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AMBASSADOR GORDON SONDLAND

Ambassador Gordon Sondland served as the 20th United States ambassador to the European Union under President Trump's first term.

As ambassador from 2018-2020, Sondland was one of the highest-ranking U.S. officials in Europe with a portfolio including trade, energy, national security, defense, and agriculture. He played a leading role in significantly advancing U.S. foreign policy across the EU and aided in multinational initiatives elsewhere, including Ukraine.

He was personally involved in bringing senior representatives from the EU to Ukraine to show zero daylight on support for Ukraine as a western democracy. Along with President Trump, Ambassador Sondland set up the Atlantic Highway for U.S. Liquefied Natural Gas to put pressure on Nord Stream 2 and organized and hosted a first ever meeting between President Zelenskyy and key European leaders. He worked vigorously with the EU to not oppose and then ultimately support the Abraham Accords.

Bringing decades of business acumen to his role, Ambassador Sondland helped move the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) away from politicizing the Boeing 737 Max problem to unfairly benefit Airbus and was instrumental in a U.S. Small Modular Reactor deal (SMR) with Romania, bumping out the Chinese. Further negotiations that benefitted American industry included convincing the three largest German car manufacturers to build factories in the U.S. and avoid tariffs.

Considered one of America's most sensible Republican voices, Ambassador Sondland provides deep expertise on diplomacy and national security, the U.S.-EU relationship, an insider's look at The White House, and extensive knowledge on the Trump presidency.

As a first adopter of the lifestyle hotel concept, Ambassador Sondland started his career in hospitality, working with boutique hotel pioneer Bill Kimpton. Sondland went on to form Provenance Hotels, opening its first property in 2001. Today, the successful brand is comprised of uniquely designed assets in the nation's most sought-after metropolitan markets from Boston to Seattle. Sondland serves as Chairman and CEO of Provenance Hotels and offers a wealth of knowledge on the real estate, hospitality, and aviation sectors with a current airline transport pilot rating.

His community service includes positions on Oregon Governor Kulongoski's transition team, as well as service on the Commission for White House Fellowships to which he was appointed by President George W. Bush. Governor Kulongoski asked Mr. Sondland to serve as a principal Republican liaison between Oregon and the White House, and during the following seven years Mr. Sondland assisted in successfully securing federal funds for various urgent State needs.

In 2022, Ambassador Sondland published [*The Envoy: Mastering the Art of Diplomacy with Trump and the World*](#) (Bombardier Books/Simon & Schuster). *New York Times* called it, "One of the most intriguing memoirs of the Trump era...a how-to manual for upwardly managing the unruliest of employers." His opinion pieces have appeared in every prominent U.S. newspaper and foreign policy publication including *The Wall Street Journal* and *Foreign Affairs*.

Ambassador Sondland is a frequent guest on FOX, MSNBC, CNN and BBC, providing unique insights and candid commentary across the political divide.