

Michael Obuchowski, Ph.D.

Managing Director, Chief Investment Officer and Director of Research

Dr. Michael Obuchowski joined First Empire Asset Management at its inception. As FEAM's Chief Investment Officer, he is responsible for the development and management of all equity related investment strategies. As a Director of Research, Dr. Obuchowski is responsible for FEAM's equity research efforts.

Prior to joining FEAM he was a co-founder, Principal and Portfolio Manager at Altanes Investments, LLC, a New York City based boutique investment advisory company specializing in large capitalization US Equity and global diversified investment strategies. At Altanes Investments, Dr. Obuchowski was responsible for the development and management of investment strategies, portfolio management, trading, compliance and operations.

Prior to founding Altanes Investments in 2003, Dr. Obuchowski was Vice President, Director of Research and Portfolio Manager at Ashland Management Incorporated in New York. His primary responsibility at Ashland Management was to conduct an extensive quantitative evaluation of Ashland's investment process, work on the development of new quantitative investment management products and new product distribution channels. As a member of the Investment Committee, he specialized in the healthcare and technology sectors.

In addition, Dr. Obuchowski brings with him over 15 years of experience in academic research in healthcare and biotechnology. During his years in academic research, Dr. Obuchowski developed an extensive expertise in advanced quantitative analysis. Prior to Dr. Obuchowski's position at Ashland Management, he was an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, Chief of the Psychophysiology Unit at the Psychiatry Research Division at Hillside Hospital and Associate Director of the Recognition and Prevention Program at Schneider Children's Hospital in Glen Oaks, NY. He was a recipient of many awards, including the Young Investigator Award from NARSAD and the Young Scientist Award from the Winter Workshop on Schizophrenia Research. Dr. Obuchowski was a co-founder of Biobehavioral Technologies, Inc., a software company which developed tools used in clinical research by major pharmaceutical companies and researchers around the world.

Dr. Obuchowski has developed extensive relationships within the financial news industry. He appeared on Bloomberg Radio, Bloomberg Television, Business News Network, CBS MarketWatch, Fox Business Channel and has been profiled and cited in many trade publications and newspapers. He is a member of the American Finance Association, Association of Investment Management Sales Executives, CFA Institute, Investment Management Consultants Association, New York Society of Security Analysts and the Society for Quantitative Analysts.

Dr. Obuchowski earned his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Graduate Facility for Political and Social Science, The New School for Social Research in New York and completed his internship in Clinical Neuropsychology at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital, the University Hospital of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and Weill Medical College of Cornell University.