

# THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

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## Middleby to Acquire Australia-based Goldstein Eswood

Elgin, Ill. (December 23, 2014) –The Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ: MIDD) today announced it will acquire Goldstein Eswood, a leading commercial equipment manufacturer based in New South Wales, Australia. Goldstein Eswood has annual revenues of approximately \$25 million USD.

The Goldstein and Eswood brands are well established in the Australian and New Zealand markets and featured in many top restaurants. Goldstein manufactures a broad line of commercial cooking equipment including ranges, ovens, griddles, fryers and warming equipment. Eswood is a leading manufacturer of dishwashing equipment for the commercial kitchen.

“We are excited to add Goldstein and Eswood to our portfolio of leading brands. This acquisition significantly expands the Middleby manufacturing, sales and service capabilities in the Australian and New Zealand markets and enables us to better serve our customers, including the global restaurant chains,” said Selim A. Bassoul, Chairman and CEO of The Middleby Corporation. “We will continue to serve the local market with these brands, while we leverage their established sales and service offices for all Middleby brands.”

Goldstein Eswood has offices in Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand. More information on Goldstein Eswood is available at [www.goldsteineswood.com.au](http://www.goldsteineswood.com.au).

The Middleby Corporation is a global leader in the foodservice equipment industry. The company develops, manufactures, markets and services a broad line of equipment used in the commercial foodservice, food processing, and residential kitchen equipment industries. The company's leading equipment brands serving the commercial foodservice industry include Anets®, Beech®, Blodgett®, Blodgett Combi®, Blodgett Range®, Bloomfield®, Britannia®, Carter-Hoffmann®, Celfrost®, Concordia®, CookTek®, CTX®, Desmon®, Doyon®, Eswood®, frifri®, Giga®, Goldstein®, Holman®, Houno®, IMC®, Jade®, Lang®, Lincat®, MagiKitch'n®, Market Forge®, Middleby Marshall®, MPC®, Nieco®, Nu-Vu®, PerfectFry®, Pitco Frialator®, Southbend®, Star®, Toastmaster®, TurboChef®, Viking®, Wells® and Wunder-Bar®. The company's leading equipment brands serving the food processing industry include Alkar®, Armor Inox®, Auto-Bake®, Baker Thermal Solutions®, Cozzini®, Danfotech®, Drake®, Maurer-Atmos®, MP Equipment®, Processing Equipment Solutions®, RapidPak®, Spooner Vicars® and Stewart Systems®. The company's leading equipment brands serving the residential kitchen industry include Brigade®, Jade®, TurboChef®, Viking® and U-Line®.

In 2014 The Middleby Corporation was named a Fastest Growing Company by Fortune Magazine. For more information about The Middleby Corporation and the company brands, please visit [www.middleby.com](http://www.middleby.com).

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