

## ***THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION***

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### **Middleby Corporation Named YUM! Brands Supplier of the Year**

-First time ever top honor to manufacturer; two brands recognized as best for 2009-

Elgin, Ill. (April 6, 2010) – The Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ: MIDD) was recently named 2009 YUM! Brands Supplier of the Year. Middleby is the first equipment manufacturer ever to be selected by YUM! as a recipient of this honor.

"We are honored and humbled by this top recognition from YUM! Brands," said Selim A. Bassoul, Chairman and Chief Executive of The Middleby Corporation. "YUM! is a very innovative company, a game changer. They have always challenged Middleby to develop cooking equipment that will revolutionize and disrupt the quick service restaurant industry. They have pushed us and made us a better company. We are proud to be their partner and Supplier of the Year."

Two Middleby Corporation brands were also award recipients. Middleby Marshall, which manufactures conveyor ovens, received the 2009 Equipment Supplier of the Year Award from Pizza Hut. Pitco, which makes fryers, was selected as the 2009 Equipment Supplier of the Year from Taco Bell.

YUM! Brands is the parent company of KFC, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell, Long John Silver's, A&W and WingStreet and is the world's largest restaurant company in terms of system restaurants with more than 37,000 restaurants in over 110 countries.

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 Anets®, Blodgett®, Blodgett Combi®, Blodgett Range®, Bloomfield®, Carter Hoffmann®, CookTek®, CTX®, Doyon®, frifri®, Giga®, 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, 2008 and 2009 and by Forbes as one of the Best Small Companies in 2007, 2008 and 2009. For more information about The Middleby Corporation and the company brands, please visit [www.middleby.com](http://www.middleby.com).

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