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Jennifer Willenbrock Joins 1898 & Co. as Director of Transaction Advisory for UK, Europe and Middle East

LONDON, England (17 March 2022) — Jennifer Willenbrock has joined 1898 & Co., part of Burns & McDonnell, as its new director of strategy & transaction advisory services in the U.K. In this role, she will lead the startup and expansion of a consultancy practice focused on due diligence and lenders' advisory services for clients throughout the U.K., Europe and the Middle East.

1898 & Co. supports a [broad range of consulting services](#), including emerging energy studies that support the techno-economic development of oil, gas, chemical, power and other critical infrastructure projects.

The Strategy & Transaction Advisory Group defines and quantifies a range of technical, environmental and financial risks that can be factors for lenders and investors weighing financial commitments for large-scale capital projects. As technical and environmental representative for its clients, the group evaluates and develops risk mitigation strategies that can be considered by project owners and construction managers. The group also serves as construction and operation monitor on active projects, providing reports on compliance, completion and other milestones necessary for the release of funding.

Prior to joining 1898 & Co., Willenbrock was based in the U.K., serving as a director in the strategic consulting business for another large global engineering services firm. While there, she specialised in providing environmental and technical due diligence advice for lenders and investors for large energy, power and infrastructure projects throughout the world. Willenbrock brings decades of experience in environmental and social governance (ESG).

Willenbrock will be based in the [London office](#) of Burns & McDonnell and 1898 & Co., where she will be quickly building a team of consultants in support of the continued rapid growth of 1898 & Co. services in the U.K., Europe and the Middle East. Burns & McDonnell opened its first European office in Birmingham in 2017 to compete for electrical transmission and distribution projects supporting the U.K.'s transition to a low-carbon future. The Strategy & Transaction Advisory Group joins a recently launched Mission Critical Group in the London office.

Rick Mena, managing director for 1898 & Co., said:

"We are greatly excited to have Jennifer joining our team. She will be instrumental in helping us establish a foothold for 1898 & Co. in the U.K. and other international markets that are focusing on energy, utility and critical infrastructure investments. She will be building a team that will hit its stride quickly because investors and lenders have a great need to mitigate their risks on the substantial investments they are planning or have made in projects that are currently underway."



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Jonathan Chapman, U.K. managing director for Burns & McDonnell, said:

"The reason we have been able to grow so rapidly in the U.K. is because we've had great success in attracting and retaining the best people in our industry. Jennifer is absolutely the right person to help us take a step into a market seeing significant growth and demand for advisory services."

Jennifer Willenbrock, Director of Strategy & Transaction Advisory for UK, Europe and Middle East, said:

"I'm thrilled to be joining 1898 & Co to help launch and grow the consultancy in the U.K. The team's experience and innovative approach will bring great value to the UK market. I look forward to following in the footsteps of my Burns & McDonnell colleagues in the UK and am confident we can emulate their rapid growth."

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We develop solutions through creating passionate partnerships, placing client service front and centre, understanding clients' needs and striving to make them successful. Our employee ownership culture means that our success is closely aligned to our clients' success. We are bold in how we develop solutions and challenge the norm, drawing from the whole company to find answers to some of the toughest questions. We work on some of the world's most crucial infrastructure projects, delivering completely integrated service from concept to completion.

About 1898 & Co.

1898 & Co. is a business, technology and cybersecurity consulting firm serving the industries that keep our world in motion. As part of Burns & McDonnell, our consultants leverage global experience in critical infrastructure assets to innovate practical solutions grounded in your operational realities. For more information, visit 1898andCo.com.