## FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Ш	obligations may continue. See
	Instruction 1(b).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     BASSOUL SELIM A				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol MIDDLEBY CORP [ MIDD ]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner					
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2015							Officer (give title below)  CEO, Chairm		below	•	
1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE				4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street)	IL	IL 60120											X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(St	(State) (Zip)															
			e I - Non-Deriv					d, Di		-			_				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye	ear) E	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3,				Secur Bene Owne	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
							Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Repo		(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common	Stock												4	50,880	D		
Common	Stock		05/14/201	.5			S <sup>(1)</sup>		8,878	D	\$109	0.51 <sup>(2)</sup>		56,178	I	By trust <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock			05/14/201	05/14/2015			S <sup>(1)</sup>		6,072	D	\$109	\$109.51(2)		38,429	I	By trust <sup>(3)</sup>	
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Common Stock 0			05/15/201	05/15/2015			s <sup>(1)</sup> 2,175 D		\$109	.42 <sup>(2)</sup>	54,003		I	By trust <sup>(3)</sup>			
Common Stock			05/15/201	05/15/2015					1,487	D	\$109	)9.42 <sup>(2)</sup> 3		36,942	I	By trust <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock 05/15/2			05/15/201	.5			S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,487	D	\$109	109.42(2)		36,942	I	By trust <sup>(3)</sup>	
		Та	ble II - Derivati (e.g., ρι						osed of, convertib				wned	1			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date,	Code (I	ransaction ocode (Instr. )		ber 6. Date Ex Expiration (Month/Date) ed ed			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Inst 3 and 4)		Secu (Insti	ivative urity	derivative vative Securities rity Beneficially	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership	
				Code	v	(A) (D)	Date Exerc	isable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares	er					

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Shares sold pursuant to existing 10b5-1 plan.
- 2. The sales price reported is the weighted average sale price for the number of shares sold. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price will be supplied upon request by the Securities & Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer.
- 3. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by these trusts, and this report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of the trusts' shares for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.

Martin M. Lindsay POA 05/19/2015

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

<sup>\*\*</sup> Signature of Reporting Person Date

<sup>\*</sup> 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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