

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Rick Mena to lead 1898 & Co. Global Expansion to Europe, Middle East and Africa**

LONDON, England — Rick Mena will serve as the managing director of global markets for [1898 & Co.](#), part of [Burns & McDonnell](#), as he leads 1898 & Co.'s expansion into new markets within Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Mena will be moving from the Burns & McDonnell office in Houston, Texas, to join the 1898 & Co. team in the London office.

"It's a true honor to be leading this initiative and showcasing our consulting service offerings globally," says Mena, who joined Burns & McDonnell in 2019 and boasts 16 years of experience in energy transition consulting. "1898 & Co. is uniquely positioned in the market because of our ability to leverage the knowledge of Burns & McDonnell and translate that to a consulting frame in a way that's actionable and meaningful for any single engagement."

Mena will lead the vision and growth strategy of a variety of service offerings — including energy utility consulting, technology consulting, cybersecurity and risk consulting — to these markets. His first order is to advance the success of renewable generation and emerging energy advisory offerings. Any new services or markets developed in the U.S. will be expanded internationally under Mena's leadership as well, leveraging the success already underway in Gulf Corporation Council (GCC) countries, Africa, and Europe.

"I am tremendously proud of the growth 1898 & Co. has experienced in recent years," says Chris Underwood, vice president for 1898 & Co. "Expanding our reach on an international scale has been a goal of ours since 2019. I'm excited to see what we can accomplish and how we can help our clients achieve their goals."

In 2022 Mena helped kick-start the 1898 & Co. presence in the U.K., within the London office of Burns & McDonnell. Now, Mena will be responsible for leading the 1898 & Co. team not only in the U.K. but also anywhere else it expands outside of the U.S.

"Rick Mena is the right person to lead this initiative for 1898 & Co.," says Jonathan Chapman, managing director for the U.K. at Burns & McDonnell, "I am looking forward to working alongside him in these new markets. From identifying new business opportunities to improving operations, I'm excited to see his vision come to fruition."

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About 1898 & Co.

1898 & Co. is a global business and technology consultancy that brings together a unique blend of engineers and industry leaders to deliver strategic business insights and solutions for critical

infrastructure industries. We partner with clients to plan, invest, secure and optimize critical assets for a successful, sustainable future.

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