# employer brand research 2020

## global report.





human forward.

#### contents.

foreword

- 1 executive summary
- 2 what do workers want
- 3 sector attractiveness
- 4 switching behavior
- 5 appendix



## foreword

As we publish this year's Randstad Employer Brand Research, we at Randstad are fully aware of the new situation we are in as a result of COVID-19. The timing of the questionnaire and its results were analyzed before the discovery of the virus. Since then, COVID-19 has paralyzed local economies and labor markets and as a result several companies find themselves facing unprecedented challenges.

In these uncertain times, employer branding is more important than ever. This years' Randstad Employer Brand Research results can be very helpful in building on a sharpened employer branding strategy for your company.



# executive



# summary.



Welcome to the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Randstad Employer Brand Research Global Report where this year the REBR enters its 20<sup>th</sup> year of operation. Starting in 2000, the Research now covers 33 markets and collects strategic and insightful data from some 185,000 respondents per year.

The last 2 decades have seen the world of work change dramatically but never so much than since the beginning of digital age. Our research confirms that despite these transformational changes, attractive salary & benefits, work-life balance and job security remain the top three most important offerings the global workforce seek from their ideal employer.





Zooming in on the top drivers, differences between target groups begin to emerge through our data which strengthens the theory that a one-size-fits-all employee value proposition will not render valuable results as preferences vary widely depending on these groups.

An example can be seen in the secondary reasons to choose an employer. A pleasant work-atmosphere is more valued in Europe than anywhere else and in CIS being financially healthy is the second most important driver, after attractive salary & benefits. The Latin American workforce is more interested in career progression opportunities, while those in North America and APAC place more value in career progression within a company.



Similarly, preferences differ across the generational cohorts. When targeting gen z's, an employee value proposition highlighting a pleasant work-atmosphere will appeal more than an employer whose EVP focuses on job security.

For millennials and gen x, a successful EVP strategy could focus more on good work-life balance and long term job security than on pleasant work atmosphere.

Boomers are more likely to choose an employer based on the attractiveness of the salary & benefits offer, while a convenient location may impact their decision as well.



throughout this report we also look into the switching behavior of the global workforce and the choices employees make when they decide to go to a different employer.

Consistent with previous years, about 2 in 10 global workers changed their employer in the past 12 months and about 1 out of 4 plans to do so in the coming year.

Aside from the most obvious reason to switch being due to a higher salary elsewhere (60%) around 40% of employees did so because of a mismatch between their personal values and those of the organization or because of poor relationships with their manager or colleagues.



In addition to the continuous metrics the REBR provides each year, we also use the platform to conduct research on a particular issue prevalent within the industry.

For 2020 we have broken down our most sought after driver of attractive salary and benefits to specifically look at how important non-monetary benefits are for the global workforce and what particular benefits are most attractive.

Echoing the top drivers, the most attractive benefits have to do with flexibility: additional vacation benefits (80%), flexible working hours (79%), being able to work from home (72%). Also health care insurance packages (79%) and the reimbursement of mobility expenses (72%) are very attractive benefits, worldwide and could be given more visibility to attract the right talent.

With so many disruptive forces affecting businesses around the globe; finding, training and retaining talent is currently one of the most critical challenges companies face in these uncertain times. To make sure you are best positioned to be an employer of choice, we invite you to take a closer look at this year's research and learn what factors will really motivate the workers you need to drive results.

Should you need further insights into how your employer brand is performing, make sure to contact your local Randstad specialist for a customized report.

Enjoy!

# what do

# workers want.



# while attractive salary & benefits remains the most sought after driver overall, the top 5 drivers register a decrease when compared to 2019.



#### top 10 reasons to choose an employer

\*percentage highlighted green or red, when the difference with 2020 data is 3% higher or lower

#### secondary and tertiary reasons to choose an employer differ per region with notable differences being recorded in CIS compared to elsewhere.



what do workers want - by region

#### latin america

north america













click here for a breakdown of these results by generation

#### what potential employees seek vs what they perceive employers to offer.

Understanding the gap between what employees want and what they think employers offer provides valuable insights into building an employer brand

employees seek	current employer offers	other employers are perceived to offer
01 attractive salary & benefits	01 job security	01 financially healthy
02 work-life balance	02 financially healthy	02 uses latest technologies
03 job security	03 very good reputation	03 very good reputation
04 pleasant work atmosphere	04 pleasant work atmosphere	04 job security
05 career progression	05 work-life balance	05 attractive salary & benefits
06 financially healthy	06 interesting job content	06 career progression
07 interesting job content	07 career progression	07 pleasant work atmosphere
08 very good reputation	08 attractive salary & benefits	08 work-life balance
09 gives back to society	09 gives back to society	09 interesting job content
10 uses latest technologies	10 uses latest technologies	10 gives back to society

## with the exception of latin america employees believe that their own employer delivers on at least 1 of their top 3 requirements.

employee - employer exchange gap analysis by region

	employees seek	their employers offer	other employers offer
north america	<ol> <li>attractive salary &amp; benefits</li> <li>work-life balance</li> <li>job security</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>financially healthy</li> <li>very good reputation</li> <li>job security</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>financially healthy</li> <li>uses latest technologies</li> <li>very good reputation</li> </ol>
europe	<ol> <li>attractive salary &amp; benefits</li> <li>pleasant work atmosphere</li> <li>job security</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>job security</li> <li>financially healthy</li> <li>interesting job content</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>financially healthy</li> <li>uses latest technologies</li> <li>very good reputation</li> </ol>
cis	<ol> <li>attractive salary &amp; benefits</li> <li>financially healthy</li> <li>interesting job content</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>financially healthy</li> <li>very good reputation</li> <li>job security</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>financially healthy</li> <li>uses latest technologies</li> <li>very good reputation</li> </ol>
latin america	<ol> <li>attractive salary &amp; benefits</li> <li>career progression</li> <li>pleasant work atmosphere</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>very good reputation</li> <li>financially healthy</li> <li>job security</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>financially healthy</li> <li>uses latest technologies</li> <li>very good reputation</li> </ol>
арас	<ol> <li>attractive salary &amp; benefits</li> <li>work-life balance</li> <li>job security</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>job security</li> <li>financially healthy</li> <li>work-life balance</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>financially healthy</li> <li>very good reputation</li> <li>attractive salary &amp; benefits</li> </ol>

# what do workers want summary.

The hierarchy of EVP drivers has remained relatively stable over the past 5 years. In 2020, the top 3 consist of attractive salary & benefits, work-life balance and job security.

despite the consistency across the top drivers sought after, the secondary reasons differ per region. For North America and APAC the second most sought after driver is career progression, while in CIS the financial heath of the employer is considered important. pleasant work-atmosphere is the second most important driver in Europe and in Latin America it is career progression opportunities.



## what do workers want summary.

Worldwide, employees perceive the offering from their own employer slightly better than that of other employers – with the exception of attractive salary & benefits. Regionally, only employers in CIS are perceived to deliver on one of the top 3 most sought after drivers – financially healthy.

There is also a clear EVP differentiation when looking across generational. Gen z finds a pleasant atmosphere more important than security while millennials and gen x would rather get a good work-life balance and security from their employer. Boomers are more likely to choose an employer based on the salary & benefits, but a convenient location could also impact their decision.



# switching



# behavior.

job switching behavior is highest in cis and north america, while intention is highest in latin america.

global switchers

18%

changed employer in the past year.

global intenders



plan to change employer within the next year.

click here for a breakdown of these results by generation

percentage having changed or planning to change employer within a year (by region)



# 59% of the switchers left their employer in the past 12 months for a more attractive salary elsewhere.

#### % (completely) agrees with the statement "I changed my job" because of salary change after switch decreased 2% 2% 11% my salary being lower than no change 59% elsewhere increased 1-5% 20% increased 6-10% 9% the additional benefits being less increased 11-15% 55% attractive than elsewhere increased 16-20% other prefer not to answer a lack of sense of purpose in my job 52% a mismatch between my personal 19% 45% values and those of the organization 15% a poor relationship with my manager/ 37% colleagues 22% n=17,341 n=68,279

\*among workforce who have changed employer in the last 12 months

#### channels used to find the next job.

One in three switchers found their new employer through job portals or personal connections/referrals. Among those switching through job portals, a vast majority did so with the help of indeed.com



top 5 channels used to find a job

#### top 4 job portals





\*among workforce who have changed employer in the last 12 months

# 7 out of 10 employees find non-monetary benefits important when choosing their employer, with significant differences noted between regions.





#### additional benefits importance.

flexibility in terms of working hours or being able to work from home along with more free time (vacation, sabbaticals) and health care insurance packages are among the most attractive benefits globally.

80%	61%	80%	54%
of the global workforce finds additional vacation (annual leave, sabbatical leave) attractive as an employee benefit.	of the male global workforce finds the opportunity to buy company shares attractive as an employee benefit as opposed to 51% of the female global workforce.	of the millennials are attracted to an employer that offers flexible working hours.	health care – the most often offered employee benefit.
1 flexible working hours 2 additional vacation benefits 3 health care	1 health care 2 flexible working hours 3 additional vacation benefits	1 additional vacation benefits 2 health care 3 reimbursement of mobility expenses	1 health care 2 additional vacation benefits 3 reimbursement of mobility expenses
top 3 most attractive benefits in <b>europe</b> .	top 3 most attractive benefits in <b>north america and latin america</b> .	top 3 most attractive benefits in <b>apac</b> .	top 3 most attractive benefits in <b>cis</b> .

# switching behavior summary.

one in five employers changed employer in the past year and one in four plans to do so in the coming year. Just like in 2019 switching behavior is highest in CIS and North America, whereas an intender is more likely to live in Latin America or CIS. A more attractive salary elsewhere seems the biggest trigger for workforce to change employer with nearly 4 in 5 employees receiving a salary increase after moving to a new employer.

7 out of 10 global employees find non-monetary benefits (very) important when choosing their employer. This is slightly higher among intenders. Workforce in Latin America is more likely to find non-monetary benefits (very) important.



# switching behavior summary.

approximately a third of those who switched job found their next employer through job portals or personal connections/referrals.

4 out of 5 global employees find additional vacation benefits (annual leave, sabbatical leave) attractive. At a regional level, health care is considered most attractive benefit in North America, Latin America and CIS, whereas flexible working hours is most attractive in Europe and additional vacation benefits in APAC.

when it comes to generations, 80% of millennials find flexible working attractive as an additional benefit. As in previous years, flexible working hours is consistently in the top 3 most attractive benefits across all education levels.



# sector

# attractiveness.



# ITC remains the most attractive sector worldwide.

#### sector attractiveness - global



\*the ITC sector relates to companies in IT, Technology & Communications



# ITC, automotive and life sciences are top sectors in 4 out of the 5 regions.

#### sector attractiveness by region



latin america



#### europe automotive 44% ITC\* 42% life sciences 42% FMCG 41% engineering 40%

apac

	1	
ITC*		64%
FMCG		61%
automotive		60%
agriculture		59%
life sciences		59%

#### Cis energy & utilities automotive ITC\* engineering logistics

\*the ITC sector relates to companies in IT, Technology & Communications

click here for a breakdown of these results by generation

# employers in the ITC and automotive sector score higher on attractive salary & benefits than the global average.

global

financially healthy

uses latest technologies

very good reputation

job security

attractive salary & benefits

#### top 5 values attributed to the top 3 sectors

ITC #1 uses latest technologies financially healthy attractive salary & benefits very good reputation career progression FMCG #2 financially healthy very good reputation job security uses latest technology attractive salary & benefits automotive #3 uses latest technologies financially healthy very good reputation attractive salary & benefits career progression



# sector attractiveness summary.

ITC, FMCG & automotive are the top 3 most attractive sectors in the world. Their high attractiveness is reflected in their scores across the key drivers as these sectors score better than other sectors on most drivers.

regionally, ITC, automotive and life sciences dominate the top 5 most attractive industries – with the exception of CIS. In this region the most attractive employers can be found in the energy sector.

employers in ITC, FMCG and automotive are especially perceived to be financially healthy. Furthermore, ITC and automotive are considered tech savvy industries and employers in ITC have a reputation of offering higher salary & benefits than those companies in other sectors.





# appendix.



- 1 The importance of employer branding
- 2 what do workers want country comparison
- 3 what do workers want generational comparison
- 4 what do workers want trend analysis
- **5** switching behavior by subgroups
- 6 about the research

#### the importance of employer branding.

8 8 8 +

millennials are 2.5 times more likely than gen-xers and baby boomers to share their opinions about employers on review sites and social media.<sup>1</sup>

## 91%

of candidates seek out at least one online or offline resource to evaluate an employer's brand before applying for a job.<sup>1</sup>

## 31%

of employers believe review sites give an unfair description of a company's employment practices and culture, while 55% claim these sites give a "somewhat fair" representation.<sup>1</sup>

## 55%

of job seekers abandon their application processes after reading negative reviews. Only 45% of employers monitor and address those reviews.<sup>2</sup>

## 99%

of employers believe managing the employer brand and reputation is important when attracting top talent, while 95% of employers believe employer brand protection will become more important in the next years.<sup>5</sup>



78%

of candidates consider that the overall candidate experience they receive represents an indicator of how a company values is employees.<sup>4</sup> 15%

of candidates who have a positive hiring experience are willing to put more effort into the job.<sup>3</sup>

55%

of companies were able to increase their brand recognition from employee advocacy posted on social media platforms.<sup>6</sup>

## 91%

of companies believe employer brand and reputation can impact revenue.<sup>1</sup>

Here we can highlight the most commonly offered benefit – or the benefit with the largest gap, globally

28%

## source bibliography.

1 CareerArc: 29 Surprising Stats on Employer Branding https://www.careerarc.com/blog/2017/11/employer-branding-studyinfographic/

2 talentnow: Trends & Insights in Hiring Talented Candidates in 2018 https://www.talentnow.com/recruitment-statistics-2018-trends-insightshiring-talented-candidates/

3 Officevibe: 12 Recruiting Statistics that Will Change the Way You Hire <a href="https://www.officevibe.com/blog/12-recruiting-stats">https://www.officevibe.com/blog/12-recruiting-stats</a>

4 talentadore: Candidate Experience Statistics You Should Know <a href="https://talentadore.com/candidate-experience-statistics-know/">https://talentadore.com/candidate-experience-statistics-know/</a>

5 CareerArc : 23 Surprising Stats on the Future of Recruiting http://www.careerarc.com/blog/2017/04/future-of-recruiting-studyinfographic/

6 Hinge Marketing: Understanding Employee Advocacy on Social Media https://hingemarketing.com/uploads/hinge-research-employee-advocacy.pdf

# what do workers want

# country comparison.



## what do workers want by country.

	argentina	australia	tralia austria	brazil b	belgium	canada	china	czech rep.	france	germany
		adotrana	duotinu		beigiani					
attractive salary & benefits	61%	51%	62%	55%	64%	60%	54%	69%	61%	62%
work-life balance	41%	55%	43%	36%	48%	49%	45%	36%	50%	40%
job security	53%	47%	56%	34%	52%	46%	46%	53%	41%	58%
pleasant work atmosphere	57%	40%	55%	45%	53%	40%	38%	53%	57%	50%
career progression financially healthy	56% 21%	32% 24%	32% 36%	51% 29%	37% 29%	33% 26%	46% 43%	37% 46%	41% 29%	30% 36%
flexible arrangements	43%	36%	47%	31%	39%	33%	25%	33%	34%	45%
location	16%	33%	29%	22%	34%	34%	22%	38%	27%	25%
good training	22%	35%	17%	31%	24%	31%	28%	12%	24%	18%
strong management	15%	33%	12%	31%	15%	26%	33%	12%	11%	13%
interesting job content	24%	22%	35%	18%	26%	24%	22%	39%	35%	33%
very good reputation	13%	22%	15%	21%	15%	22%	14%	20%	13%	18%
diversity & inclusion	21%	21%	14%	24%	12%	19%	21%	10%	15%	17%
quality products	12%	16%	14%	21%	16%	18%	24%	13%	19%	15%
gives back to society	24%	18%	18%	26%	18%	18%	20%	11%	22%	18%
uses latest technologies	16%	11%	9%	18%	10%	13%	16%	10%	12%	13%

#### what do workers want by country. 2/4

	greece	hong kong	hungary	india	italy	japan	kazakh- stan	luxem- bourg	malaysia	nether- lands
attractive salary & benefits	72%	60%	73%	41%	47%	65%	73%	67%	62%	70%
work-life balance	42%	57%	49%	43%	52%	48%	27%	53%	48%	52%
job security	47%	42%	56%	40%	46%	44%	26%	59%	34%	38%
pleasant work atmosphere	61%	33%	61%	24%	51%	60%	39%	44%	37%	62%
career progression	48%	34%	32%	35%	36%	20%	48%	35%	39%	39%
financially healthy	28%	41%	48%	37%	33%	28%	52%	31%	37%	31%
flexible arrangements	32%	29%	39%	26%	33%	35%	33%	46%	35%	42%
location	25%	27%	31%	24%	24%	36%	16%	28%	25%	39%
good training	25%	31%	19%	31%	30%	18%	27%	17%	27%	17%
strong management	16%	29%	19%	36%	17%	22%	19%	12%	43%	13%
interesting job content	17%	23%	15%	23%	27%	30%	40%	32%	18%	45%
very good reputation	16%	25%	5%	34%	21%	16%	18%	14%	25%	8%
diversity & inclusion	13%	15%	15%	20%	17%	19%	28%	16%	16%	7%
quality products	17%	17%	11%	27%	15%	16%	16%	12%	16%	15%
gives back to society	20%	14%	13%	24%	21%	12%	15%	20%	18%	11%
uses latest technologies	17%	13%	9%	30%	17%	8%	18%	12%	17%	6%
## what do workers want by country.

	new zealand	norway	poland	portugal	romania	russia	singapore	spain	sweden	switzer- land
attractive salary & benefits	56%	45%	74%	66%	66%	76%	66%	60%	40%	59%
work-life balance	55%	35%	40%	52%	43%	27%	62%	53%	44%	51%
job security	42%	41%	55%	48%	51%	34%	41%	46%	43%	50%
pleasant work atmosphere	43%	53%	51%	49%	53%	40%	40%	46%	62%	57%
career progression	34%	28%	49%	49%	49%	42%	41%	38%	33%	31%
financially healthy	24%	24%	32%	34%	28%	58%	32%	23%	19%	33%
flexible arrangements	32%	32%	31%	31%	35%	29%	36%	42%	40%	42%
location	27%	24%	25%	21%	13%	25%	29%	26%	25%	26%
good training	36%	41%	32%	28%	29%	19%	28%	25%	21%	21%
strong management	35%	25%	10%	20%	23%	18%	36%	11%	36%	12%
interesting job content	23%	42%	19%	21%	16%	45%	18%	31%	51%	30%
very good reputation	21%	17%	25%	14%	21%	20%	18%	17%	16%	17%
diversity & inclusion	20%	26%	14%	15%	14%	14%	17%	18%	19%	16%
quality products	16%	18%	14%	14%	22%	15%	11%	15%	15%	17%
gives back to society	18%	23%	14%	20%	12%	18%	12%	25%	21%	21%
uses latest technologies	10%	13%	14%	12%	17%	17%	10%	15%	9%	11%

### what do workers want by country.

	ukraine	UK	US
attractive salary & benefits	77%	54%	56%
work-life balance	28%	52%	45%
job security	33%	46%	42%
pleasant work atmosphere	45%	36%	35%
career progression	46%	33%	29%
financially healthy	49%	25%	30%
flexible arrangements	34%	37%	35%
location	23%	35%	34%
good training	16%	34%	34%
strong management	19%	27%	33%
interesting job content	42%	26%	19%
very good reputation	18%	22%	26%
diversity & inclusion	17%	20%	22%
quality products	17%	14%	18%
gives back to society	13%	17%	17%
uses latest technologies	19%	11%	15%

## what do workers want

# generational comparison.





attractive salary & benefits is the most sought after driver for boomers where as work-life balance is more important for gen x.





qen x (35-54)



#### gen z (18-24)



### millennials (25-34)





## sector attractiveness by generation.



gen z (18-24)

millennials (25-34)



### gen x (35-54)



boomers (55-64)





\*the ITC sector relates to companies in IT, Technology & Communications

employer brand research 2020, global report | 41

## what do workers want



## trend analysis.

employer brand research 2020, global report | 42

#### what do workers want global trends. 1/2 attractive salary & benefits pleasant work atmosphere job security 80 60 60 40 40 60 20 20 40 0 0 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 interesting job content\* financially healthy flexible arrangements



40 20 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020







\*in 2017 was interesting and stimulating work

 $\mathbf{D}$ 

## what do workers want global trends.



#### \*prior to 2017 was strong image/values

## switching behavior



## by subgroups.

### switchers: proportion of employees who have changed job or employer in the past year by generation.



switched job=within the same organization

# switchers: proportion of employees who have changed employers in the past year by subgroup. $_{1/2}$











# switchers: proportion of employees who have changed employers in the past year by subgroup. $_{2/2}$





## intenders: proportion of employees who are planning to change job or employer in the next year by generation.



switch job=within the same organization

# intenders: proportion of employees who are planning to change employer in the next year by subgroup. $_{1/2}$









### sample composition socio-demographics, employment situation, region.







total sample: n=184,464 fieldwork: between december 2019 and january 2020

# intenders: proportion who are planning to change employer in the next year by subgroup. $_{2/2}$





## about the





employer brand research 2020, global report | 53



### what is the randstad employer brand research?

- a representative employer brand research based on perceptions of the general audience. Optimizing 20 years of successful employer branding insights.
- an independent survey with nearly 185,000 respondents in 33 markets worldwide.
- a reflection of employer attractiveness for each market's 150 largest employers known by at least 10% of the population.
- provides valuable insights to help employers shape their employer brand.



## 33 markets surveyed covering more than 75% of the global economy.



#### worldwide

- nearly 185,000 respondents
- 6,136 companies surveyed

#### sample

- aged 18 to 64
- representative on gender
- overrepresentation of age 25 44
- comprised of students, employed and unemployed workforce

#### fieldwork

- online interviews
- between december 2019 and january 2020

length of interview

• 16 minutes

### employer brand research set up.

30 companies per respondent	smart sampling	drivers
	Each respondent is shown 30 companies. Each company is	each company is evaluated on:
'do you know this company?': determines awareness.	evaluated only by respondents who are aware of that particular brand.	01 financially healthy
	In order to make sure that the less well known brands are assessed	02 uses latest technology
for each company	by a sufficient number of respondents, we make use of a smart sampling method.	03 very good reputation
known	This method ensures that the lesser known companies are shown to	04 job security
'would you like to work for this company?': determines attractiveness.	more respondents in order to realize a sufficient robust sample. That way the Randstad Employer Brand Research assures	05 career progression
	dependable insights for both well known and lesser known employer brands.	06 gives back to society
each company		07 interesting job content
known		08 pleasant work atmosphere
rating on a set of drivers:		09 work-life balance
determines reason for attractiveness.		10 attractive salary & benefits

#### KANTAR

for this research, Randstad partners with Kantar, one of the world's largest insight, information and consultancy networks.

### sample composition socio-demographics, employment situation, region.



total sample: n=184,464 fieldwork: between december 2019 and january 2020 59%

8%

8%

7%

8%

4%

# sample composition sector, function.





base: currently employed (n=139,838)



# breakdown respondents by country.

country*	n=
argentina	4570
australia	9494
austria	3761
belgium	12702
brazil	4045
canada	3527
china	3593
czech republic	4724
france	8779
germany	6315
greece	3504
hong kong	2549
hungary	6502
india	3594
italy	6274
japan	3513
kazakhstan	3500

country*	n=
luxembourg	1500
malaysia	2532
the netherlands	13055
new zealand	4131
norway	3864
poland	6256
portugal	4481
romania	4564
russia	13574
singapore	3028
spain	9409
sweden	4775
switzerland	4911
ukraine	7861
UK	7264
US	5013



\*global data is weighted on GDP

٦ſ

### the employer brand roadmap.



# randstad

# human forward.

