

## ***THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION***

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### **Middleby Corporation Ranks #10 on Forbes Best Small Companies List**

Elgin, Ill. October 14, 2005—The Middleby Corporation ranked #10 on Forbes Magazine's 2005 Best Small Companies list, in the October 31 issue. Middleby was recognized as the highest return on equity in the past 12 months by the magazine.

“We are proud to be recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of their best small companies. This achievement is part of a united team effort from every one of our employees around the world,” said Middleby Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Selim A. Bassoul. “We have the best customers in the industry, and they also are responsible for our success. They keep us up-to-date on trends and they challenge our company to develop new and innovative products. Their input has been invaluable in our efforts to deliver new cooking equipment to the marketplace.”

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 cooking and food preparation in commercial and institutional kitchens and restaurants throughout the world. The company's leading equipment brands include Blodgett<sup>®</sup>, Blodgett Combi<sup>®</sup>, Blodgett Range<sup>®</sup>, CTX<sup>®</sup>, MagiKitch'n<sup>®</sup>, Middleby Marshall<sup>®</sup>, Nu-Vu<sup>®</sup>, Pitco Frialator<sup>®</sup>, Southbend<sup>®</sup>, and Toastmaster<sup>®</sup>. Middleby's international subsidiary, Middleby Worldwide, is a leading exporter and distributor of foodservice equipment in the global marketplace. Middleby's international manufacturing subsidiary, Middleby Philippines Corporation, is a leading supplier of specialty equipment in the Asian markets.

For further information about Middleby, visit [www.middleby.com](http://www.middleby.com).

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