

## Middleby Corporation Named Brinker International Supplier Partner of the Year

Elgin, IL (Sept. 12, 2013) – Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ: MIDD) was named a 2013 Supplier Partner of the Year recipient by Brinker International, Inc. (NYSE: EAT) at an award presentation in Dallas Aug. 15.

The Middleby Marshall/CTX conveyor cooking platform, along with Carter Hoffmann food holding innovation, was recently installed in all corporate and franchised Chili's® Grill & Bar restaurants throughout the country. The upgrades began in 2010 and ended in early 2013.

“One of the largest investments in Chili's history has been the rollout of this new kitchen equipment,” said Homero Ortegon, vice president of strategic innovation for Brinker International. “The new ovens have completely transformed Chili's kitchen operations by improving efficiency and labor, while increasing the pace at which food is delivered to guests' tables.”

In addition to improved efficiency and labor, the upgraded kitchen equipment provides Chili's with new opportunities around menu innovation, ensuring the brand can continue to deliver relevant menu items to today's guests.

“We are honored to receive this prestigious recognition from Brinker,” said Mark A. Sieron, group president. “From a respected partner like Brinker, this award validates the Middleby Marshall and CTX cooking technology and how it was able to exceed all of their expectations.”

The Middleby Marshall /CTX conveyor cooking platform is a patented technology only available through these Middleby brands. More information and a video demonstration is available at [www.ctxautomation.com](http://www.ctxautomation.com).

Middleby Marshall/CTX and Carter Hoffmann are divisions of The Middleby Corporation, a global leader in the foodservice equipment industry. The company develops, manufactures, markets and services a broad line of equipment used for commercial and residential food cooking, preparation and processing. The company's leading equipment brands serving the commercial foodservice industry include Anets®, Beech®, Blodgett®, Blodgett Combi®, Blodgett Range®, Bloomfield®, Britannia®, Carter-Hoffmann®, CookTek®, CTX®, Doyon®, FriFri®, Giga®, Holman®, Houno®, IMC®, Jade®, Lang®, Lincat®, MagiKitch'n®, Middleby Marshall®, Nieco®, Nu-Vu®, PerfectFry®, Pitco Frialator®, Southbend®, Star®, Toastmaster®, Turbochef®, Viking® and Wells®.

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