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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 2, 2021

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On June 2, 2021, The Middleby Corporation (the "Company") will participate in the William Blair Growth Stock Conference. On June 3, 2021, the Company will participate in the KeyBanc Capital Markets Industrials & Basic Materials Conference. A copy of the supplemental presentation materials that will be used during the conferences is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be considered "filed" under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into future filings by the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, unless the Company expressly sets forth in such future filing that such information is to be considered "filed" or incorporated by reference therein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 99.1 The Middleby Corporation supplemental presentation materials dated June 2, 2021.

Exhibit 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

SIGNATURES

By:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

Dated: June 2, 2021

/s/ Bryan E. Mittelman Bryan E. Mittelman Chief Financial Officer

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Additional Information about the Merger and Where to Find It

In connection with Middleby's proposed acquisition of Welbilt, Middleby has filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 (SEC File No. 333-256653) that includes a preliminary joint proxy statement of Middleby and Welbilt that also constitutes a preliminary prospectus of Middleby. The registration statement has not been declared effective by the SEC. The joint proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed or otherwise disseminated to shareholders of Middleby and Welbilt after the registration statement has been declared effective by the SEC. Middleby and Welbilt also have filed and plan to file other relevant documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SHAREHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED OR TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR RITIRETY IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and shareholders can obtain free copies of the joint proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by Middleby and Welbilt through the website maintained by the SEC at http://www.sec.gov. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Middleby will be available free of charge on Welbilt's website at www.welbilt.com or by contacting the Middleby file savilable free of charge on Welbilt's website at www.welbilt.com or by contacting Welbilt's livestor Relations Department by email at inchard shelfere/evel-bill com or by phone at (727) 853-3079.

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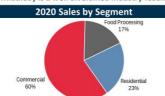
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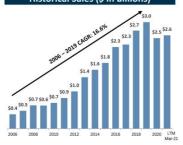
Adj. EBITDA and Adj. EBIT (the "Non-GAAP Measures") are performance measures that provide supplemental information that Middleby believes is useful to analysts and investors to evaluate ongoing results of operations, when considered alongside other GAAP measures such as net income, operating income and gross profit. These Non-GAAP Measures exclude the financial impact of items management does not consider in assessing the ongoing operating performance of Middleby, and thereby facilitate review of its operating performance on a period-to-period basis. Other companies may have different capital structures and comparability to the results of operations of Middleby, which may be impacted by the effects of acquisition accounting on its depreciation and amortization. As a result of the effects of these factors and factors specific to other companies, Middleby believes these Non-GAAP Measures provide helpful information to analysts and investors to facilitate a comparison of their operating performance to that of other companies. The presentation of Non-GAAP Measures in this presentation should not be construed as an inference that future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items.

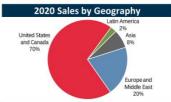
Middleby Overview

Middleby is a well diversified industry-leading foodservice business

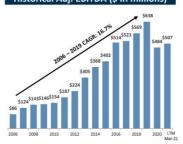








Historical Adj. EBITDA (\$ in millions)



Company Highlights

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- Three industry-leading, highly synergistic foodservice platforms with over 100 brands
- Diversified business across end markets and geographies
- Strong track record of profitability with EBITDA margins in excess of 20% for sustained period
- Leveraging core strengths to broaden product offerings in Commercial Foodservice, Residential Kitchen and Food Processing businesses
- Plan in place to continue growth and improve margins further
- Proven ability to acquire and integrate businesses

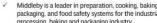
Snapshot of Middleby's Business Segments



Commercial Foodservice

Residential Kitchen





- Middleby is a leading global manufacturer of commercial cooking equipment
- Extensive portfolio of products catered toward restaurants (from quick service to fine dining) as well as institutions such as hospitals and schools
- Leading solutions provider across commercial kitchen
- Middleby entered the ultra-premium residential appliance market with the acquisition of Viking Range in 2013 and has since built a portfolio of leading brands
- Enables customers to experience commercial grade innovation and chef-approved appliances in their home
- Broad product portfolio including ranges, built-in surface cooking and ovens and cook tops, stand alone and built-in refrigeration and outdoor cooking equipment
- Middleby is a leader in preparation, cooking, baking, packaging, and food safety systems for the industrial processing, baking and packaging industry Core products include batch ovens, belt ovens,

Food Processing

continuous processing ovens, automated thermal processing systems, automated loading and unloading systems, meat presses, reduction and emulsion systems, defrosting equipment, and packaging and food safety equipment

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Select MIDDLEBY Brands





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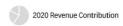


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Three Synergistic Platforms Working Together



Accelerating Synergies Across Platforms

- Technology and engineering synergies
 - Technology sharing across segments
 - Acceleration of development and tomarket
 - ✓ Shared Controls and IoT
 - Integrated Controls platform
 - ✓ Internet of Things ("IoT")
 - Automation
- Supply chain
- Production capabilities and platform manufacturing
- Shared foodservice and culinary expertise



Middleby is accelerating the realization of shared synergies, contributing to greater innovation and operating efficiencies

Overview of Middleby's Q1 '21 Earnings

Consolidated Middleby Q1 2021 vs. Prior Year Performance					
	Q1 '21	Q1 '20	Q1 '19	Q1 '21 vs. Q1 '20 Growth	Q1 '21 vs. Q1 '19 Growth
Sales	\$758	\$677	\$687	11.9%	10.4%
Adjusted EBITDA	161	138	138	17.0%	17.0%
% Margin	21.3%	20.3%	20.1%	100bps	120bps
Adjusted EPS	\$1.79	\$1.46	\$1.51	22.6%	18.5%

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	Q1 '21	Q1 '20	Q1 '19	Q1 '21 vs. Q1 '20 Growth	Q1 '21 vs. Q1 '19 Growth	
Commercial Foodservice						
Sales	\$481	\$443	\$458	8.6%	5.2%	
Adjusted EBITDA	118	108	113	9.6%	4.3%	
% Margin	24.5%	24.3%	24.8%	20bps	(30bps)	
Residential Kitchen Equipm	nent					
Sales	\$164	\$130	\$137	26.4%	20.2%	
Adjusted EBITDA	35	19	24	84.9%	42.6%	
% Margin	21.1%	14.4%	17.7%	670bps	340bps	
Food Processing						
Sales	\$112	\$104	\$92	7.9%	21.6%	
Adjusted EBITDA	23	18	16	24.9%	42.2%	
% Margin	20.4%	17.6%	17.5%	280bps	290bps	

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Commentary

• Quarterly revenue increase of 12% year-over-year, 8%+ organically

Commercial Foodservice:

Consolidated Middleby:

- Revenue growth of 9% year-over-year, with organic growth of 3%+, compared to a median of (7%) for our public commercial foodservice competitors
- Reported strong adjusted EBITDA margins of 24.5%, above Q1 2020 levels
- Our segment Adjusted EBIT was in-line to COVID-unimpacted Q1 2019, while our public commercial foodservice competitors posted a median (26%) decline

Residential Kitchen:

 Segment reported very strong Sales and Adjusted EBITDA quarterly figures driven by continued elevated demand for premium residential appliances

Food Processing

 Food Processing segment increased sales 8% year-over-year, and meaningfully improved margins to above 20%

Order and Backlog Trends - 2021 vs. 2019





Additionally, Consolidated Backlog Increased to \$705mm at Q1 2021 from \$508mm at Year-End 2020

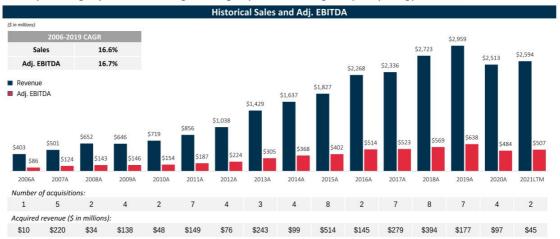
Note: Orders refer to organic figures, and data for Q2 2021 and Q2 2019 are through first seven weeks of the quarter.



Middleby's Historical Track Record



Middleby has strategically invested in core categories through acquisitions and driving subsequent operating performance



Middleby's Strategic M&A Focus



Middleby has successfully deployed capital to acquire brands over the years which are strategically complementary to the current portfolio

Recent M&A Activity

- Middleby has completed 20+ transactions since the beginning of 2018, investing in key technology initiatives and trends, while enhancing the company's capabilities across all three business segments
- Many of the most recent acquisition have ongoing sales and profitability benefits yet to be realized
- Middleby is clearly positioned for additional opportunities in Commercial Foodservice, Food Processing and Residential Kitchen

Strategic Investment Themes

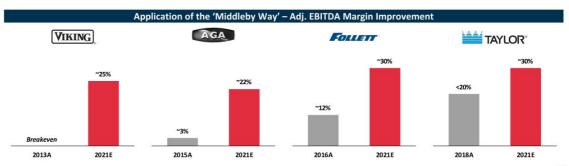
- International expansion
- Beverage expansion
- Ventless cooking
- IoT and controls
- Foodservice automation Hot-side innovation



Middleby is a Proven and Experienced Acquirer



- Our acquisition history provides a clear integration playbook to implement best practices and maximize efficiency across the Middleby organization
- Middleby has historically realized synergies from its acquisitions from material and supply chain initiatives, combined sales & marketing
 investments, product & technology sharing accelerating innovation and expense reduction through best practices and removal of duplicative costs
- We set target margin goals at our acquired businesses and work to improve operations in a timely manner, as evidenced below



Multifaceted Strategy for Long-Term Growth and Margin Enhancement MIDDLEBY



Sales Growth Initiatives

- New product innovation
- Existing customer penetration
- International expansion in emerging markets
- Digital marketing and sales channel investments
- Services and aftermarket initiatives
- Continued M&A and business development

Middleby Attributes

- ✓ Customer-focused culture
- Track record of innovation
- Financial and operating discipline
- Proven ability to integrate acquisitions
- √ Foodservice industry expertise

Operating Efficiencies

- Acquisition integration
- Purchasing optimization / greater leverage across
- Aftermarket growth
- Innovation across all segments and introduction of new technologies

Historical and Targeted Adj. EBITDA Margins by Segment					
	2019A	2020A	Target		
Commercial Foodservice	26%	22%	30%		
Residential Kitchen Equipment	18%	17%	25%		
Food Processing	21%	22%	25%		



Growth and Innovation



Transformative Growth Initiatives in Last 5+ Years





Beverage Platform Innovation



Capitalizing on Market Trends

- Automated Coffee & Espresso
- Nitro Brew/Cold Brew
- Soda & Tea Dispense
- Blending & Smoothies
- Shakes & Deserts
- Ice & Water Dispense
- Liquor & Bar
- Beer Brewing
- Canning & Bottling

























Recently Established Beverage Platform With Significant Growth Opportunities

Innovation Supporting Industry Trends



Accelerating Trends

- Added focus on off-premise (delivery, carry out and drivethrough)
- Emphasis on menu simplification, throughput and space utilization
- Labor availability, training and cost
- New foodservice models modular, ghost and cloud kitchens Remote operation, monitoring and service
- Kitchen automation
- Safety protocols for employees and customers

Middleby Solutions

- Middleby ventless kitchens for non-traditional and space savings
- Development and launch of Open Kitchen
- Middleby modular and ghost kitchens
- Data intelligence and automation solutions
- Middleby advanced controls
- Middleby touchless and automated Pick-Up Cabinets (PUC)
- Launch of Bluezone Viral Kill and Food Preservation air purification units



MIDDLEBY VENTLESS SOLUTIONS



















Over the past year Middleby has made significant dedicated investments in R&D to focus on technology initiatives, solutions for industry trends and invested in targeted growth segments. .

Open Kitchen IoT Platform Launched 2020



Open Kitchen Platform Capabilities

- Energy Savings
- Equipment Connectivity
- Automation
- Food Safety
- Workflow Instructions
- Employee and Customer Safety
- Restaurant Sustainability



6,000+ Locations Operating on Middleby Open Kitchen IoT Platform

Middleby Innovation Kitchens



Customer and channel partner traffic through the MIK has exceeded expectations with over 70+ customer visits since its opening. We are also expanding the MIK to include a new automated ghost kitchen POD and an automated sous vide line.



The Automation Ghost Kitchen "POD" – Under Construction at the MIK

The Elements – 14-Seat Chef's Table experience at the Middleby Innovations Kitchens



End Market Outlook



Industry Outlook - Commercial Foodservice



According to Miller Pulse data from the beginning of March to Mid-May 2021, average weekly restaurant sales are up nearly 15% from 2019 levels

Commentary

- Recent sales data show the restaurant industry is at 113% of 2019 levels
- Total sales are fully recovered on an industry level with the exception of casual dining
- Casual dining coming back just slightly lower, continued improvements are evident
- QSR remains a story of success, sales rising +23.5% in the most recent weekly data. QSR total sales are 116% above 2019 levels
- Unit productivity for the industry is back to or above 2019 levels for all segments
- Continued interest in expanding delivery options, ghost kitchens, labor savings and speed of service and cook times



Industry Outlook - Residential Kitchen Equipment







- New and existing home sales continue to be strong NAR 2021 forecast is new home sales up 20% and existing home sales up 10%
- Record low inventory of existing homes driving market but forecast greater home supply by year-end and into 2022
- Large gains in new construction in Texas, Tennessee, Florida and other areas, many markets up more than 100%
- Year-over-year both new contracts and new listings are up approximately 40% according to May data
- April pending home sales, agreements with a signed contract, up 51.7% from 2020



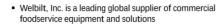
Acquisition of Welbilt



Acquisition of Welbilt Announced on April 21, 2021







- Listed on the NYSE (WBT) with a 90-year history in foodservice and sales of ~\$1.2bn in 2020
- Headquartered in New Port Richey, Florida with 19 global manufacturing facilities and ~4,400 employees worldwide
- Welbilt has a broad portfolio of award-winning brands spanning hot-side, cold-side, beverage and aftermarket parts and solutions:





Dynamic Commercial Foodservice Platform Well Suited to Serve Customers Globally

Positioned for Future Growth Opportunities in a Rapidly Changing Environment within the Commercial Foodservice Industry

~\$120mm of Operational Improvement

Transaction Consideration Maintains Balance Sheet Flexibility for Future Strategic Opportunities

Welbilt Acquisition Strategic Rationale



Expands Portfolio of Highly-Respected Foodservice Industry Brands Welbilt brands are recognized globally for quality and innovation

Broadens Customer Offerings with Complementary Products and Solutions

- Expands Middleby's beverage platform, addressing one of our key strategic priorities
- Extends cooking and warming technologies and products offerings, and provides innovative cold-side and refrigeration expertise
- Positioned to better serve customers with a wider set of product and service solutions

Provides for Accelerated Innovation and Transformational Technology Investments

- $\quad \hbox{Sharing engineering amongst brands to allow for accelerated product innovation across entire portfolio}$
- Shared investments, efforts and development in strategic controls, IoT and forward-looking automation initiatives

Expands International Manufacturing Footprint and Global Infrastructure

- Significantly enhances manufacturing in Asia and Europe Broadly expands sales capabilities in higher-growth Asian region

Combined Sales and Service Capabilities to Best Serve Evolving Industry Needs

- Premier sales and service organization supporting customers globally Supports investments in transformational customer-facing digital initiatives



Value Creation Through Synergy Potential of Combined Organization

- Cost efficiencies through supply chain, manufacturing, operating expenses and best practices Ability to scale investments and leverage combined operating infrastructure
- Sales and service synergies supporting long-term revenue growth



Summary



Middleby Investment Highlights



Strong financial profile with industry-leading margins, strong cash flow generation, and a proven history of deleveraging
Extensive diversification across businesses, end-markets, customers, and geographic regions
At the forefront of industry innovation in cooking methods and technologies (automated solutions, ventless, induction, pressure fryer,
Synergies across segments and brands enables attractive growth avenues and margin creation potential
Repair, replacement, and menu-driven sales support life cycle revenue opportunities

Proven consolidator (organic share gain and strategic acquisitions) well positioned to benefit from market disruption