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Do You Qualify for the QBI Deduction?

One of the most important changes from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) is the new qualified business income (QBI) deduction for pass-through entities. Section 199A created under the TCJA allows a deduction up to 20% of income to a non-corporate taxpayer, including a trust or estate, who has qualified business income from partnerships, S corporations, or sole proprietorships.

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China Trade Deficit Reaches Largest Ever in 2018

China's trade deficit with the U.S. rose to the largest difference ever in the last quarter of 2018 as ongoing trade disputes continue. In October 2018 alone, U.S. exports to China were valued at \$9.13 billion versus imports from China were valued at \$52.23 billion, resulting in a \$43 billion trade deficit for the month.

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