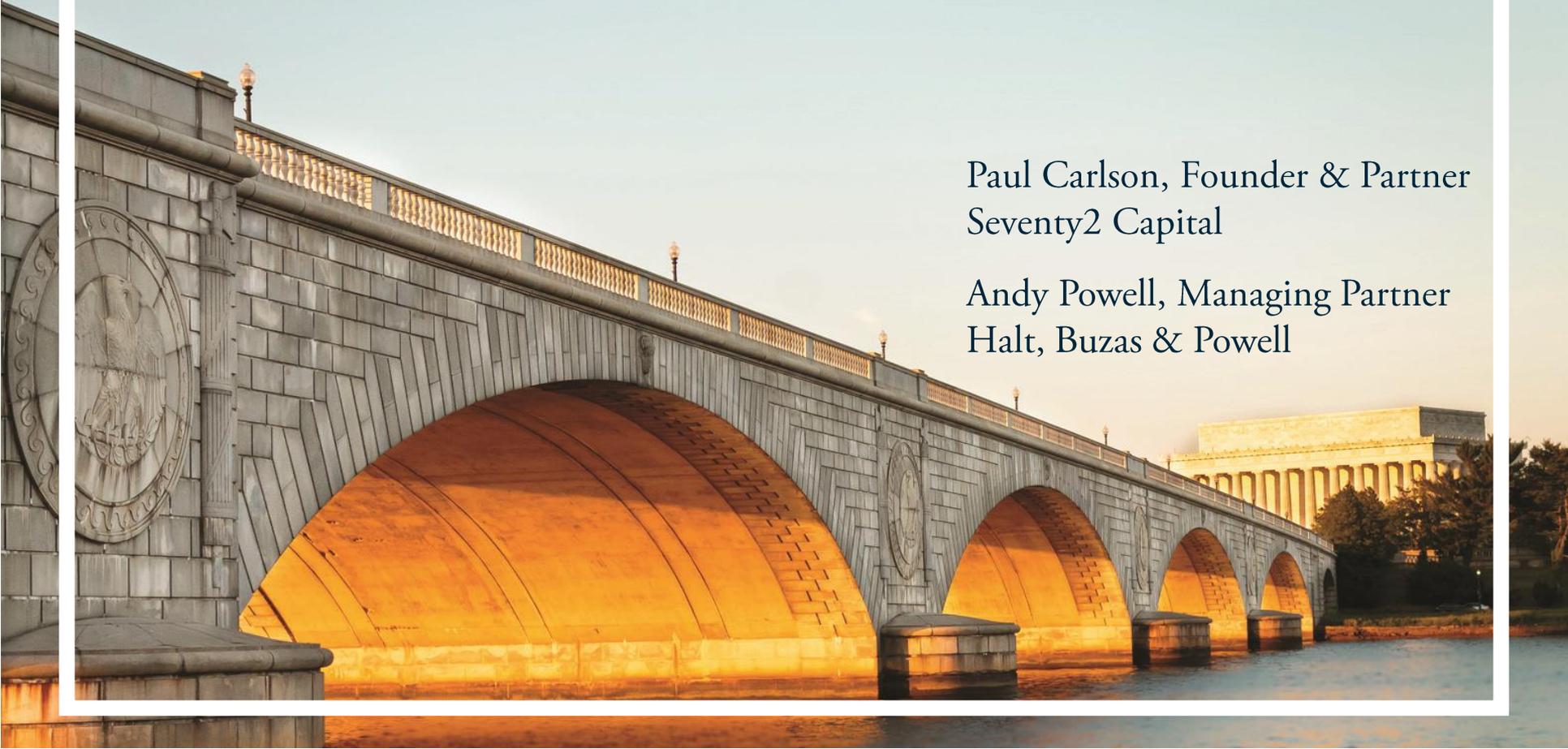


Will you benefit from tax reform?

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Objectives

- Highlights of changes
- Specifics on certain items
- Review of new tax rate table
- Example

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act - Business

Provisions effecting largest group of business

- Reduction of tax rate to flat 21%
- Section 179
- Disallowance of all entertainment related expenses

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act - Individuals

Provisions effecting largest group of individual taxpayers

- SALT
- Mortgage Interest
- Miscellaneous Itemized Deductions
- Alternative minimum tax
- Allows 529 distribution for elementary and high school education
- Increases the standard deduction
- Repeals the personal exemption
- Increases the child tax credit
- Denies income reduction for moving related expenses
- Repeals the overall limit on itemized deductions (3% reduction)
- 20% deduction for domestic “qualified business income”

State and Local Taxes

SALT – itemized deduction up to \$10,000

- State and local property taxes
- Sales tax in lieu of income taxes
- Foreign real property taxes not deductible
- Largest area of loss for itemized deductions for most taxpayers

Mortgage Interest Deduction

- New Law

- Acquisition indebtedness is limited to \$750,000 after 12/31/17
- Ceiling is for a first and second home

- Grandfathered

- Acquisition indebtedness prior to 12/31/17 is \$1,000,000
- No deduction for home equity debt (unless show for improvements)
- Covers binding agreement to purchase principal residence before 12/15/17

Qualified Business Income

- 20% deduction of domestic “qualified business income” at maximum tax rate of 29.6%
- Does not include:
 - Reasonable compensation
 - Guaranteed payments to partners
 - Specified service trade or business
 - Qualified if taxable income does not exceed \$315,000 and phase out to \$415,000
- Basic calculation:
 - 20% of QBI or
 - Greater of 50% of w-2 wages or sum of 25% of w-2 wages plus 2.5% of unadjusted basis of qualified property

Tax Rates

Joint Filers 2018 Prior Law	
\$0-\$19,050	10%
\$19,050-\$77,400	15%
\$77,400-\$156,150	25%
\$156,150-\$237,950	28%
\$237,950-\$424,950	33%
\$424,950-\$480,050	35%
Over \$480,050	39.60%

Joint Filers TCJA 2018	
\$0-\$19,050	10%
\$19,050-\$77,400	15%
\$77,400-\$165,000	22%
\$165,000-\$315,000	24%
\$315,000-\$400,000	32%
\$400,000-\$600,000	35%
Over \$480,050	37%

Capital gains rates remain the same as 2017

Comparison of tax return and taxes

Henry and Harrieta Homeowner

Income tax return	2017	2018
Income		
Wages	251,160	251,160
Interest	69	69
Dividends	2,228	2,228
Schedule C	15,629	15,629
Schedule D	(3,000)	(3,000)
Total Income	266,086	266,086
Deductible SE tax	1,104	1,104
Adjusted gross income	264,982	264,982
Itemized Deductions		
Real estate taxes	6,994	6,994
State Income taxes	21,615	3,006
Interest	9,975	9,975
Contributions	2,915	2,915
Total	41,499	22,890
Standard deduction		24,000
Income before exemptions	223,483	240,982
Personal exemptions	16,000	
Taxable income	207,483	240,982
Tax	40,486	46,415
AMT	3,941	
Tax before credits	44,427	46,415

Postcard Tax Filing

SIMPLE, FAIR "POSTCARD" TAX FILING

1	Wage and Compensation Income	1	
2	Subtract Contributions to Specified Savings Plans	2	
3	Subtract Standard Deduction - OR -	3	
4	Subtract Mortgage Interest Deduction	4	
5	Subtract Charitable Contribution Deduction	5	
6	Subtract State and Local Tax Deduction	6	
7	Subtract Medical Expense Deduction	7	
8	Subtract Other Deductions	8	
9	TAXABLE INCOME	9	
10	Preliminary Tax (FROM TAX TABLE)	10	
11	Add Tax on Investment Income	11	
12	Subtract Family and Child Credits	12	
13	Subtract Earned Income Credit	13	
14	Subtract Higher Education Credit	14	
15	TOTAL TAX	15	
16	Subtract Taxes Withheld	16	
17	REFUND DUE / TAXES OWED	17	

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Index Definitions (continued)

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The **JPMorgan Global ex-U.S. Government Bond Index** measures the performance of non-U.S. government bonds.

The **JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index (EMBI Global)** currently covers 27 emerging market countries. Included in the EMBI Global are U.S.-dollar-denominated Brady bonds, Eurobonds, traded loans, and local market debt instruments issued by sovereign and quasi-sovereign entities.

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Index Definitions (continued)

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Index Definitions (continued)

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