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A close-up, slightly angled photograph of a black computer keyboard. The keys are black with white characters. The focus is sharp on the keys in the middle ground, showing characters like 'W', 'E', 'R', 'T', 'Y', 'U', 'I', 'O', 'P', 'A', 'S', 'D', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'J', 'K', 'L', 'Z', 'X', 'C', 'V', 'B', 'N', 'M', 'V', 'C', 'B', 'N', 'M', 'V', 'C', 'B', 'N', 'M'. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the keys and the white characters. The background is dark and out of focus.

Despite an economy on the brink of recession, the Russian market for IT services has grown by 7.4 percent this year, technology consulting firm Orange Business Services said Thursday.

Olivier Quesson, Orange Business Service's commercial director for Russia and the CIS, said Russian customers were looking for ways to optimize spending amid the downturn: "Difficult economic situations and sanctions do not limit, but rather change, the direction of market growth," he said.

Growth in IT services will outstrip telecommunications, the report said, with two key drivers

being outsourcing, which will grow 17 percent by 2017, and IT consulting, which will expand by 12 percent over the next two years.

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