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AT THE TOP OF THEIR GAME

By Inside Business

Five Northeast Ohio Investment advisers share their secrets to success and their investment strategies for 2008. (Among them was Denis Amato)

will have, politics aside, is the tax policy of the new president and the impact it will have on equity valuations.

Adviser: Denis Amato

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Assets under management: \$1 billion firmwide

Investment philosophy

My philosophy has always been a combination of my strengths and the values that I have followed throughout my 40-year career in investing. You really have to know yourself — know what you do well, and try not to do those things that you don't do well.

Because I recognize my strong points, I have always partnered with professionals who have complementary strengths and can help deliver results for our clients.

Our firm is based on strong values, extensive professional experience and providing customized investment portfolios for our customers to meet their individual needs.

Investing in 2008

We're implementing a barbell approach in that we are buying some of the really big, safe stocks like General Electric and others that look fairly valued. We're also buying some of the small-cap stocks.

We've found that with some small-cap stocks nobody is following them. What's more, many of them have come down so much in value — in some cases 80 to 90 percent — that they still have very strong balance sheets, so their downside is somewhat limited and most of the risk is priced into the stock.

Where we are finding overvalued stocks is in the mid-cap area. One thing the market is not reflecting yet is the ultimate impact of the presidential election results in 2008. The market is going to have to come to grips with that. The real concern the market