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LATEST NEWS

Funding for China's private equity market falls by a third

<https://www.axios.com/china-private-equity-funding-10561d17-1cef-442b-8675-f1f2e34107af.html>

25 September 2019, Axios

Abstract:

“Private capital investment in China slowed markedly in the first half of the year, data from the Emerging Market Private Equity Association released Tuesday showed.”

China Considers Opening Door to Brazilian Soy Meal Shipments

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-09-24/china-considers-opening-door-to-brazilian-soy-meal-shipments>

24 September 2019, Bloomberg

Abstract:

“China is considering allowing imports of Brazilian soybean meal as the top pork-consuming nation looks to diversify sources of the key ingredient for pig feed, according to people familiar with the matter.”

Brazil Opens Up an Economy Long Shielded From Competition

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/brazil-opens-up-an-economy-long-shielded-from-competition-11569244957>

23 September 2019, The Wall Street Journal

Abstract:

“President Jair Bolsonaro’s administration is opening up one of the world’s most closed big economies, slashing import tariffs on more than 2,300 products and exposing local industries long accustomed to protectionism to the challenges of free trade.”

BRIC Economic Review For September 2019

<https://seekingalpha.com/article/4292859-bric-economic-review-september-2019>

22 September 2019, Seeking Alpha

Abstract:

“Manufacturing is taking a hit from the global trade war, although the service sectors are still expanding. On the plus side, inflation is contained, which gives their central banks room to maneuver. Unemployment is low, which should support modest increases in retail sales going forward.”

Huawei and China Mobil are Contemplating Acquisition of Oi

<https://riotimesonline.com/brazil-news/brazil/huawei-and-china-mobil-contemplating-acquisition-of-oi-and-expansion-of-5g/>

22 September 2019, The Rio Times

Abstract:

“Two Chinese giants - Huawei and China Mobile - join efforts to enter the dispute for Brazilian Oi, the country’s largest fixed telephone operator that has been under judicial reorganization since 2016.”

Hundreds of Chinese goods exempted from Donald Trump's tariffs

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/article/3028191/hundreds-chinese-goods-exempted-donald-trumps-tariffs>

20 September 2019, South China Morning Post

Abstract:

“The Trump administration has excluded Christmas tree lights, a series of pet supplies, plastic drinking straws and hundreds of other products from a 25 per cent duty US President Donald Trump imposed on US\$250 billion worth of Chinese goods, according to three notices set to be published in the Federal Register on Friday.”

RECENT BACKGROUND

How beef and soy kindle Amazon fires

<https://www.chinadialogue.net/article/show/single/en/11541-How-beef-and-soy-kindle-Amazon-fires>

27 September 2019, chinadialogue

Abstract:

“More than 80,000 fires have broken out in the Amazon this year, and deforestation for growing cows and soy are a major part of the problem.”

Changing Trends Of International Trade In 2019: A Look At 'Alternative' Trade Patterns Of Emerging Economies

<http://www.mondaq.com/uk/x/848954/Export+controls+Trade+Investment+Sanctions/Changing+Trends+Of+International+Trade+In+2019+A+Look+At+Alternative+Trade+Patterns+Of+Emerging+Economies>

26 September 2019, Mondaq

Abstract:

“Amid growing fears of global recession stemming from fluctuations in the US bond markets, the ongoing US-China trade war, Brexit, US-Iran trade sanctions, instability in the Persian Gulf and the consequent fluctuation of oil prices, both mature and emerging economies seem to have altered their approach to international trade shifting their focus from mature markets of US and Europe to search for new partners, increase trade with non-traditional economies and prioritize trade over political ties.”

Brazilian farmers face the challenge of African Swine Fever impact in China

<https://en.mercopress.com/2019/09/25/brazilian-farmers-face-the-challenge-of-african-swine-fever-impact-in-china>

25 September 2019, MercoPress

Abstract:

“Chinese commodities trader COFCO said it expects a sharp drop in the number of soybeans it will source for export from Brazil this year due to an outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in China that has hurt demand for animal feed.”

To Influence El Salvador, China Dangled Money. The U.S. Made Threats.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/21/world/americas/china-el-salvador-trump-backlash.html>

21 September 2019, The New York Times

Abstract:

“Fishermen on El Salvador’s Isla Perico. The island, inhabited by 38 families, is at the center of a struggle between Beijing and Washington over Chinese ambitions to create a large commercial port in El Salvador.”

Latin American ranchers benefit from surging Chinese beef demand

<https://www.ft.com/content/0c5bd196-dad8-11e9-8f9b-77216ebe1f17>

20 September 2019, Financial Times

Abstract:

“Argentina and Brazil gain after swine flu hits China’s pig population.”

China faces 1% growth in 2030s if reform lags: World Bank

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Economy/China-faces-1-growth-in-2030s-if-reform-lags-World-Bank>

18 September 2019, Nikkei Asian Review

Abstract:

“China’s economic growth rate could drop to 1.7% by the 2030s without reforms to address the country’s misallocation of resources, warns a report released Tuesday by the World Bank and a government think tank.”

Column: Will China's latest U.S. soybean grab be another letdown for the market?

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/us-china-soybeans-braun/column-will-chinas-latest-us-soybean-grab-be-another-letdown-for-the-market-idUKKBN1W313R>

18 September 2019, Reuters

Abstract:

“China is back in the U.S. soybean market for the first time in three months, but it appears to be motivated more by goodwill than necessity for now, and its impact on U.S. supply remains muted at this point.”

US agricultural sector ‘engaging with China as much as ever’ in hope of trade war breakthrough

<https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3027918/us-agricultural-sector-engaging-china-much-ever-hope-trade-war>

18 September 2019, South China Morning Post

Abstract:

“The revival of US-China trade talks and signs that large soybean orders could be coming from China are being watched carefully in the American agricultural heartland.”