

WASHINGTON, September 19, 2025 /PRNewswire/ — Today, American Global Strategies LLC (AGS), a leading international advisory and consulting firm, announced their strategic partnership with Checkmate Government Relations, headed by Ches McDowell. The strategic partnership will offer clients a unique series of offerings across the government relations and geopolitical consulting spheres.

American Global Strategies LLC is a boutique strategic advisory firm founded by former National Security Advisor Robert C. O'Brien and former National Security Council Chief of Staff Alexander B. Gray. The staff is comprised of professionals who have served at the White House, State, Treasury, Commerce, USTR, the Pentagon, and on Capitol Hill. The firm's primary office is located in Washington, D.C.

Checkmate Government Relations delivers high-impact strategy in federal lobbying, public affairs, economic development, and political intelligence. The team brings deep experience in law, policymaking, and advocacy to every engagement—whether navigating the Administration and Congress or professionals who have served in senior and key advisory roles at both the federal and state levels. Its primary offices are located in Washington, D.C. and in Raleigh, N.C.

“Ches McDowell is the leader of the new generation of public affairs professionals who understand the current Administration and its political movement to their core, and the Checkmate team is made up of extremely effective operators who bring significant insight and expertise to get clients results.” said Alex Gray.

“I’m proud to form this strategic partnership with Ambassador O’Brien and Alex Gray,” said McDowell. “I’m confident this effort with AGS will leverage our strengths to serve existing and future clients navigating the current environment in Washington and globally.”

The strategic partnership goes into effect today, September 23, 2025. To read more about Checkmate [click here](#).