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James Tannahill is VP of Super Intelligence Innovation at ATLAS SP Partners, L.P., an Apollo Global Management company focused on asset-backed finance. He is an investor and builder who develops AI-native financial intelligence for capital markets.

Before ATLAS SP Partners, at SpaceX, he owned the financial-reasoning data and evaluation systems used to train frontier models on institutional capital markets: the grading rubrics, adversarial evaluation tasks, and production Python/AWS tooling that teach frontier models how investors actually underwrite, spanning LBO, DCF, credit, and M&A reasoning, bridging the trading desk and the training loop.

Earlier, he rose from principal to president of Plocamium Holdings, his family's third-generation investment office, which invests in healthcare services, life sciences, industrial technology, and manufacturing. He personally originated, underwrote, and led investments end to end, serving as lead investor and board member across the portfolio. Within the platform he built and led 1Ness Strategies, a healthcare marketing and SaaS business grown to 80-plus clients and profitability within 18 months, and advised on more than $150 million in capital raises as a board partner at RDLB.

His earlier career spans strategic finance and research. As AVP, Strategic Finance at Vaxart, Inc. (NASDAQ: VXRT), he led more than $100 million in strategic transactions, including a $50 million manufacturing acquisition and $50 million-plus in BARDA and DoD non-dilutive funding. At M Science (Jefferies Group), he delivered alternative-data healthcare research to institutional funds managing $5 billion-plus. At Accrete.AI he built the NLP pipelines that turned unstructured text into investable signal, and he began his career initiating sell-side coverage on 50-plus biotechnology names at H.C. Wainwright & Co.

An engineer as well as an investor, he designs and ships production machine-learning systems end to end: a multi-agent research and entity-intelligence engine on AWS, live systematic trading agents, and a signal-validation harness built to separate genuine edge from overfitting before capital is committed.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

Cornell University, SC Johnson College of Business, MBA
University of Essex, MSc Biotechnology
Denison University, BS Biochemistry
FINRA Series 7, 63, 86/87 (expired)

AFFILIATIONS

Young Presidents' Organization (YPO); Economic Club of New York; St. Francis Yacht Club; Student Sponsor Partners (Mentor). Captained the Denison sailing team; 1,000-plus hours of coastal and open-ocean racing.