

Our Story

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The Group now employs over 7,000 people in 36 countries and reported a gross profit of over £710m in 2017. The four core PageGroup brands are made up of specialised recruitment teams that operate across 25 disciplines from actuarial to technology. Page Executive is the executive search division of the Group specialising in search, selection and talent management of senior professionals on a permanent or interim basis. The Michael Page team specialise in the recruitment of temporary, contract and permanent roles typically at second and third job level upwards. Page Personnel is a recruitment partner for businesses requiring clerical support. Page Outsourcing harnesses the power of the PageGroup brands and offers a recruitment outsourcing solution to help grow client businesses.

A lot has changed since we set up in 1976 and the Group continues to grow and evolve in order to deliver specialised sector experience, market knowledge and a consultative approach to recruitment. One thing that remains unchanged is the PageGroup commitment to the professional success of its clients, candidates and employees. The company values of passion, determination, work as a team, enjoy what we do and make a difference, are as evident now as they've ever been. The PageGroup team look forward to working for your future.

2017

- Launch of our fourth core brand, Page Outsourcing
- Total Group headcount increased to a record 7,029
- Awarded LinkedIn's Most Socially Engaged Recruitment Company 2017
- Awarded 2017 Top Employer certification in eight European countries (Germany, France, Switzerland, Poland, Spain, Netherlands, Belgium and Italy)
- First recruitment company to be ranked in the Stonewall Top 100 Employer list
- Introduced our PageGroup Purpose: PageGroup changes lives for people through creating opportunity to reach potential

2016

- Total Group headcount increased by 5% to a record 6,099
- Company name changed from Michael Page International plc to PageGroup plc
- Michael Page opened in our 36th Country, Thailand
- Ability@Page launched in the UK, with PageGroup the first recruitment company to sign the 'Time to Change' Pledge
- Public recognition across the group: A record year for Gross Profit at £621m, Top Employer Europe 2016 (Belgium, France, Germany, Spain & Switzerland), International Recruiter of the Year (Australasia), ICT Recruiter of the Year 2016 (Netherlands), Human Resources Asia Recruitment Awards: Grand Winner Agency 2016

2015

- Pride@Page launched resulting in Michael Page becoming a 'Stonewall Global Diversity Champion'
- Parents@Page launched in the UK
- Awarded LinkedIn's Most Socially Engaged Recruitment Company 2015
- Gross Profit in 2015 increased by 9.3% compared to 2014
- £50m returned to shareholders by means of a special dividend, the first of its kind

2013

- 20 out of 34 countries achieved year-on-year gross profit growth in 2013
- 2 new offices opened in the Americas, Los Angeles and Monterrey (Mexico)
- Continued investment in high potential markets of China, South East Asia, Germany, LatAm and USA
- Continued recognition in The Sunday Times '100 Best Companies to Work for' in the UK
- Appointed Recruitment International's 'Best Recruitment Company to Work for' in the £100 million+ category

2014

- The OpenPage philosophy launches encompassing inclusion and equality based around Disability, Sexual Orientation, Families and Carers, Age and Multiculturalism
- Record performances from over half our countries
- New offices opened in Canada, Colombia, Peru and Indonesia
- Continued growth and investment in high potential markets: Germany, Greater China, Latin America, United States
- Recognition the The Sunday Times '100 Best Companies to Work for' in the UK for the 10th time
- Won more than 10 national and international awards and accreditations as a diverse employer of choice

2012

- Michael Page International rebranded to PageGroup with three core brands: Page Executive, Michael Page and Page Personnel
- Women@Page launched in the UK
- PageGroup launched mobile-friendly site for Iphone users across the Asia Pacific region
- Michael Page operations launched in two new countries – Colombia and Morocco
- New offices opened in Macraé, Brazil; Taipei, Taiwan; Suzhou, China; and Cape Town, South Africa
- PageGroup ranked 39th in The Sunday Times '100 Best Companies to Work for' in the UK

2011

- Michael Page International operations launched in three new countries in Q1 – Malaysia, Qatar and India
- Eleventh office opened in Brazil
- Second office opens in Porto, Portugal
- Page Personnel Logistics launched in the UK
- Michael Page Life Sciences and Oil & Gas begin operating in the UK
- Michael Page International recognised in The Sunday Times '100 Best Companies to Work for' in the UK

2009

- Page Personnel launched in Germany and Australia
- New offices opened in: Bologna, Italy; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; and Monaco, Monaco
- The Group maintains network of 28 countries through challenging operating conditions
- Michael Page International remains profitable through the global recession

2007

- Michael Page International recognised in The Sunday Times '100 Best Companies to Work for' in the UK
- Accountancy Additions rebranded as Page Personnel in the UK
- Operations launched in Luxembourg and Argentina
- New offices opened in: Atlanta (GA) and Hartford (CT) USA; Hamburg, Germany; Bordeaux and Cergy Pontoise, France; Valencia, Spain; Zurich, Switzerland and Pall Mall, London, UK

2010

- Michael Page International again recognised in The Sunday Times '100 Best Companies to Work for' in the UK
- Headcount up by nearly 1000 worldwide
- iPhone app launched in UK and France
- Michael Page opens first office in Chile
- Page Personnel launched in Hong Kong, Mexico, Russia, Singapore and the USA
- New offices opened in: Bilbao, Spain; Padova, Italy; Recife, Alphaville (São Paulo), Barra da Tijuca (Rio de Janeiro) and São José Dos Campos, Brazil; Santiago, Chile; Guangzhou, China; Jurong, Singapore

2008

- Michael Page International voted 39th in The Sunday Times '100 Best Companies to Work for' in the UK
- Operations launched in: Turkey, Austria and New Zealand
- New offices opened in: Stuttgart, Germany; Seville, Spain; Massy, France; Breda, Netherlands; Newcastle and Cardiff, UK; Beijing, China; and Montreal, Canada

2005

- Michael Page International recognised in the Guardian book 'Britain's Top Employers 2005', The Sunday Times '100 Best Companies to Work for' and as a UK Business Superbrand
- Michael Page Paralegal launched in the UK
- New offices open in: Poland, Canada and Chatswood, Sydney

2003

- New offices open in: Brisbane, Australia; Boston and Chicago, USA; and Bristol, UK for Sales, Marketing and Retail

2002

- Michael Page Health established in France
- Offices open in: Sweden and Belgium

2006

- Terry Benson retires and Steve Ingham appointed as Chief Executive of Michael Page International
- Michael Page International recognised in The Sunday Times '100' Best Companies to Work for' in the UK
- Michael Page Property and Construction launched in the UK
- Operations launched in Mexico, United Arab Emirates, Russian Federation, Republic of Ireland and South Africa
- New offices opened in: Sha Tin, China; Campinas, Brazil; and Leicester, Peterborough, Sheffield and Cardiff, UK

2004

- Michaelpage.co.uk named Best Recruitment Consultancy Website by CIMA and PQ magazine
- Michael Page is recognised as a Business Superbrand
- New disciplines: Secretarial in the UK; Real Estate and Construction in France; Engineering in Australia
- New offices opened in: Connecticut, USA; Shanghai, China

2001

- Michael Page International listed on the London Stock Exchange. This coincides with a major advertising launch for our 3rd generation website. We're recognised as a Business Superbrand
- New disciplines: Michael Page Engineering
- New offices open in Tokyo

The 1990s

- Michael Page retires (1995) and Terry Benson is appointed as Chief Executive of Michael Page International (1990)
- Acquired by the Spherion Group (then Interim Services, Inc.) (1997) we establish Accountancy Additions in the UK (1992), the Public Sector Division (1992), SRS (Sales Recruitment Specialists) (1994) and RRS (Retail Recruitment Specialists) (1997)
- The first website is launched (1997) and we implement our national recruitment database (1993)
- Offices opened in: Germany (1991), Hong Kong (1995), Singapore (1996), Spain, the USA (1997) and Italy (1998)

2000

- Operations launched in Brazil, Portugal and Switzerland
- Michael Page Human Resources established. SRS and RRS rebranded to Michael Page Sales and Michael Page Retail

The 1980s

- Michael Page is floated on the Unlisted Securities Market (USM) (1983) and admitted to the London Stock Exchange (1988)
- Michael Page City established to provide a specialist service to the Banking and Financial Markets (1985). This is mirrored by our expansion into Legal recruitment in the UK (1986)
- First European office opened in France (1986). Netherlands (1987) and Australia (1985) to follow

The 1970s

- 1976 – Michael Page founded in London by Bill McGregor and Michael Page, providing selection and recruitment services for accounting and finance professionals. (Started above a launderette)
- 1979 – Operations in the UK continue to expand with offices opening in: Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow, Leeds and Bristol
- We are quickly established as the largest advertiser in the FT