

Michael Russell

CEO of H.J. Russell & Company

Michael Russell has served as CEO of H.J. Russell & Co. in Atlanta, Georgia, since 2003. H.J. Russell & Co., founded over 70 years ago, provides General Contracting, Construction, and Program Management services. The company has extensive experience in building and renovating projects in diverse market segments including high-profile offices, parking decks, public assembly, retail, multi-family residential, student housing, and institutional, educational, and sports facilities.

Prior to becoming CEO, Russell, who joined the company in 1990, served in various executive roles, most recently as executive vice president responsible for the management and strategic direction of the construction and program management divisions.

Michael's civic involvement includes serving on the boards of Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia Research Alliance and the NACD. He is on the executive committee of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, The Atlanta Committee for Progress and is a member of the Atlanta Rotary Club, AEC Unites, and 100 Black Men of Atlanta. Russell is a member of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. He is also vice chair of Concessions International, an innovator in the airport food and beverage concessions industry and is actively involved in the strategic direction and growth initiatives of the company.

Russell received his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Virginia and his Master of Business Administration from Georgia State University.