UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 31, 2024

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

001-9973

(Commission File Number)

36-3352497

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

	1400 Toastma	<u>ster</u>			
	<u>Drive,</u>	<u>Elgin,</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>60120</u>	
	(Address of	principal executive of	fices)	(Zip Code)	
	Registrant's telephone number	er, including area code:	<u>(84</u>	<u>47)</u> <u>741-3300</u>	
	(Former Name or	N/A Former Address, if Char	nged Since La	ast Report)	
Check the appropriate box below if following provisions:	the Form 8-K filing is inten-	ded to simultaneously	satisfy the f	iling obligation of the registrant under any of the	
☐ Written communications pursuan	t to Rule 425 under the Secu	urities Act (17 CFR 23	0.425)		
☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Ru	ile 14a-12 under the Exchar	nge Act (17 CFR 240.1	4a-12)		
☐ Pre-commencement communicati	ons pursuant to Rule 14d-2	(b) under the Exchange	e Act (17 Cl	FR 240.14d-2(b))	
☐ Pre-commencement communicati	ons pursuant to Rule 13e-4	(c) under the Exchange	e Act (17 CF	FR 240.13e-4(c))	
	Securities regis	tered pursuant to Sec	tion 12(b)	of the Act:	
Title of Each		ding Symbol(s) MIDD	Name o	of Each Exchange on Which Registered Nasdaq Global Select Market	
Indicate by check mark whether the chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securi				405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this	
Emerging growth company \square					
If an emerging growth company, ind or revised financial accounting stand				e extended transition period for complying with any n . \Box	ew

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 31, 2024, The Middleby Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the third quarter ended September 28, 2024. A copy of that press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K (including the exhibit hereto) 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* Press Release of Financial Results for the Third Quarter 2024
Exhibit 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL)

^{*} Furnished herewith.

SIGNATURES

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: October 31, 2024 By: /s/ Bryan E. Mittelman

Bryan E. Mittelman Chief Financial Officer



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The Middleby Corporation Reports Third Quarter Results

- Net sales of \$943 million
- Diluted earnings per share of \$2.11 and adjusted net earnings per share of \$2.33
- Operating income of \$173 million and 18.4% of net sales
- Adjusted EBITDA of \$213 million and organic adjusted EBITDA margin of 22.6%
- Operating cash flows of \$157 million
- Net leverage reduced to 2.2x
- Completed the acquisition of Emery Thompson

Elgin, Ill, October 31, 2024 - The Middleby Corporation (NASDAQ: MIDD), a leading worldwide manufacturer of equipment for the commercial foodservice, food processing, and residential kitchen industries, today reported net earnings for the third quarter of 2024.

"Unfavorable macro-economic conditions continued in the third quarter and grew even more challenging in our commercial foodservice segment. Lower restaurant traffic and higher food costs in recent months have put pressure on the restaurant industry. This has resulted in a greater than expected delay in facility investments and in the permanent closure of locations. As we navigate the current environment and near-term revenue decline, we remain disciplined with strong levels of profitability and cash flow.

We have continued to resiliently execute on our strategic initiatives focused on the launch of industry leading product innovations and differentiated go-to market capabilities, which have us uniquely positioned and are confident will drive long-term profitable growth. The pipeline of opportunities with customers and new product innovations continues to build, while customer engagement remains at an all-time high. We anticipate the challenging current industry macro-conditions will improve in 2025 and will lead into a multi-year recovery favorably supporting growth at all three of our foodservice segments." said Tim FitzGerald, CEO of The Middleby Corporation.

2024 Third Quarter Financial Results

- Net sales decreased 3.9% in the third quarter over the comparative prior year period. Excluding the impacts of acquisitions and foreign exchange rates, sales decreased 4.1% in the third quarter over the comparative prior year period.
- A reconciliation of organic net sales (a non-GAAP measure) by segment is as follows:

	Commercial Foodservice	Residential Kitchen	Food Processing	Total Company
Reported Net Sales Growth	(5.3)%	(3.8)%	1.7 %	(3.9)%
Acquisitions	— %	0.1 %	0.8 %	0.2 %
Foreign Exchange Rates	(0.1)%	0.6 %	0.2 %	0.1 %
Organic Net Sales Growth (1) (2)	(5.3)%	(4.5)%	0.7 %	(4.1)%

- (1) Organic net sales growth defined as total sales growth excluding impact of acquisitions and foreign exchange rates
- (2) Totals may be impacted by rounding
- Operating income was \$173.4 million in the third quarter compared to \$174.4 million in the prior year period.
- Adjusted EBITDA (a non-GAAP measure) was \$213.0 million in the third quarter compared to \$225.1 million in the prior year. A reconciliation
 of organic adjusted EBITDA (a non-GAAP measure) by segment is as follows:

	Commercial Foodservice	Residential Kitchen	Food Processing	Total Company
Adjusted EBITDA	27.5 %	12.0 %	24.3 %	22.6 %
Acquisitions	— %	— %	(0.4)%	(0.1)%
Foreign Exchange Rates	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.1 %
Organic Adjusted EBITDA (1)(2)	27.4 %	11.9 %	24.6 %	22.6 %

- (1) Organic Adjusted EBITDA defined as Adjusted EBITDA excluding impact of acquisitions and foreign exchange rates.
- (2) Totals may be impacted by rounding
- Operating cash flows during the third quarter amounted to \$156.7 million in comparison to \$219.2 million in the prior year period. The total leverage ratio per our credit agreements was 2.2x. The trailing twelve month bank agreement pro-forma EBITDA was \$863.3 million.
- Net debt, defined as debt excluding the unamortized discount associated with the Convertible Notes less cash, at the end of the 2024 fiscal third quarter amounted to \$1.8 billion as compared to \$2.2 billion at the end of fiscal 2023. Our borrowing availability at the end of the third quarter was approximately \$2.8 billion.

Conference Call

The company has scheduled a conference call to discuss the third quarter results at 11 a.m. Eastern/10 a.m. Central Time on October 31. The conference call is accessible through the Investor Relations section of the company website at www.middleby.com. If website access is not available, attendees can join the conference by dialing (844) 481-3012, or (412) 317-1878 for international access, and ask to join the Middleby conference call. The conference call will be available for replay from the company's website.

Statements in this press release or otherwise attributable to the company regarding the company's business which are not historical facts are forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The company cautions investors that such statements are estimates of future performance and are highly dependent upon a variety of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements. Such factors include variability in financing costs; quarterly variations in operating results; dependence on key customers; international exposure; foreign exchange and political risks affecting international sales; changing market conditions; the impact of competitive products and pricing; the timely development and market acceptance of the company's products; the availability and cost of raw materials; and other risks detailed herein and from time-to-time in the company's SEC filings. Any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date hereof, and the company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, except as required by law.

The Middleby Corporation is a global leader in the foodservice industry. The company develops and manufactures a broad line of solutions used in commercial foodservice, food processing, and residential kitchens. Supporting the company's pursuit of the most sophisticated innovation, state-of-the-art Middleby Innovation Kitchens and Residential Showrooms showcase and demonstrate the most advanced Middleby solutions. In 2022 Middleby was named a World's Best Employer by Forbes and is a proud philanthropic partner to organizations addressing food insecurity.

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THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS (Amounts in 000's, Except Per Share Information) (Unaudited)

	Three Mon			Ended	Nine Months Ended				
	3r	d Qtr, 2024	3rd	Qtr, 2023	3r	d Qtr, 2024	3r	d Qtr, 2023	
Net sales	\$	942,809	\$	980,651	\$	2,861,281	\$	3,028,029	
Cost of sales		587,375		605,329		1,779,847		1,880,736	
Gross profit		355,434		375,322		1,081,434		1,147,293	
Selling, general and administrative expenses		179,476		196,433		584,108		615,361	
Restructuring expenses		2,519		4,448	_	11,046		11,698	
Income from operations		173,439		174,441		486,280		520,234	
Interest expense and deferred financing amortization, net		21,399		31,080		72,239		92,071	
Net periodic pension benefit (other than service costs & curtailment)		(3,876)		(2,103)		(11,244)		(6,929)	
Other expense (income), net		1,239		1,072		995	_	2,642	
Earnings before income taxes		154,677		144,392		424,290		432,450	
Provision for income taxes		40,511		35,742		108,161		107,861	
Net earnings	\$	114,166	\$	108,650	\$	316,129	\$	324,589	
Net earnings per share:									
Basic	\$	2.12	\$	2.03	\$	5.88	\$	6.06	
Diluted	\$	2.11	\$	2.01	\$	5.84	\$	5.99	
Weighted average number of shares									
Basic		53,770		53,588	_	53,730		53,569	
Diluted		54,037		54,157		54,168		54,192	

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Amounts in 000's) (Unaudited)

		Sep 28, 2024	Dec 30, 2023
ASSETS		_	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	606,004	\$ 247,496
Accounts receivable, net		614,976	644,576
Inventories, net		905,865	935,867
Prepaid expenses and other		134,364	112,690
Prepaid taxes		30,401	 25,230
Total current assets		2,291,610	1,965,859
Property, plant and equipment, net		510,555	510,898
Goodwill		2,506,810	2,486,310
Other intangibles, net		1,650,962	1,693,076
Long-term deferred tax assets		6,915	7,945
Pension benefits assets		54,887	38,535
Other assets		179,342	 204,069
Total assets	<u>\$</u>	7,201,081	\$ 6,906,692
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current maturities of long-term debt	\$	44,058	\$ 44,822
Accounts payable		214,699	227,080
Accrued expenses		555,955	579,192
Total current liabilities		814,712	 851,094
Long-term debt		2,361,252	2,380,373
Long-term deferred tax liability		241,107	216,143
Accrued pension benefits		11,665	12,128
Other non-current liabilities		179,404	197,065
Stockholders' equity		3,592,941	 3,249,889
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	7,201,081	\$ 6,906,692

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION NON-GAAP SEGMENT INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

(Amounts in 000's, Except Percentages)

	ommercial oodservice	Residential Kitchen	Foo	od Processing	Total Company (1)	
Three Months Ended September 28, 2024						
Net sales	\$ 600,068	\$ 173,218	\$	169,523	\$	942,809
Segment Operating Income	\$ 146,088	\$ 13,170	\$	37,497	\$	173,439
Operating Income % of net sales	24.3 %	7.6 %		22.1 %		18.4 %
Depreciation	7,115	3,906		2,504		13,975
Amortization	11,479	1,814		1,736		15,029
Restructuring expenses	1,247	1,115		157		2,519
Acquisition related adjustments	(957)	219		(717)		(1,455)
Facility consolidation related expenses	_	510		_		510
Charitable support to Ukraine	_					286
Stock compensation	 _	_		_		8,669
Segment adjusted EBITDA (2)	\$ 164,972	\$ 20,734	\$	41,177	\$	212,972
Adjusted EBITDA % of net sales	27.5 %	12.0 %		24.3 %		22.6 %
Three Months Ended September 30, 2023						
Net sales	\$ 634,009	\$ 179,975	\$	166,667	\$	980,651
Segment Operating Income	\$ 158,582	\$ 10,915	\$	37,472	\$	174,441
Operating Income % of net sales	25.0 %	6.1 %		22.5 %		17.8 %
Depreciation	6,957	3,304		1,924		12,588
Amortization	13,959	2,280		2,677		18,916
Restructuring expenses	636	2,873		939		4,448
Acquisition related adjustments	599	337		469		1,405
Charitable support to Ukraine	_	_				118
Stock compensation	 	 <u> </u>				13,175
Segment adjusted EBITDA	\$ 180,733	\$ 19,709	\$	43,481	\$	225,091
Adjusted EBITDA % of net sales	28.5 %	11.0 %		26.1 %		23.0 %

⁽¹⁾ Includes corporate and other general company expenses, which impact Segment Adjusted EBITDA, and amounted to \$13.9 million and \$18.8 million for the three months ended September 28, 2024 and September 30, 2023, respectively.

⁽²⁾ Foreign exchange rates favorably impacted Segment Adjusted EBITDA by approximately \$0.7 million for the three months ended September 28, 2024.

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION NON-GAAP SEGMENT INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

(Amounts in 000's, Except Percentages)

	Commercial Foodservice		Residential Kitchen		Food Processing		tal Company (1)	
Nine Months Ended September 28, 2024					3			
Net sales	\$	1,809,790	\$ 539,881	\$	511,610	\$	2,861,281	
Segment Operating Income	\$	429,459	\$ 27,840	\$	110,333	\$	486,280	
Operating Income % of net sales		23.7 %	5.2 %		21.6 %		17.0 %	
Depreciation		21,043	11,680		6,811		40,829	
Amortization		37,801	5,415		5,451		48,667	
Restructuring expenses		4,850	3,990		2,206		11,046	
Acquisition related adjustments		(271)	(2)		(2,523)		(2,796)	
Facility consolidation related expenses			518		_		518	
Charitable support to Ukraine		_	_		_		462	
Stock compensation		_	_		_		30,139	
Segment adjusted EBITDA (2)	\$	492,882	\$ 49,441	\$	122,278	\$	615,145	
Adjusted EBITDA % of net sales		27.2 %	9.2 %		23.9 %		21.5 %	
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023								
Net sales	\$	1,893,607	\$ 605,504	\$	528,918	\$	3,028,029	
Segment Operating Income	\$	452,113	\$ 51,197	\$	111,483	\$	520,234	
Operating Income % of net sales		23.9 %	8.5 %		21.1 %		17.2 %	
Depreciation		20,134	10,070		5,910		37,088	
Amortization		42,905	6,768		6,946		56,619	
Restructuring expenses		2,658	8,184		856		11,698	
Acquisition related adjustments		2,332	44		1,275		3,651	
Charitable support to Ukraine		_	_		_		607	
Stock compensation		_	_		_		35,305	
Segment adjusted EBITDA	\$	520,142	\$ 76,263	\$	126,470	\$	665,202	
Adjusted EBITDA % of net sales		27.5 %	12.6 %		23.9 %		22.0 %	

⁽¹⁾ Includes corporate and other general company expenses, which impact Segment Adjusted EBITDA, and amounted to \$49.5 million and \$57.7 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2024 and September 30, 2023, respectively.

⁽²⁾ Foreign exchange rates favorably impacted Segment Adjusted EBITDA by \$0.6 million for the nine months ended September 28, 2024.

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION NON-GAAP INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

(Amounts in 000's, Except Percentages)

(Limeane	Three Months Ended								
		3rd Q	tr, 2024	3rd Qtr, 2023					
		\$	Diluted per share		\$	Diluted per share			
Net earnings	\$	114,166	\$ 2.11	\$	108,650	\$ 2.01			
Amortization (1)		16,805	0.31		20,693	0.38			
Restructuring expenses		2,519	0.05		4,448	0.08			
Acquisition related adjustments		(1,455)	(0.03)		1,405	0.03			
Facility consolidation related expenses		510	0.01		_	_			
Net periodic pension benefit (other than service costs & curtailment)		(3,876)	(0.07)		(2,103)	(0.04)			
Charitable support to Ukraine		286	0.01		118	_			
Income tax effect of pre-tax adjustments		(3,875)	(0.07)		(6,091)	(0.11)			
Adjustment for shares excluded due to anti-dilution effect on GAAP net earnings (2)		_	0.01		_	0.02			
Adjusted net earnings	\$	125,080	\$ 2.33	\$	127,120	\$ 2.37			
Diluted weighted average number of shares		54,037			54,157				
Adjustment for shares excluded due to anti-dilution effect on GAAP net earnings (2)		(243)			(550)				
Adjusted diluted weighted average number of shares		53,794			53,607				
			Nine Mor	ths E	nded				
		3rd Q	Nine Mor tr, 2024	ths E		tr, 2023			
		\$		ths E	3rd Qt	tr, 2023 Diluted per share			
Net earnings	\$		tr, 2024	**************************************	3rd Q				
Amortization (1)	\$	\$ 316,129 54,008	tr, 2024 Diluted per share \$ 5.84 1.00		3rd Qt \$ 324,589 61,970	Diluted per share			
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 $^{^{(1)}}$ Includes amortization of deferred financing costs and convertible notes issuance costs.

⁽²⁾ Adjusted diluted weighted average number of shares was calculated based on excluding the dilutive effect of shares to be issued upon conversion of the notes to satisfy the amount in excess of the principal since the company's capped call offsets the dilutive impact of the shares underlying the convertible notes. The calculation of adjusted diluted earnings per share excludes the principal portion of the convertible notes as this will always be settled in cash.

	Three Months Ended					Nine Months Ended			
	3rd Qtr, 2024		3rd Qtr, 2023		3rd Qtr, 2024			3rd Qtr, 2023	
Net Cash Flows Provided By (Used In):									
Operating activities	\$	156,665	\$	219,153	\$	447,082	\$	373,103	
Investing activities		(13,682)		(53,958)		(43,999)		(139,224)	
Financing activities		(3,114)		(150,533)		(45,789)		(225,768)	
Free Cash Flow									
Cash flow from operating activities	\$	156,665	\$	219,153	\$	447,082	\$	373,103	
Less: Capital expenditures		(11,489)		(21,330)		(36,169)		(69,645)	
Free cash flow	\$	145,176	\$	197,823	\$	410,913	\$	303,458	

USE OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

The company supplements its consolidated financial statements presented on a GAAP basis with this non-GAAP financial information to provide investors with greater insight, increase transparency and allow for a more comprehensive understanding of the information used by management in its financial and operational decision-making. The non-GAAP financial measures disclosed by the company should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP, and the financial results prepared in accordance with GAAP and reconciliations from these results should be carefully evaluated. In addition, the non-GAAP financial measures included in this press release do not have standard meanings and may vary from similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies.

The company believes that organic net sales growth, non-GAAP adjusted segment EBITDA, adjusted net earnings and adjusted diluted per share measures are useful as supplements to its GAAP results of operations to evaluate certain aspects of its operations and financial performance, and its management team primarily focuses on non-GAAP items in evaluating performance for business planning purposes. The company also believes that these measures assist it with comparing its performance between various reporting periods on a consistent basis, as these measures remove from operating results the impact of items that, in its opinion, do not reflect its core operating performance including, for example, intangibles amortization expense, impairment charges, restructuring expenses, and other charges which management considers to be outside core operating results.

The company believes that free cash flow is an important measure of operating performance because it provides management and investors a measure of cash generated from operations that is available for mandatory payment obligations and investment opportunities, such as funding acquisitions, repaying debt and repurchasing our common stock.

The company believes that its presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures is useful because it provides investors and securities analysts with the same information that Middleby uses internally for purposes of assessing its core operating performance.