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ILYAS KHAN JOINS THE BOARD OF ATLAS BOOKS

New York City, July 18, 2007 – Atlas Books is pleased to announce that Ilyas Khan has been voted onto the board of Atlas Books.

Khan joins shareholders and directors Roger Altman, former Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Treasury and chairman of the advisory and investment firm Evercore Partners; Vincent Mai, chairman of the private equity firm AEA Investors; and Karen Pritzker, founder of Myheroproject.org, a not-for-profit Internet site devoted to chronicling the lives of remarkable individuals, and secretary of Read to Grow, an organization that promotes early literacy for all children in Connecticut.

Ilyas Khan is co-founder and chairman of Techpacific Capital Limited, a Hong Kong-based merchant-banking and asset-management firm. Both entrepreneurial and literary, he is the founder of Creative Work, a Hong Kong-based company that owns and operates a literary agency dedicated to bringing Chinese writers to the West, and is also the publisher of the Asia Literary Review. "Ilyas will be a real asset to the company," said James Atlas, president of Atlas Books. "He is more conversant with the novels of Henry James than most of the professional critics I know, and an important collector of rare books. We're lucky to be associated with a person who possesses literary and financial acumen in equal measure."

Khan is the author of *Underdogs in Overdrive: Ten Insanely Great Deals for the Asian Technopreneur* (John Wiley & Sons, 2001). He co-founded Techpacific in 1998, and is now also responsible for the banking activities of Crosby Capital Partners, a leading independent merchant banking and asset management group. With offices across Asia, Crosby has headquarters in London and Hong Kong, and is quoted on the London Stock Exchange's Alternative Investment Market.

"I am very pleased to be a part of the success story at Atlas Books. Jim is a respected member of the American literary scene, and Atlas Books is a very exciting publisher in a time when great writers and great books are more important than ever. Our new list, which includes Bill Bryson's *Shakespeare*, is a reflection of the way that Jim is growing the business and making the Atlas imprint so visible."

Atlas Books, an independent publisher, was founded in 2002 with the intention of publishing short but stylish and substantial books on subjects of broad appeal. It is co-publisher with W.W. Norton of the Great Discoveries series on the history of science, and with HarperCollins of the Eminent Lives series of biographies as well

as a forthcoming series on American history. Atlas Books will launch its inaugural non-fiction list in the spring of 2008: www.atlasbooks.net

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