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Introduction

he Graduate Management Admission Council[®] (GMAC[®]), MBA Career Services Council, and EFMD are pleased to present the results of the seventh annual survey of business graduates' employers, the 2008 Corporate Recruiters Survey. The primary purposes of this year's study are to gauge demand for MBA graduates, assess industry retention rates and strategies, and determine employer behavior and perceptions towards non-MBA graduates. This survey generated findings that can be used by:

- graduate business school professionals, graduate business students, and prospective students to gauge the job market and better understand employers' expectations;
- employers of business graduates in developing their recruiting and hiring plans; and
- career management professionals of business schools and hiring companies to benchmark their recruiting practices against comprehensive data.

This *Comprehensive Data Report*, which is available exclusively to participating schools and employers, is part of the 2008 Corporate Recruiters Survey report set. Other publications of the set include:

- the *Corporate Recruiters Survey 2008 Survey Report*—an executive report, summarizing the overall significant findings and implications, including year-to-year trends; and
- a free individualized *School Benchmarking Report* that compares a participating school's aggregated employer responses against other aggregated employers' responses.

One hundred twenty-nine graduate business schools facilitated the administration of this survey either by submitting employer contact information for companies that hire their graduates or by administering the survey using their internal resources. The survey results are based on responses from 2,307 employers representing 1,552 different companies.

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Overall Summary of Survey Results

This section of the report presents an overall summary of the survey data. The objective of this section is to present the overall feedback of participating employers on recruiting and evaluating business graduates and professionals with graduate management degrees.

Key Findings

- Survey results indicate that MBA talent is in demand even when businesses are facing the growing risk of recession. There is a projected 6% growth in the proportion of employers seeking to hire MBA graduates—nearly two thirds of respondents (64%) stated that they hired MBA graduates in 2007, and more employers plan to hire MBAs in 2008 (70%). Coupled with a projected 11% increase in average number of hires, these findings imply a positive job outlook for MBA graduates.
- Employers value their MBA employees because of the business management knowledge, communication skills, technical or quantitative skills, and ability to apply business discipline to any job or function that these employees provide.
- Employers place a premium on graduates with an MBA degree and work experience. Employers offer higher salaries to MBA graduates compared to other graduates with the same amount of work experience. Graduates with business degrees are also more likely to receive jobs at higher levels in the organization than those with graduate degrees in disciples other than business.
- MBA graduates tend to stay with their employers. Employers report that 65% of their 2003 hires, 74% of 2005 hires, and 90% of 2007 hires have continued working for the company. Employers attribute their ability to retain hires to providing challenging and interesting assignments (79%) and opportunities for growth and development (73%).
- In 2008, employers that work with participating business schools are more likely to report plans to hire MBA graduates than recent graduates with other business degrees (e.g., MSc in Business or Management). Additionally, four in ten of these employers that hire MBA candidates (42%) work exclusively with full-time MBA programs and do not consider graduates from part-time, executive, or online MBA programs.

MBA Job Outlook

Although employers have scaled back their overall hiring plans, interest in hiring MBAs remains steady. The vast majority of employers that hire graduating MBA students hire these MBAs primarily for their business management knowledge and expect the MBAs will have some prior work experience. MBA compensation in 2008 remains comparable to the 2007 levels, adjusted for inflation. Employers agree that providing challenging and interesting assignments is key to retaining MBA talent.

Demand for New Hires

Nearly two-thirds of respondents (64%) hired recent MBA graduates in 2007, and more (70%) plan to hire MBAs in 2008 (Table 1). Coupled with a projected 11% increase in the average number of hires—from 11.6 to 12.9—this year's employment outlook implies that MBA talent is in demand even when businesses are facing the growing risk of recession.

	Hired in 2007	Plan to hire in 2008
Companies hiring recent MBA graduates (%) (<i>n</i> = 1,512)	64%	70%
Number of hires per hiring company (#) (n = 293)		
Mean ^b	11.6	12.9
Median	5.0	6.0
Maximum	293	220

Hiring Aspects

Job Areas, Position Levels, and Work Experience

Financial areas other than investment banking (43%) and areas of marketing and sales (40%) offer ample job opportunities to MBA graduates (Table 2). HR or organizational management and information technology or MIS (15% each) appear to be the two areas where MBA talent will be in least demand in 2008. Overall, MBA graduates are most likely to receive offers for mid-level positions in 2008.

		Position level per job area ^a			
	All job areas (<i>n</i> = 1,067)	Entry level (<i>n</i> = 521)	Mid-level (<i>n</i> = 719)	Senior level (<i>n</i> = 169)	Executive level (n = 63)
Finance other than investment banking	43%	50%	71%	18%	6%
Marketing or sales	40%	47%	71%	19%	7%
Business development	32%	38%	79%	26%	10%
General management	30%	42%	77%	27%	10%
Consulting	26%	42%	74%	19%	7%
Accounting	25%	57%	72%	19%	9%
Operations and logistics	25%	43%	80%	20%	8%
Investment banking	18%	52%	73%	16%	8%
HR or organization management	15%	51%	82%	30%	13%
Information technology or MIS	15%	45%	79%	21%	6%
Other job areas ^b	6%	61%	64%	19%	6%

^{b.} Other job areas include analytical research, consulting, engineering, customer service, healthcare, procurement, product management or development, and supply chain management.

The vast majority of employers that hire graduating MBA students (90%) expect that new MBAs will have some prior work experience, and more than four in ten employers (43%) look for four to five years of work experience (Table 3). In comparison, three-fourths or fewer of those that hire other graduates expect prior work experience.

Table 3. Years of Work Experience Employers Seek in Recent MBA Graduates, by Position Level ^a					
	Entry level (<i>n</i> = 521)	Mid-level (<i>n</i> = 719)	Senior level (<i>n</i> = 168)	Executive level (<i>n</i> = 63)	Total (<i>n</i> = 1,171)
No work experience	16%	5%	8%	11%	10%
1–3 years	50%	38%	36%	38%	41%
4–5 years	32%	51%	45%	40%	43%
More than 5 years	2%	6%	11%	11%	6%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Mean ^b	2.6	3.9	3.9	4.6	3.4
Median	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.0

^{a.} Multiple responses were provided by 32% of respondents.

^{b.} (hired for one-level positions) F = 42.789; df₁ = 3; df₂ = 724; p < .05. Bonferroni test showed statistically significant differences, α = 0.05, between entry level and mid-level, senior level, and executive levels.

Characteristics of Hires with MBA Degrees

In 2007, nearly one in five new company employees (17%) had an MBA degree, including 10% of direct-from-industry hires (Table 4). Surveyed companies reported that about one-fifth (19%) of recent MBA graduates they hired in 2007 required additional legal documents such as visas or work

permits. A substantial proportion of 2007 MBA graduate hires (38%) were interns at hiring companies.

Table 4. Characteristics of 2007 Hires with MBA Degree		
	Percentage of respondents $(n \ge 207)$	
Direct-from-industry hires	46%	
Hold MBA degree	10%	
MBA graduate hires	12%	
Required additional legal documents (e.g., visa, work permit, etc.)	19%	
Were interns at the hiring company	38%	
All 2007 hires with MBA degree	17%	

To Hire or Not to Hire–Reasons from Employers

Why Employers Hire MBA Graduates

Companies select and hire graduating MBAs primarily for their business management knowledge (78%), communication skills (67%), technical or quantitative skills (62%), and ability to apply business discipline to any job or function (61%) (Table 5).

Table 5. Primary Reasons for Hiring MBA Graduates			
	Percentage of respondents $(n = 1,173)$		
Business management knowledge (finance, marketing, operations, etc.)	78%		
Communication skills (persuasive, presentation, written)	67%		
Technical or quantitative skills	62%		
Ability to apply business discipline to any job or function	61%		
Ability to reach goals	43%		
Ability to manage change	40%		
Ability to establish processes and procedures	39%		
Innovativeness	38%		
Holistic view	32%		
Clear and focused vision	31%		
Ability to establish business structure	30%		
Time management skills	28%		
Ability to manage subject matter experts or technical experts	28%		
Efficiency	25%		
Other reasons ^a	7%		
^{a.} Other reasons include experience, leadership skills, maturity, strategic	skills, and strategic thinking.		

Employer Satisfaction with MBA Employees

Of employers who hire MBA graduates, the majority are extremely or very satisfied with their new employees (Table 6).

Table 6. Employer Satisfaction with MBA Employees			
	Percentage of respondents $(n = 1,001)$		
Extremely satisfied	20%		
Very satisfied	63%		
Somewhat satisfied	15%		
Somewhat dissatisfied	2%		
Very dissatisfied	—		
Extremely dissatisfied	_		
Total	100%		
Satisfied	98%		
Dissatisfied	2%		
Total	100%		

Why Employers Do Not Hire MBA Graduates

Lack of available job openings (34%) was the leading reason for not hiring MBA graduates in 2007. One in five employers shared that MBA entry-level salary demands were too high (20%) or company resources were allocated to obtain direct-from-industry hires (20%) (Table 7).

Table 7. Primary Reasons for Not Hiring Recent MBA Grad	
	Percentage of respondents (<i>n</i> = 560)
No job openings were available at my company	34%
MBA entry-level salary demands were too high	20%
Recruiting resources were allocated to experienced direct-from-industry hires	20%
MBA candidates had unrealistic job role or job level expectations	18%
Available MBA candidates did not match my job requirements	18%
Graduate management skills/resources are not critical in my company	17%
Recruiting resources were allocated to new undergraduate hires	13%
Timing of job openings did not match availability of MBA graduates	13%
Recruiting resources were allocated to hiring business graduates other than MBAs (e.g., master's in Accounting, master's in Business Information	
Technology, etc.)	10%
Offers made to MBAs were not accepted	8%

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Table 7. Primary Reasons for Not Hiring Recent MBA Graduates in 2007		
	Percentage of respondents $(n = 560)$	
Difficulty in finding and identifying MBA candidates	7%	
Obtained MBA talent by sponsoring current employees in graduate		
management programs	5%	
Unable to obtain the necessary legal documents for international candidates	1%	
Other reasons ^a	9%	
^a Other reasons include access to a good pool of undergraduate business students; company hi for respondent's department/division; hiring experienced MBAs versus recent graduates; and n		

Compensation and Benefits

Three in four employers (75%) expect to increase the annual base salary of graduating MBAs in 2008 compared with offers made in 2007 (Table 8). Moreover, one in five respondents (20%) stated that this increase will be above the level of inflation.

Table 8. Expected Change in the 2008 Annual Base Salary for Recent MBA Graduate Hires Compared with the 2007 Annual Base Salary		
	Percentage of respondents $(n = 775)$	
Increase above the level of inflation	20%	
Increase at the level of inflation	55%	
No change	24%	
Decrease	1%	
Total	100%	
Increase	75%	
No change	24%	
Decrease	1%	
Total	100%	

Executives and managers project that in 2008 a typical MBA candidate can expect a starting annual salary of \$89,621—nearly 4% more than last year's starting annual salary (Table 9).

Table 9. Expected Starting Annual Salary for Recent MBA Graduates, 2004–2008, in U.S. Dollars					
	2004 (<i>n</i> = 328)	2005 (<i>n</i> = 536)	2006 (<i>n</i> = 422)	2007 ^a (<i>n</i> = 109)	2008 (<i>n</i> = 558)
Mean	\$77,143	\$78,236	\$80,839	\$80,452	\$83,541
Median	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$85,000	\$89,621
^{a.} MBA and c	^{a.} MBA and other graduate business students.				

There is a strong correlation between the average starting annual salary offered to MBA graduates and years of work experience. For example, hiring managers project the average 2008 starting salary

of an MBA graduate with no work experience will be \$54,348 compared to an average salary of more than \$100,000 for a recent MBA graduate with more than five years of work experience. (Refer to Table 27 for more information.)

On top of annual base salary, almost all companies (99%) will offer additional compensation or benefits to graduating MBAs (Table 10). Nine in 10 companies (90%) will have a benefits package that is likely to include health benefits or company-sponsored retirement plans. In addition, more than half of the participating companies plan to offer new MBA graduate hires performance-based bonuses (65%), moving allowances (56%), and signing or starting bonuses (55%). Employers that plan to offer a signing bonus to recent MBA graduate hires will typically extend \$15,000.

	Percentage of respondents (<i>n</i> = 1,051)
Plan to offer additional compensation and benefits	99%
Benefits package (e.g., health benefits, retirement plan, etc.)	90%
Performance-based bonus	65%
Moving allowance	56%
Signing or starting bonus	55%
Mean ^a	\$14,446
Median	\$15,000
Year-end bonus	40%
Tuition reimbursement or scholarship	34%
First-year bonus	25%
Profit sharing	25%
Stock purchase plan	21%
Stock options, including restricted stock	18%
Housing allowance or reimbursements	14%
Commissions	11%
Car or car allowance	8%
Other compensation or benefits ^b	5%
^{a.} 5% trimmed mean.	

Executives and managers anticipate that the average 2008 first-year total annual compensation for graduating MBA students will reach \$102,619, 16% of which, on average, will be added to the base salary in the form of a signing bonus or other monetary compensation (Table 11).

Table 11. Expected 2008 Total Annual Compensation and itsComponents for Recent MBA Graduates				
Percentage of respondents (<i>n</i> = 558)				
Total compensation, in U.S. dollars				
Mean ^a	\$102,619			
Median	\$100,000			
Base salary 84%				
Signing or starting bonus 6%				
Other compensation 10%				
Total 100%				
^{a.} 5% trimmed mean.				

MBA Recruitment and Retention

Recruitment Activities

Nearly two-thirds of employers that hire MBAs (65%) aggressively pursue MBA recruitment by sustaining a formal recruitment program, recruiting on a planned periodic basis, or conducting on-campus recruitment (Table 12). In addition, one in four employers (25%) hire MBA graduates on an informal, as-needed basis.

Table 12. MBA Recruiting Strategies ^a			
	Percentage of respondents (n = 1,156)		
We actively recruit MBAs (i.e., sustain a formal program to recruit graduating MBAs, recruit on a planned periodic basis, or conduct on-campus recruitment)	65%		
We recruit MBAs on an informal, as-needed basis	25%		
We consider graduating MBAs, but do not actively recruit them	9%		
Total 100%			
^{a.} Only employers that hire candidates with an MBA degree were asked to provide the data.			

Generally, companies that hire candidates with an MBA degree heavily rely on on-campus recruitment. According to GMAC[®] 2007 Corporate Recruiters Survey data, on-campus recruitment accounts for one-fifth (22%) of companies' recruitment efforts overall. As expected, this proportion is even larger for companies where campus recruitment is part of their hiring strategies (65%), according to 2008 survey respondents (Table 13). Nearly half of employers that recruit on campus (49%) anticipate that their on-campus recruitment efforts will remain the same in 2008 (Table 14).

Table 13. Recruitment Effort of Respondents that Recruit On Campus, Percentage of Recruitment, 2006–2007					
2006 ^a 2007 (<i>n</i> = 451) (<i>n</i> = 770)					
On-campus recruitment effort 62% 65%					
Off-campus recruitment effort 38% 35%					
Total 100% 100%					
^{a.} Source: 2007 Corporate Recruiters Survey.					

Table 14. Anticipated Change in Proportion of On-Campus Recruitment, 2007–2008			
	2007 ^a (<i>n</i> = 438)	2008 (<i>n</i> = 840)	
Increase significantly	5%	4%	
Increase moderately	16%	14%	
Increase slightly	23%	20%	
No change	47%	49%	
Decrease slightly	7%	8%	
Decrease moderately	1%	4%	
Decrease significantly	1%	2%	
Total	100%	100%	
Increase	44%	38%	
No change	47%	49%	
Decrease	9%	13%	
Total	100%	100%	
^{a.} Source: 2007 Corporate Recruiters	Survey.		

MBA Retention Rates and Strategies

Consistent with results from the *GMAC*[®] November 2007 Employer Poll, a large number of employers reported they do not track MBA retention statistics, especially historical data. Thirty percent of the respondents had no available retention data for 2007 MBA hires, and seven in ten participating employers (71%) had no retention data for 2003 MBA hires (Table 15).

Table 15. Availability of MBA Retention Statistics				
	Percentage of respondents (<i>n</i> = 1,001)	Adjusted percentage		
For 2003 hires				
Available	23%	29%		
Not available	57%	71%		
Did not hire MBAs this year	20%	_		
Total	100%	100%		
For 2005 hires				
Available	41%	47%		
Not available	46%	53%		
Did not hire MBAs this year	13%	—		
Total	100%	100%		
For 2007 hires				
Available	69%	70%		
Not available	30%	30%		
Did not hire MBAs this year	1%	_		
Total	100%	100%		

Of employers that had retention statistics available, 19% stated that all MBA employees hired in 2003 were still working for their companies in early 2008, whereas 68% of employers had retained all their 2007 MBA hires (Table 16). As expected, the average retention rate for those hired five years ago is lower (65% for 2003 hires) than that for most recent hires (90% for 2007 hires).

Table 16. MBA Retention Status in Early 2008, by Hiring Year					
	2003 (<i>n</i> = 227)				
Retained all MBA hires	19%	28%	68%		
Retained some MBA hires	76%	68%	30%		
Did not retain MBA hires	4%	4%	2%		
Total	100%	100%	100%		
Retention rate ^a					
Mean	65%	74%	90%		
Median	67%	80%	100%		
^a . Retention rate is calculated as the number of MBAs hired in 2003, 2005, or 2007 that continue working for the company, divided by the total number of MBAs hired that year.					

To retain MBA talent, companies are most likely to give employees challenging and interesting assignments (79%) and provide them with ample opportunities for growth and development (73%) (Table 17). In addition, the majority of employers cite the reputation of their companies and a compensation structure that is linked to performance or competency development as key retention strategies.

Table 17. MBA Retention Strategies					
	True	Somewhat true	Not true	Total	Average rating ^a (<i>n</i> = 712)
Employees are given challenging and interesting assignments.	79%	20%	1%	100%	0.89
Employees have ample opportunities for growth and development.	73%	25%	1%	100%	0.86
My company is well regarded by people looking for work.	73%	25%	2%	100%	0.85
Salaries and bonuses are linked to performance or the development of competencies.	75%	21%	4%	100%	0.85
Company leadership is accessible and provides vision and direction.	71%	27%	3%	100%	0.84
Employees are considered an investment "asset" and not a "cost" to be reduced.	70%	26%	4%	100%	0.83
Employees understand how their work contributes to the bottom line of the company.	67%	31%	2%	100%	0.83
Employees receive financial reward for their achievements.	69%	26%	5%	100%	0.82
My company encourages its employees to have a work/life balance.	61%	34%	6%	100%	0.78
My company has an employee-centric culture that values internal customers as much as external ones.	56%	36%	8%	100%	0.74
My company uses a job satisfaction or engagement survey in order to understand the requirements of my employees.	62%	19%	19%	100%	0.71
Our managers are trained to identify and select, guide, coach, reward, and retain their people.	49%	43%	8%	100%	0.70
Employees receive non-financial reward for their achievements.	48%	39%	13%	100%	0.68
My company has a "fast-track" program for high- achieving employees.	42%	40%	18%	100%	0.62
My company spends more time and money on retention than on recruitment.	21%	43%	36%	100%	0.43
My company has a formal retention program.	22%	40%	37%	100%	0.42
^{a.} Average rating: 1 = true; 0.5= somewhat true; 0 = not true.					

Respondents described other strategies that their companies use to retain MBA hires. Their verbatim comments are available in *Appendix B* (Table B.3) of this report.

Job Opportunities by Candidate Type

Employers that work with business schools mainly target MBA graduates. When they do seek other graduates, their additional requirements of these candidates—for example, years of work experience—are less demanding compared to their demands of MBA graduates. As expected, more stringent selection criteria lead to higher position levels and higher salaries for MBA students.

However, salaries of other recent business school graduates are higher than of graduates from disciplines other than business.

Full-time, Part-time, Executive, and Online Program Graduates

Four in 10 employers that hire MBA candidates (42%) only consider graduates from full-time programs (Table 18).

Table 18. Employers that Recruit Candidates from Part-Time, Executive, or Online MBA Programs ^a				
Percentage of respondents $(n = 1,171)$				
Part-time	44%			
Executive 41%				
Online 13%				
None of the above (consider full-time only) 42%				
^{a.} Only employers that that hire candidates with an MBA degree were asked to provide this data.				

Respondents also described their perception of key differences in graduates from full-time, parttime, executive, and online MBA programs. Their verbatim comments are available in *Appendix B*, (Table B.1) of this report.

Recent Graduates and Experienced Hires

Hiring Mix

Of the companies working with business schools, more surveyed companies plan to hire MBA graduates than any other types of candidates (Table 19). Additionally, company hiring plans for 2008 appear more optimistic for MBAs than for other graduates or experienced hires. Six percent of employers that did not hire MBA graduates in 2007 plan to hire MBAs in 2008, whereas 1–3% of employers that did not hire from other groups of candidates plan to hire those candidates in 2008. Overall, hiring plans for 2008 closely match actual hiring activity in 2007 in terms of the categories of candidates companies employ.

Table 19. Categories of Candidates Companies Hired in 2007 and Plan to Hire in 2008 $^\circ$				
	Plan to hire in 2008 (<i>n</i> = 1,512)			
Recent MBA graduates	64%	70%		
Recent MSc in Business or Management graduates	18%	21%		
Other specialized master's in Business graduates	31%	34%		
Graduates from disciplines other than business	39%	40%		
Recent graduates with a bachelor's degree	53%	54%		
Experienced direct hires	48%	50%		
Did not hire or plan to hire any of the above candidates	8%	4%		
^{a.} Only employers with hiring authority at non-recruitment firms were asked to provide the data.				

Company executives and hiring managers report that in 2007 they hired an average of 57 new employees (Table 20). The number of new 2007 hires greatly varied by company size and ranged from one to more than 8,000 employees per company.

As a likely consequence of the economic slowdown, especially in the U.S., surveyed companies plan to cut back on the number of new employees in 2008 by reducing their recruiting quota by one-fifth, on average. The reduction in the number of new employees per hiring company is primarily attributed to company plans to hire fewer experienced direct-from-industry hires.

Though slightly less optimistic than last year's projections for 2007, 2008 hiring perspectives for all categories of recent graduates remain positive. In terms of the average number of new hires per company, bachelor's-degree holders are expected to gain the most (14%) followed by recent MBA graduates (11%).

Table 20. Average Number of New Hires per Hiring Company, 2007–2008				
	2007 (actual)	2008 (anticipated)	Percentage change	
Recent MBA graduates ^a (<i>n</i> = 293)	11.6	12.9	11.2%	
Recent MSc in Business or Management graduates ^b (<i>n</i> = 38)	22.6	23.5	4.0%	
Other specialized master's in Business graduates ^c (<i>n</i> = 84)	20.5	22.1	7.8%	
Recent graduates from disciplines other than business ^d (<i>n</i> = 87)	19.2	20.5	_	
Recent graduates with a bachelor's (or first university) degree ^d ($n = 200$)	26.3	30.1	-	
Experienced direct-from-industry hires ^d ($n = 151$)	41.3	31.8	_	
All hires ^d ($n = 520$)	57.4	45.3	—	
^{a.} t = -2.476; df = 292; p < .05. ^{b.} t = -2.870; df = 37; p < .05.				
^c t = -2.587; df = 83; p < .05.				
^d The mean difference between 2007 and 2008 is not statistically	/ significant.			

The proportion of new hires in the company hiring mix is anticipated to be virtually unchanged from 2007 to 2008 (Table 21). Consistent with previous years, the majority of new 2007 hires came from the experienced, direct-from-industry pool of candidates (46%), followed by undergraduate school students (21%). The proportion of recent MBA graduates in the overall hiring mix is expected to increase from 12% in 2007 to 14% in 2008.

	2007 (actual) (<i>n</i> = 745)	2008 (anticipated) (<i>n</i> = 609)
Recent MBA graduates	12%	14%
Recent MSc in Business or Management graduates	3%	3%
Other specialized master's in Business graduates	9%	7%
Recent graduates from disciplines other than business	8%	7%
Recent graduates with a bachelor's (or first university) degree	21%	21%
Experienced direct-from-industry hires	46%	48%
Total	100%	100%

hires is calculated as a number of hires in this category divided by the total number of hires; zeros are included.

Job Areas and Position Levels

Financial areas other than investment banking (43%) closely followed by marketing and sales (40%) continue to offer ample job opportunities to recent MBA graduates (Table 22). Based on the feedback of company executives, line managers with hiring authority, and HR executives and managers, graduating students with MSc in Business or Management degrees will have a better chance of finding a job in marketing or sales (31%); those with a specialized master's degree, accounting (40%); and recent graduates from disciplines other than business, information technology or MIS (33%) in 2008.

Respondents that hire both MBA and MSc or other specialized master's graduates also described their perception of primary differences in the types of jobs and responsibilities they give to recent MBA graduates compared to recent MSc in Business or Management graduates or other specialized master's in business graduates. Their verbatim comments are available in *Appendix B*, (Table B.2) of this report.

Table 22. Job Areas for which Employers Plan to Hire Recent Graduates in 2008				
	MBA graduates (<i>n</i> = 1,067)	MSc in Business or Management graduates (n = 312)	Specialized master's in Business graduates (<i>n</i> = 519)	Graduates from disciplines other than business (<i>n</i> = 600)
Accounting	25%	28%	40%	23%
Consulting	26%	24%	21%	22%
Business development	32%	23%	19%	17%
Investment banking	18%	16%	16%	13%
Finance other than investment banking	43%	30%	30%	27%
General management	30%	20%	16%	20%
HR or organization management	15%	22%	21%	22%
Information technology or MIS	15%	28%	30%	33%
Marketing or sales	40%	31%	29%	32%
Operations and logistics	25%	29%	25%	32%
Other job areas ^a	6%	10%	9%	23%

Although many employers reserve entry-level positions for recent graduates overall, those that plan to hire graduating MBA students in 2008 are more likely to offer mid-level positions to these graduates (67%) than to graduating students with other degrees (Table 23). In addition, graduates with business degrees—regardless of the degree type—are more likely to receive a job at higher levels in the organization than those with graduate degrees in disciplines other than business.

Table 23. Job Levels for which Employers Plan to Hire Recent Graduates in 2008							
	MBA graduates (n = 1,067)MSc in Business or ManagementSpecialized master's in Business graduates (n = 312)Graduates f disciplines (n = 519)MBA graduates (n = 600)						
Entry level	49%	67%	63%	78%			
Mid-level	67%	57%	57%	50%			
Senior level	16%	18%	21%	14%			
Executive level	6%	7%	11%	5%			

Work Experience

The vast majority of employers that hire graduating MBA students expect that new MBAs will have some prior work experience, and most employers seek one to three years of experience (41%) or four or more years of experience (49%) (Table 24). In comparison, only slightly more than a quarter of the employers seek four or more years of work experience from other types of graduates.

Table 24. Years of Work Experience Sought by Employers								
	MBA graduates (<i>n</i> = 1,171)	MSc in Business or Management graduates (<i>n</i> = 352)	Specialized master's in Business graduates (<i>n</i> = 580)	Graduates from disciplines other than business (<i>n</i> = 686)				
No work experience	10%	24%	23%	31%				
1–3 years	41%	51%	48%	44%				
4–5 years	43%	23%	25%	19%				
More than 5 years	6%	2%	4%	6%				
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%				
Mean	3.4	2.4	2.5	2.2				
Median	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0				

Compensation

Consistent with previous years, the average expected salary of MBA graduates projected for 2008 is about 35% higher than that of other graduate school students and almost double the average starting salary of undergraduate school students (Table 26).

Table 25. Expected Starting Annual Salary for New 2008 Professional Hires, in U.S. Dollars					
Mean ^a Media					
Recent MBA graduates (<i>n</i> = 558)	\$84,075	\$89,621			
Recent MSc in Business or Management graduates (<i>n</i> = 117)	\$62,528	\$65,000			
Other specialized master's in Business graduates (<i>n</i> = 204)	\$61,969	\$60,000			
Recent graduates from disciplines other than business ($n = 232$)	\$55,666	\$55,000			
Recent graduates with a bachelor's (or first university) degree ($n = 418$)	\$47,296	\$47,000			
Experienced direct-from-industry hires ($n = 293$)	\$74,515	\$75,000			
^{a.} 5% trimmed mean.					

Table 26. Expected Starting Annual Salary for Selected Categories of New Professional	Hires,
2004–2008, in U.S. Dollars	

	2004	2005	2006	2007 ^a	2008	
Recent MBA graduates						
Mean	\$77,143	\$78,236	\$80,839	\$80,452	\$83,541	
Median	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$85,000	\$89,621	
Recent graduates from disciplines other than business						
Mean	\$63,276	\$59,404	\$65,827	\$62,515	\$55,877	
Median	\$60,000	\$56,000	\$65,000	\$60,000	\$55,000	
Recent graduates with a bachelor's degree						
Mean	\$44,853	\$45,156	\$46,255	\$43,817	\$46,845	
Median	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$43,500	\$47,000	
^{a.} MBA and other graduate business students.						

There are no notable differences in salary for candidates with no work experience. However, employers place a premium on graduates with an MBA degree *and* work experience. MBA graduates can expect to receive greater compensation than other graduates with equal work experience (Table 27).

Table 27. Expected Starting Annual Salary for New 2008 Professional Hires, by Years of WorkExperience, in U.S. Dollars

	No			More than 5	
	experience	1–3 years	4–5 years	years	
Recent MBA graduates ^a ($n = 558$)	\$54,348	\$76,192	\$91,681	\$100,083	
Recent MSc in Business or Management graduates ^b (<i>n</i> = 97)	\$54,476	\$65,597	\$61,701	_	
Other specialized master's in Business graduates ^c (<i>n</i> = 204)	\$56,016	\$58,652	\$71,764	\$91,062	
Recent graduates from disciplines other than business ^d ($n = 232$)	\$54,011	\$49,831	\$67,213	\$77,055	

^{a.} F = 50.419; df₁ = 3; df₂ = 554; p < .05. Bonferroni test showed statistically significant differences, α = 0.05, between all pairs of subgroups with the exception of the average annual salary of those with 4 to 5 years of work experience and those with more than five years of work experience.

^{b.} The mean difference between subgroups is not statistically significant.

^{c.} F = 7.287; df₁ = 3; df₂ = 200; p < .05. Bonferroni test showed statistically significant differences, α = 0.05, between all pairs of subgroups with the exception of the average annual salary of those with no work experience and 1 to 3 years of work experience and 4 to 5 years of work experience and those with more than five years of work experience.

^d F = 7.985; df₁ = 3; df₂ = 228; p < .05. Bonferroni test showed statistically significant differences, α = 0.05, between all pairs of subgroups with the exception of the average annual salary of those with no work experience and 1 to 3 years of work experience and 4 to 5 years of work experience and those with more than five years of work experience.

As mentioned earlier, there is a strong correlation between the average starting annual salary offered to MBA graduates and their years of work experience. For example, hiring managers project the average 2008 starting salary of an MBA graduate with no work experience will be \$54,348 compared to an average salary of more than \$100,000 for a recent MBA graduate with more than five years of work experience.

Methodology

rom February 13 to March 12, 2008, the Graduate Management Admission Council[®] (GMAC[®]) conducted a survey of MBA and other graduate management students' employers—the Corporate Recruiters Survey. This survey is the seventh in a series of studies designed to collect feedback from companies worldwide and obtain a picture of the current employment landscape and demand for MBA and other business graduates as well as to help employers benchmark their hiring plans and retention strategies against comprehensive statistics. The scope of the study includes employers that hire or plan to hire MBA graduates, MSc in Business or Management graduates, and other specialized master's in Business graduates (e.g., in Accounting, Business Information Technology, Finance, etc.). A spectrum of employers includes those who recruit on campus as well as those who collaborate with business schools in a variety of other ways in search for graduate management talent.

Sample Selection

To develop a survey sample, all GMAC[®], European Federation of Management Development (EFMD), and MBA Career Services Council (MBA CSC) member schools and a number of nonmember institutions that represent a cross-section of the graduate management industry worldwide were invited either to provide contact information for employers that worked with them during the past recruiting year to hire their MBA and other business graduates or to commit to sending survey invitations to their corporate partners. As an incentive, each business school that helped facilitate the survey was offered a survey report of key findings and an individualized benchmarking report that compares aggregated feedback of each school's employers with feedback of employers that work with other schools, in addition to this publication. By the response cut-off date, 129 business schools had provided GMAC[®] with data to administer the survey, for an overall response rate of 24% (Table 28).

Table 28. Response Rate						
Number ofResponseSample sizerespondentsrate						
Business schools	529	129	24.4%			
Companies	9,889	1,552	15.7%			
Individual employers	23,130	2,307	10.0%			

A joint effort of participating business schools contributed to a survey sample of more than 23,000 employers that represented about 10,000 companies, including more than half of the Fortune 500 companies in the U.S. and worldwide. To encourage employers to participate in the survey, each respondent was offered Corporate Recruiters survey reports, including this publication, to allow benchmarking against other employers in the sample. In addition, respondents had an opportunity to be entered in a drawing of five \$1,000 American Express gift cards. By the response cut-off date, 2,307 employers had completed the survey, for an overall individual response rate of 10% and an institutional response rate of 16% (Table 28).

Survey Administration

The survey questionnaire contains 41 detailed questions that may not have been applicable to all respondents. The survey was conducted online. The survey timing analysis showed that, on average, each respondent spent 12 minutes to complete the survey. The survey response rate of 10% was achieved through an e-mail invitation and one follow-up.

Data Analysis

Data were analyzed and tabulated using SPSS.

The following industry classification is used to present the survey responses:

- Consulting: consulting services, human resource services, healthcare consulting, information technology consulting, management consulting, and management of companies and enterprises
- Energy or utilities: energy and utilities; mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction; and utilities
- Finance or accounting: accounting, banking, finance and insurance, insurance, investment banking or management, and venture capital
- Healthcare or pharmaceutical: biotechnology, healthcare provider, health insurance, managed care (provider), pharmaceutical, and science and research
- High technology: engineering, information technology or services, internet or e-commerce, professional, scientific, and technical services and telecommunications
- Manufacturing: aerospace and defense, and automotive
- Nonprofit or government: education or educational services, government (non-military), military, nonprofit or not-for-profit, and public administration
- Products and services: accommodation and food services, agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; advertising; architecture; arts and entertainment; aviation and airlines; construction and installation; consumer goods; customer services; food, beverage, and tobacco; hotel, gaming, leisure, and travel; marketing services; real estate and rental or leasing; retail or wholesale; sports and recreation; transportation; and wholesale trade.

In addition, survey responses are divided into three groups based on company size:

- Small: with fewer than 500 employees;
- Mid-sized: with 500 to 9,999 employees; and
- Large: with 10,000 or more employees.

Employers are also grouped geographically, based on the following world regional classifications:

• United States: United States of America and its territories;

- European Union: Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and United Kingdom;
- Other regions: Africa, Asia, Australia, Canada, Central America, Mexico, Middle East, other European countries (Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Russia, and Ukraine), Pacific Rim (excluding U.S. territories), and South America (excluding U.S. territories).

In addition, U.S. employers were grouped into the following regions using the U.S. Census Bureau classification:

- Northeast: Connecticut, Maine; Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Vermont [New England], New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania [Middle Atlantic]
- Midwest: Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin [East North Central], Iowa, Kansas Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota [West North Central]
- South: Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia [South Atlantic], Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee [East South Central], Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas [West South Central]
- West: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Montana, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming [Mountain], Alaska, California, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, and Puerto Rico [Pacific].

To diminish a possible effect of outliers, a 5% trimmed mean was used in the Overall Summary of Survey Results. This mean was calculated by trimming 5% of data—2.5% from the highest values and 2.5% from the lowest values of a data set.

The following probability tests were conducted to determine that the observed differences between the selected groups were statistically significant, i.e., that they were not the results of pure chance:

- Chi-square test—to compare difference between subgroups formed by categorical variables in cross-classification tables;
- Independent sample t-test—to compare means of two independent groups of cases;
- Paired-sample t-test—to compare means of the same measurement under different conditions (e.g., 2007 and estimated 2008 data provided by the same respondent);
- Analysis of variance (ANOVA)—to compare means of several groups of cases; and
- Bonferroni test—to adjust the observed significance level of ANOVA for the multiple comparisons.

For all the tests above, the null hypothesis (H_0), which assumes that the differences resulted from a pure chance, was rejected if $p \le .05$. Please note that in some cases, the survey data do not meet all test assumptions. Therefore, the test results should be viewed in relative rather than absolute terms.

Findings reported in this publication are based on survey responses of participating employers and not a census of all employers of graduate business students; therefore, the data may be a subject of error, including sampling error and nonresponse error.

Percentages in tables may not add to 100 either due to multiple responses provided by respondents or due to rounding. Averages are not reported if the number of observations in a cell is less than 10. Percentages are not reported if the number of observations in a column is less than 10.

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Participant Profile

A total of 2,307 employers participated in the 2008 Corporate Recruiters Survey. Of those, 81% were located in the United States and 19% in other world regions (Table 29).

Table 29. Employer Location					
	Percentage of respondents (n = 2,283)				
Worldwide					
Africa or Middle East	<1%				
Asia, Australia, or Pacific Rim (excluding U.S. Territories)	4%				
Canada	1%				
Mexico, Central America, or South America	2%				
European Union (EU) ^a	10%				
Other European countries	2%				
United States and U.S. Territories	81%				
Total	100%				
In the United States					
Northeast	26%				
Midwest	23%				
South	31%				
West	20%				
Total	100%				
^{a.} Please note that for the purposes of this report Switzerland and Turkey are co	mbined with EU countries.				

Table 30 through Table 37 present the distribution of survey participants by primary job responsibility of respondents, company size, level of respondents' recruiting and hiring responsibility, and company entity for which they work. Industry classification is detailed in Table 38 through Table 48. Company recruiting strategies are shown in Table 49 and Table 50; and the form of legal organization of the hiring company at which respondents work is described in Table 51.

To meaningfully interpret the data in each section of this report, the reader should take into consideration that correlations exist between control variables and may determine the subgroup differences along with the primary factors.

More than half of respondents (57%) were either executives or managers with hiring authority or HR executives or managers (Table 30) and thus were in the positions to report data on the number

Table 30. Primary Job Responsibility of Respondents, by World Region ^a					
	United States (<i>n</i> = 1,848)	European Union (<i>n</i> = 223)	Other world regions (<i>n</i> = 212)	Total (<i>n</i> = 2,307)	
Executive or line manager with hiring authority	42%	31%	30%	40%	
Human resources executive or manager	13%	34%	37%	17%	
Experienced-hire recruiter at a non- recruitment firm who has some campus recruitment experience	14%	9%	7%	13%	
Full-time campus recruiter, manager, or staff at a non-recruitment firm	11%	11%	8%	11%	
Experienced-hire recruiter at a recruitment firm who has some campus recruitment experience	2%	6%	4%	3%	
Full-time campus recruiter, manager, or staff at a recruitment firm	2%	3%	3%	3%	
Other responsibilities	16%	6%	11%	14%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	
^{a.} χ ² = 161.528; df = 12; p < .05.			•		

of company hires and average salaries of employees as well as to provide competent hiring projections for 2008.

Survey respondents represent a broad spectrum of company sizes measured by the number of employees. Approximately one third of participating employers work either for small (36%), large (35%), or mid-sized companies (29%) (Table 31). Proportionally more employers in the U.S. (39%) compared with the EU (23%) and other world regions (13%) work for companies with 10,000 or more employees.

In the US, employers from the South and the West (37%–38%) were more likely to work for smaller companies than those in the Northeast or the Midwest (Table 33). Conversely, proportionally more respondents from large Northeastern (40%) or Midwestern (44%) companies participated in the survey than from large Southern (36%) or Western (35%) firms.

Table 31. Company Size, by World Region ^a						
	United States (<i>n</i> = 1,609)	European Union (<i>n</i> = 210)	Other world regions (<i>n</i> = 187)	Total (<i>n</i> = 2,006)		
Small (fewer than 500 employees) (%)	33%	45%	49%	36%		
Mean number of employees ^b (#)	114	152	132	121		
Median number of employees (#)	70	105	85	75		
Mid-sized (500 to 9,999 employees) (%)	28%	32%	37%	29%		
Mean number of employees ^c (#)	3,009	2,422	2,535	2,886		
Median number of employees (#)	2,500	1,600	1,550	2,300		
Large (10,000 or more employees) (%)	39%	23%	13%	35%		
Mean number of employees ^c (#)	77,967	84,379	85,400	78,675		
Median number of employees (#)	40,000	45,000	50,000	40,000		
Total (%)	100%	100%	100%	100%		

^{b.} F = 4.208; df₁ = 2; df₂ = 715; p < .05. Bonferroni test showed statistically significant differences, α = 0.05, between the U.S. and EU.

^{c.} The mean difference between subgroups is not statistically significant.

Table 32. Company Size, by U.S. Region ^a						
	Northeast (<i>n</i> = 397)	Midwest (<i>n</i> = 371)	South (<i>n</i> = 502)	West (<i>n</i> = 339)		
Small (fewer than 500 employees) (%)	31%	26%	38%	37%		
Mean number of employees ^b (#)	131	120	100	113		
Median number of employees (#)	100	75	55	50		
Mid-sized (500 to 9,999 employees) (%)	29%	30%	26%	28%		
Mean number of employees ^b (#)	2,543	3,279	3,060	3,199		
Median number of employees (#)	2,000	2,500	2,500	3,000		
Large (10,000 or more employees) (%)	40%	44%	36%	35%		
Mean number of employees ^c (#)	66,422	73,533	99,878	66,212		
Median number of employees (#)	30,000	45,000	55,000	40,000		
Total (%)	100%	100%	100%	100%		

^{b.} The mean difference between subgroups is not statistically significant.

^{c.} F = 4,576; df₁ = 3; df₂ = 620; p < .05. Bonferroni test showed statistically significant differences, α = 0.05, between the South and the Northeast and between the South and the West.

Consequently, the U.S. employers were more likely to hire at the division or department level (48%) than those in the EU or other world regions (34% and 32%, respectively) (Table 33), which was typical for large companies (Table 34).

Table 33. Level of Hiring, by World Region ^a						
	United States (<i>n</i> = 1,466)	European Union (<i>n</i> = 189)	Other world regions (<i>n</i> = 174)	Total (<i>n</i> = 1,847)		
At the division or department level	48%	34%	32%	45%		
At the organization level	36%	47%	57%	40%		
Other hiring responsibility	3%	3%	10%	2%		
No hiring responsibility	13%	16%	1%	13%		
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%		
^a χ ² = 39.039; df = 6; p < .05.						

Table 34. Level of Hiring, by Company Size [°]				
$\begin{array}{c c} Small & Mid-sized & Large \\ (n = 492) & (n = 424) & (n = 461) \end{array}$				
At the division or department level	45%	53%	59%	
At the organization level	55%	47%	41%	
Total 100% 100% 100%				
^{a.} χ ² = 16.810; df = 2; p < .05.				

Approximately four in ten respondents (37%) worked for a parent or a holding company (Table 35), most of which (57%) were large companies (Table 36).

Table 35. Company Entity, by World Region ^a				
	United States (<i>n</i> = 1,838)	European Union (<i>n</i> = 222)	Other world regions (<i>n</i> = 206)	Total (<i>n</i> = 2,268)
Parent or holding company	36%	40%	45%	37%
Division, subsidiary, or branch	32%	41%	32%	33%
Company consists of one entity	32%	19%	23%	30%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
^{a.} χ ² = 26.926; df = 4; p < .05.				

Table 36. Company Entity, by Company Size ^a			
	Small (<i>n</i> = 718)	Mid-sized (<i>n</i> = 591)	Large (<i>n</i> = 697)
Parent or holding company	20%	32%	57%
Division, subsidiary, or branch	38%	45%	15%
Company consists of one entity	42%	23%	27%
Total	100%	100%	100%
^{a.} χ ² = 279.952; df = 4; p < .05.			

Table 37. Level of Hiring, by Company Entity ^a			
	Work for a parent or holding company (<i>n</i> = 582)	Work for a division, subsidiary, or branch (<i>n</i> = 502)	Company consists of one entity (<i>n</i> = 451)
At the division or department level	53%	61%	45%
At the organization level	47%	39%	55%
Total	100%	100%	100%
^{a.} χ ² = 26.950; df = 2; p < .05.			

Consistent with previous years, more than six in ten participating employers worked either in finance or accounting (26%), products and services (20%), or consulting (16%) industries (Table 38). Some differences were observed in the industry profile of respondents by the world region. For example more than one in four employers in the EU (26%) compared with only 14% of the U.S. employers work for consulting firms.

Table 38. Industry Group, by World Region ^a				
	United States (<i>n</i> = 1,846)	European Union (<i>n</i> = 222)	Other world regions (<i>n</i> = 210)	Total (<i>n</i> = 2,290)
Consulting	14%	26%	19%	16%
Energy or utilities	4%	<1%	6%	4%
Finance or accounting	27%	19%	25%	26%
Healthcare or pharmaceutical	6%	5%	2%	6%
High technology	12%	14%	13%	12%
Manufacturing	4%	5%	<1%	4%
Nonprofit or government	4%	2%	4%	4%
Products and services	21%	23%	17%	20%
Other industry	9%	8%	13%	9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
^{a.} χ ² = 53.750; df = 16; p < .05.				

Industry profile of respondents varied even more by region within the United States (Table 39). For example, more than one in five respondents in the West (21%) reported working for high-technology companies compared with 10% or less of those in other U.S. regions.

Table 39. Industry Group, by U.S. Region ^a				
	Northeast (<i>n</i> = 475)	Midwest (<i>n</i> = 426)	South (<i>n</i> = 561)	West (<i>n</i> = 376)
Consulting	13%	12%	18%	13%
Energy or utilities	2%	4%	8%	4%
Finance or accounting	39%	19%	25%	22%
Healthcare or pharmaceutical	11%	5%	3%	6%
High technology	9%	9%	10%	21%
Manufacturing	2%	7%	2%	5%
Nonprofit or government	2%	3%	5%	5%
Products and services	13%	31%	20%	19%
Other industry	9%	11%	9%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
^{a.} χ ² = 207.368; df = 24; p < .05.				

Table 40 through Table 47 contain a more detailed description of businesses where respondents are employed.

Table 40. Consulting Sector Classification		
	Percentage of respondents $(n = 365)$	
Consulting Services	58%	
Management Consulting	17%	
Human Resource Services	12%	
Information Technology Consulting	10%	
Healthcare Consulting	2%	
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1%	
Total	100%	

Table 41. Energy or Utilities Sector Classification		
Percentage of respondents (<i>n</i> = 97)		
Energy and Utilities	66%	
Utilities 18%		
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction 16%		
Total	100%	

Table 42. Finance or Accounting Sector Classification		
	Percentage of respondents (<i>n</i> = 588)	
Finance and Insurance	30%	
Banking	25%	
Investment Banking or Management	24%	
Accounting	16%	
Insurance	5%	
Venture Capital	1%	
Total	100%	

Table 43. Healthcare or Pharmaceutical Sector Classification			
Percentage of respondents (n = 128)			
Pharmaceutical	38%		
Healthcare Provider	20%		
Biotechnology	echnology 20%		
Health Insurance	13%		
Science and Research	6%		
Managed Care (provider) 2%			
Total 100%			

Table 44. High Technology Sector Classification		
	Percentage of respondents $(n = 273)$	
Information Technology or Services	45%	
Engineering	18%	
Telecommunications	16%	
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	12%	
Internet or e-commerce	9%	
Total	100%	

Table 45. Manufacturing Sector Classification		
Percentage of respondents (n = 82)		
Automotive	59%	
Aerospace and Defense	41%	
Total	100%	

Table 46. Nonprofit or Government Sector Classification			
	Percentage of respondents $(n = 83)$		
Government (non-military)	47%		
Education or Educational Services	46%		
Military	5%		
Public Administration	2%		
Total	100%		

Table 47. Products and Services Sector Classification			
	Percentage of respondents $(n = 470)$		
Consumer Goods	29%		
Retail or Wholesale	15%		
Transportation	12%		
Food, Beverage, and Tobacco	9%		
Marketing Services	6%		
Aviation and Airlines	5%		
Real Estate and Rental or Leasing	4%		
Hotel, Gaming, Leisure, and Travel	4%		
Construction and Installation	3%		
Advertising	2%		
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	2%		
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2%		
Wholesale Trade	2%		
Sports and Recreation	1%		
Accommodation and Food Services	1%		
Customer Services	1%		
Architecture	<1%		
Total	100%		

More than half of represented consulting firms (55%) followed by non-profit or government organizations (40%) were small (Table 48). Manufacturing (60%) and healthcare or pharmaceutical companies (48%) were typically large.

Table 48. Industry Group, by Company Size ^{a,b}				
	Small (<i>n</i> = 718)	Mid-sized (<i>n</i> = 591)	Large (<i>n</i> = 697)	Total
Consulting	55%	23%	22%	100%
Energy or utilities	23%	38%	39%	100%
Finance or accounting	38%	31%	30%	100%
Healthcare or pharmaceutical	19%	34%	48%	100%
High technology	30%	26%	44%	100%
Manufacturing	15%	25%	60%	100%
Nonprofit or government	40%	42%	18%	100%
Products and services	30%	31%	39%	100%
Other industry	38%	28%	34%	100%
^{a.} χ ² = 127.352; df = 16; p < .05.		•	•	•
^{b.} Percentage of cases in a row.				

Nearly 70% of U.S. employers that hire MBAs were actively searching for MBA talent by either sustaining a formal program to recruit graduating MBAs, conducting on-campus recruitment, or recruiting MBAs on a planned periodic basis (Table 49). In comparison, four in ten employers in the EU (42%) and half employers in other world regions (51%) pursued similar aggressive MBA recruitment strategy.

Table 49. MBA Recruiting Strategy Group, by World Region ^a				
	United States (n = 943)	European Union (<i>n</i> = 96)	Other world regions (<i>n</i> = 103)	Total (<i>n</i> = 1,156)
Actively recruit MBAs	69%	42%	51%	65%
Do not actively recruit MBAs	31%	58%	49%	35%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
^{a.} χ ² = 39.265; df = 2; p < .05.				

A strong correlation was observed between the company size and its MBA recruiting strategy—the larger the company the more likely it actively recruited MBAs (Table 50). For example, the vast majority of respondents with large companies (80%) compared with slightly less than half of those with small companies (47%) reported actively recruiting MBAs.

Table 50. MBA Recruiting Strategy Group, by Company Size ^a				
	Small Mid-sized La (n = 269) (n = 335) (n =			
Actively recruit MBAs	47%	58%	80%	
Do not actively recruit MBAs	53%	42%	20%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	
^{a.} χ ² = 84.178; df = 2; p < .05.				

As expected, the form of company legal organization varied across world regions where company offices are located (Table 51). Whereas participating employers in the U.S. mainly worked for publicly-held corporations (58%), employers in the EU typically worked for privately-held corporations (55%).

Table 51. Form of Legal Organization of Hiring Company, by World Region ^a				
	United States (<i>n</i> = 1,841)	European Union (<i>n</i> = 222)	Other world regions (<i>n</i> = 207)	Total (<i>n</i> = 2,275)
Publicly held corporation	58%	31%	36%	54%
Privately held corporation	24%	55%	31%	28%
Partnership	8%	11%	16%	9%
Sole proprietorship	1%	1%	7%	2%
Nonprofit or not-for-profit	4%	_	2%	3%
Public service or government	3%	1%	2%	3%
Military	<1%	_	<1%	<1%
Other	1%	1%	4%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
^{a.} χ ² = 188.379; df = 16; p < .05.				

Appendix A: Survey Participants

Participating Schools

(sorted by university name)

A

American University, Kogod School of Business Arizona State University, W.P. Carey School of Business Athens University of Economics and Business Audencia Nantes Ecole de Management

B

Baruch College, City University of New York, Zicklin School of Business Baylor University, Hankamer School of Business Bentley College, Elkin B. McCallum Graduate School of Business Binghamton University—State University of New York, School of Management Brigham Young University, Marriott School of Management

С

Carnegie Mellon University, Tepper School of Business Case Western Reserve University, Weatherhead School of Management Chapman University, The George L. Argyros School of Business and Economics Charles Sturt University, Business School China Europe International Business School (CEIBS) Clarkson University, School of Business Clemson University, MBA Program College of William & Mary, Mason School of Business Cornell University, Johnson Graduate School of Management

D

Drexel University, LeBow College of Business Duke University, the Fuqua School of Business

Е

East Carolina University, College of Business EGP - Escola de Gestão do Porto Emory University, Goizueta Business School Escuela de Alta Dirección y Administración (EADA) Escuela Superior Politécnica Del Litoral (ESPOL), ESPAE Graduate School of Management European Business School (EBS)

F

Florida International University, College of Business Administration Fordham University, Fordham Graduate School of Business Administration

G

George Washington University, GW School of Business Georgetown University, The Robert Emmett McDonough School of Business Georgia Institute of Technology, College of Management Georgia State University, J. Mack Robinson College of Business GISMA Business School Grenoble Graduate School of Business (Grenoble Ecole de Management)

Н

HEC Paris Hofstra University, Frank G. Zarb School of Business Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, HKUST Business School

I

INCAE Business School Indian School of Business Indiana University, Kelley School of Business (Bloomington) Institut d'Administration des Entreprises de Paris (IAE Paris) Instituto Panamericano de Alta Dirección de Impresa (IPADE), IPADE Business School International Academy of Business (IAB) International Management Institute (MIM-Kyiv)

J

Johns Hopkins University, JHU Carey Business School

K

Kennesaw State University, Michael J. Coles College of Business Koç University, Graduate School of Business

L

Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Suleman Dawood School of Business (SDSB) Lehigh University, College of Business and Economics London Business School Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LSU E.J. Ourso College of Business Loyola University Chicago, Graduate School of Business

M

Michigan State University, The Eli Broad Graduate School of Management MIP Politecnico di Milano

Ν

Nanyang Technological University, Nanyang Business School National University of Singapore, NUS Business School New Jersey Institute of Technology, NJIT School of Management New York University, Leonard N. Stern School of Business North Carolina State University, Jenkins Graduate School of Management Northeastern University, Graduate School of Business Administration Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management

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Ohio State University, Fisher College of Business

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Pennsylvania State University, Smeal College of Business Pepperdine University, Graziadio School of Business and Management Purdue University, Krannert School of Management

Q

Queen's University, Canada, Queen's School of Business

R

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Lally School of Management and Technology Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, Rutgers Business School

S

Sabanci Universitesi, Faculty of Management San Jose State University, Lucas Graduate School of Business Sarajevo Graduate School of Business Simmons College, Simmons School of Management Sinerghia Economics and Finance Institute Southern Methodist University, Cox School of Business Syracuse University, Whitman School of Management

Т

Temple University, Fox School of Business and Management Thunderbird School of Global Management Toulouse Business School Tulane University of Louisiana, A.B. Freeman School of Business

U

University at Buffalo/State University of New York, School of Management University of Alabama, Manderson Graduate School of Business University of Arizona, Eller College of Management University of California, Davis, Graduate School of Management University of California, Irvine, the Paul Merage School of Business University of California, San Diego, the Rady School of Management University of Central Florida, College of Business Administration University of Cincinnati, College of Business University of Connecticut, School of Business University of Denver, Daniels College of Business University of Florida, Hough Graduate School of Business at the Warrington College of Business Administration University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Business University of Houston, University Park, C.T. Bauer College of Business University of Illinois at Chicago, Liautaud Graduate School of Business University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Business University of Iowa, Henry B. Tippie School of Management University of Kansas, School of Business University of Kentucky, Carol Martin Gatton College of Business and Economics University of Liverpool, University of Liverpool Management School University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Economics

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V

Vanderbilt University, Owen Graduate School of Management Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Pamplin College of Business

W

Washington State University, College of Business Washington University in St. Louis, Olin Business School West Virginia University, College of Business and Economics Willamette University, Atkinson Graduate School of Management

Y

Yale University, Yale School of Management

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