 14 countries, weaker in 8, unchanged in 3.
- Outlooks in Bulgaria & Finland remain their most optimistic reports to date.

# New Zealand +15% Hong Kong +16% Australia ASIA PACIFIC

- · Employers expect Q1 payroll growth in all 8 countries/territories.
- Compared to Q4 2017, hiring intentions are stronger in 5 countries/territories, weaker in 2, unchanged in 1.
- Compared to Q1 2017, hiring intentions are stronger in 6 countries/territories, weaker in none, unchanged in 2.
- Australia's Outlook (+14%) strongest in more than 6 years.



- Staffing levels forecast to grow in all 10 countries.
- · Compared with Q4 2017, Outlooks improve in 5 countries, decline in 3, unchanged in 2.
- Compared to Q1 2017, hiring plans are stronger in 6 countries, weaker in 3, unchanged in 1.
- Employer confidence in Brazil climbs for 4th consecutive quarter; Outlook is strongest in 3 years.

\*Indicates unadjusted data