

## ***THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION***

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### **Middleby Corporation Announces New Divisional and Operations Management**

Elgin, Ill. (March 24, 2009)—David Brewer, Paul Angrick and Frank Ricchio have expanded their roles within the Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ: MIDD). The announcement was made by Selim A. Bassoul, Chairman and CEO of the Middleby Corporation, to whom they will report.

David Brewer, is transitioning his current role as President of the Pitco Frialator division to Chief Operating Officer of the Commercial Cooking Group. In this newly-created position, David will lead the company's strategic sales initiatives amongst the growing portfolio of Middleby brands. David will be responsible for identifying opportunities to better leverage the existing infrastructure to increase product penetration across the customer base. His efforts will be focused on increasing customer support and sales revenues, while improving the efficiency of the sales and distribution network. In this role, David will lead a newly established national sales team representing all the Middleby brands that will support the Company's major restaurant account customers. David joined Middleby in 2007 from Lantech Corporation, where he served as President and General Manager. Prior to Lantech, David held leadership positions at YUM! Brands Corporation and Chiquita Brands International.

Paul Angrick has been named President of the Pitco Frialator division, based in Concord, N.H. Previously, Paul was President of Wells Bloomfield, a company Middleby acquired in 2007. Paul has lead initiatives to integrate the Wells Bloomfield operations with Middleby, resulting in a dramatic improvement in profitability at this division during the eighteen months under Middleby ownership. In his new role as President of Pitco, he will be responsible for the strategic direction and operating activities of Middleby's fryer division. With more than 25 years of industry experience, Paul is a Certified Food Service Professional and the current President of the North American Association of Foodservice Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM).

Frank Ricchio has expanded his role within Middleby, adding the Wells, Bloomfield, Nu-Vu and Toastmaster lines to his current responsibilities of overseeing the Star, Holman and Lang brands. Frank joined Middleby in January 2008 in connection with Middleby's acquisition of New Star Holdings, Inc. Since that time, Frank has lead initiatives to reorganize the operations of New Star to improve the sales, manufacturing and administrative efficiencies at this business. Frank will lead this group of seven well-established Middleby brands and move forward initiatives to identify manufacturing, purchasing and sales synergies amongst those operations. Frank has been with Star manufacturing since 1982, and President since 1999. He and many of his top staff have

more than 20 years experience and have grown Star into a world leader in the areas the brand serves.

“The exceptionally deep experience David, Paul and Frank all bring to Middleby has been invaluable as we continue to grow our company and expand our brands,” said Chairman and CEO Selim A. Bassoul. “The addition of these individuals to the Middleby organization has significantly strengthened our management team and I am pleased to announce these expanded responsibilities. These individuals have done a tremendous job, each individually contributing to the success of company since their addition to the Middleby team. I know they will carry that success and drive into their new positions.”

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 for commercial food cooking, preparation and processing. The company's leading equipment brands serving the commercial foodservice industry include Blodgett®, Blodgett Combi®, Blodgett Range®, Bloomfield®, Carter Hoffmann®, CTX®, Giga®, frifri®, Holman®, Houno®, Jade®, Lang®, MagiKitch'n®, Middleby Marshall®, Nu-Vu®, Pitco Frialator®, Southbend®, Star®, Toastmaster®, TurboChef® and Wells®. The company's leading equipment brands serving the food processing industry include Alkar®, MP Equipment®, and RapidPak®. The Middleby Corporation was recognized by Business Week as one of the Top 100 Hot Growth Companies of 2007 and 2008 and by Forbes as one of the Best Small Companies in 2007 and 2008. For more information about The Middleby Corporation and the company brands, please visit [www.middleby.com](http://www.middleby.com).

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