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Middleby CEO Selim Bassoul to be Keynote Speaker at Chicago Urban League 2015 Summit Luncheon

ELGIN, Ill. (March 31, 2015)—Selim A. Bassoul, chairman and CEO of The Middleby Corporation will be the keynote speaker at the Chicago Urban League 2015 SUMMIT Luncheon. The luncheon, themed *Transformational Change: Igniting the Entrepreneurial Spirit*, will be held on Thursday, April 30 at the Hilton Chicago.

“I am honored to be the keynote speaker at the SUMMIT Luncheon, to share my personal story and passion about being an entrepreneur and charting your own path,” said Mr. Bassoul. “Entrepreneurship is encouraged throughout Middleby, it is part of our culture. This luncheon will bring together people who share these convictions.”

“We are excited to have Selim Bassoul, a highly successful business and civic leader, as our keynote speaker this year,” said Andrea L. Zopp, president and CEO of the Chicago Urban League. “He embodies the tenacity, passion and acumen it takes to inspire the spirit of entrepreneurship. This year’s summit will address strategic ways to help more African American entrepreneurs get on a path to grow their business and create more jobs. Strengthening our businesses will have a tremendous impact on our neighborhoods and communities.”

Bassoul proudly supports and serves on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Urban League. He also is highly involved in service throughout the community. The Chicago Urban League has worked tirelessly for economic, educational, and social progress for the African American community for close to a century. Through their unique community, corporate and civic relationships, they have helped people in the community find jobs, affordable housing, educational opportunities, and grow their businesses.

ABOUT THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

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®, Marsal®, 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®, Stewart Systems® and Thurne®. The company's leading equipment brands serving the residential kitchen industry include Brigade®, Jade®, TurboChef®, Viking® and U-Line®.

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