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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>FITZGERALD TIMOTHY JOHN</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O MIDDLEBY CORPORATION 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE (Street) ELGIN IL 60120 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Executive Officer
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/25/2020	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/25/2020		A ⁽¹⁾		20,644 ⁽¹⁾	A	(1)	274,394	D	
Common Stock	03/25/2020		F ⁽²⁾		9,155 ⁽²⁾	D	\$55.69 ⁽²⁾	265,239	D	
Common Stock								6,250	I	Timothy J. FitzGerald 2012 Gift Trust ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock								6,250	I	Andrea C. FitzGerald 2012 Gift Trust ⁽³⁾
Common Stock								25,200	I	By Spouse and Children

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents shares of stock that were issued in exchange for the reporting person's annual performance based cash bonus at the same value as would have otherwise been paid in cash for the bonus. The shares of stock fully vested on date of grant. The shares of stock were issued to the reporting person pursuant to the 2011 Long Term Incentive Plan.
- Transaction related to surrender of shares to fund reporting person's tax liability related to vesting of restricted stock.
- The reporting person is the trustee and a beneficiary of the Andrea C. FitzGerald 2012 Gift Trust. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed except to the extent of the reporting person's pecuniary interest therein. This filing shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any equity securities covered by this filing.
- The reporting person is the spouse of the trustee and a beneficiary of the Timothy J. FitzGerald 2012 Gift Trust. Beneficial ownership is disclaimed except to the extent of the reporting person's pecuniary interest therein. This filing shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any equity securities covered by this filing.

Martin M. Lindsay POA 04/15/2020

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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