

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

36-3352497
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**1400 Toastmaster Drive
Elgin, Illinois 60120
(847) 741-3300**

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,
including area code, of registrant's principal executive
offices)

TURBOCHEF TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 1994 STOCK OPTION PLAN

(Full title of the Plans)

**Timothy J. FitzGerald
Chief Financial Officer
The Middleby Corporation
1400 Toastmaster Drive
Elgin, Illinois 60120
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(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	6,845 shares	\$390,841	\$27.87

- (1) 6,845 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of The Middleby Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Shares"), are being registered hereunder. Such number of Shares represents the aggregate number of Shares subject to outstanding awards or available for issuance pursuant to the 1994 stock option plan of TurboChef Technologies, Inc. ("TurboChef"), which plan was assumed by The Middleby Corporation ("Middleby" or the "Company") in connection with the merger of TurboChef with and into Chef Acquisition Corp. ("Merger Sub"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Middleby, effective as of January 5, 2009 (the "Merger"). The Shares consist of outstanding options to purchase approximately 6,845 shares under the TurboChef Technologies, Inc. 1994 Stock Option Plan with a weighted average exercise price of \$57.10 per share. The number of Shares subject to outstanding awards or available for issuance under the plan as of the closing of the Merger and registered hereunder and the applicable exercise price have been calculated pursuant to the exchange ratio set forth in the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of August 12, 2008, as amended on November 21, 2008, by and among Middleby, TurboChef and Chef Acquisition Corp. In the event of a stock split, stock dividend, or similar transaction involving the Company's common stock, the number of Shares registered hereby shall automatically be increased to cover the additional shares in accordance with Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act").
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) and (c) of the Securities Act, based upon 6,845 Shares subject to outstanding options with a weighted average exercise price of \$57.10 per share.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, (the "Merger Agreement"), dated as of August 12, 2008, as amended on November 21, 2008, with TurboChef and Merger Sub. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, TurboChef merged with and into Merger Sub. As a result of the merger, each TurboChef stockholder received 0.0486 shares of the Company's common stock and \$3.67 in cash, without interest, for each share of TurboChef common stock held.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, the Company assumed the plan set forth on the cover page hereto (the "Plan").

The Company files this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") relating to its shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, issuable pursuant to the Plan.

PART I

The information specified in Item 1 and Item 2 of Part I of this Registration Statement is omitted from this filing in accordance with the provisions of Rule 428 under the 1933 Act and the introductory note to Part I of the Registration Statement. The documents containing the information specified in Part I will be delivered to the participants in the Plan covered by this Registration Statement as required by Rule 428.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") by the Company pursuant to the 1933 Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), are incorporated herein by reference.

- A. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 3, 2009, filed with the Commission on March 4, 2009.
- B. The Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended April 4, 2009 and July 4, 2009, as filed with the Commission on May 14, 2009 and August 13, 2009, respectively.
- C. The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 6, 2009, January 9, 2009, April 27, 2009, May 1, 2009 and May 13, 2009.
- D. The description of the Company's common stock contained in Item 1 on Form 8-A filed with the Commission on September 8, 2005, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act, as amended, after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and are a part hereof from the date of filing such documents. A report on Form 8-K furnished to the Commission shall not be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP has issued an opinion regarding the validity of the shares of Common Stock offered hereby.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

As permitted by Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL"), the Company's certificate of incorporation provides that a director shall not be personally liable to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except: (i) for any breach of the duty of loyalty; (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or knowing violations of law; (iii) for liability under Section 174 of the DGCL (relating to certain unlawful dividends, stock repurchases or stock redemptions); or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived any improper personal benefit. The effect of these provisions in the Company's certificate of incorporation is to eliminate the rights of the Company and its stockholders (through stockholders' derivative suits on behalf of the Company) to recover monetary damages against a director for breach of the fiduciary duty of care as a director (including breaches resulting from negligent or grossly negligent behavior) except in certain limited situations. These provisions do not limit or eliminate the rights of the Company or any stockholder to seek non-monetary relief such as an injunction or rescission in the event of a breach of a director's duty of care. These provisions do not alter the liability of directors under federal securities laws.

The Company's certificate of incorporation requires the Company to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the Company against

expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. The Company is also required under its certificate of incorporation to advance, to the maximum extent permitted by law, expenses incurred in connection with any such action, suit or proceeding so long as the director or officer undertakes to repay any advanced amounts if it is ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified.

Under Section 145 of the DGCL, (i) the Company may indemnify a director or officer in connection with an action, suit or proceeding (other than in connection with actions by or in the right of the Company) against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company and, in the case of any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe such person's conduct was unlawful. In addition, under Section 145 of the DGCL, the Company may indemnify a director or officer in connection with an action or suit by or in the right of the Company against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company, except that the Company may not so indemnify the director or officer if the director or officer is adjudged to be liable to the Company, unless a court determines that, despite such adjudication but in view of all of the circumstances, the director or officer is entitled to indemnification of such expenses which such court deems proper. Under Section 145 of the DGCL, expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by an officer or director in defending any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Company in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such director or officer to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such person is not entitled to be indemnified by the Company as authorized in Section 145 of the DGCL. In accordance with DGCL Section 145, such expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by former directors and officers may be so paid upon such terms and conditions, if any, as the Company deems appropriate.

The Company maintains an officers' and directors' liability insurance policy insuring the Company's officers and directors against certain liabilities and expenses incurred by them in their capacities as such, and insuring the Company, under certain circumstances, in the event that indemnification payments are made by the Company to such officers and directors.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS

See Index to Exhibits on page 8.

ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (1)(i) and (1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the 1933 Act each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the 1933 Act to any purchaser:

(i) If the Registrant is relying on Rule 430B:

(A) Each prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the 1933 Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date; or

(ii) If the Registrant is subject to Rule 430C, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the 1933 Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this Registration Statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned Registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the 1933 Act each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the 1934 Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the 1934 Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the 1933 Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the 1933 Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the 1933 Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Elgin, Illinois, on this 6th day of November, 2009.

The Middleby Corporation, a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Timothy J. FitzGerald
Timothy J. FitzGerald
Chief Financial Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below, hereby constitutes and appoints Timothy J. FitzGerald and Martin M. Lindsay, and each or any one of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all pre- and post-effective amendments to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and conforming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, or the substitute or substitutes of any or all of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on November 6, 2009.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ Selim A. Bassoul</u> Selim A. Bassoul	Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>/s/ Timothy J. FitzGerald</u> Timothy J. FitzGerald	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
<u>/s/ Robert B. Lamb</u> Robert B. Lamb	Director
<u>/s/ Ryan Levenson</u> Ryan Levenson	Director
<u>/s/ John R. Miller III</u> John R. Miller III	Director
<u>/s/ Gordon O'Brien</u> Gordon O'Brien	Director
<u>/s/ Philip G. Putnam</u> Philip G. Putnam	Director
<u>/s/ Sabin C. Streeter</u> Sabin C. Streeter	Director

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT

- 5.1 Opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
- 10.1 TurboChef Technologies, Inc. 1994 Stock Option Plan, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to TurboChef's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-81571, filed with the Commission on June 25, 1999).
- 23.1 Consent of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
- 23.2 Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney (included on signature page to this Registration Statement)

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
155 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

November 6, 2009

The Middleby Corporation
1400 Toastmaster Drive
Elgin, Illinois 60120

Re: The Middleby Corporation
Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to The Middleby Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and are delivering this opinion in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-8 of the Company (together with all exhibits thereto, the "Registration Statement") being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on the date hereof, relating to the registration by the Company of shares (the "Plan Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), issuable under the TurboChef Technologies, Inc. 1994 Stock Option Plan (the "Plan").

This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act").

In connection with this opinion, we have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of (i) the Registration Statement, as filed with the Commission under the Act on the date hereof; (ii) the Plan; (iii) a specimen certificate representing the Common Stock; (iv) the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as certified by the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware; (v) the Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as certified by the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware; (vi) the Second Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company, as certified by the Secretary of the Company; and (vii) certain resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Company approving the assumption of the Plan and the filing of the Registration Statement. We also have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such records of the Company and such agreements, certificates of public officials, certificates of officers or other representatives of the Company and others, and such other documents, certificates and records as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinions set forth below.

In our examination, we have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as facsimile, electronic, certified or photostatic copies, and the authenticity of the originals of such copies. In making our examination of documents executed or to be executed, we have assumed that the parties thereto, other than the Company, had or will have the power, corporate or other, to enter into and perform all obligations thereunder and have also assumed the due authorization by all requisite action, corporate or other, and the execution and delivery by such parties of such documents and the validity and binding effect thereof on such parties. As to any facts material to the opinions expressed herein that we did not independently establish or verify, we have relied upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others and of public officials. The opinion set forth below is subject to the following further qualifications, assumptions and limitations that:

- (a) the Plan Shares will be issued in accordance with the terms of the Plan;
- (b) each award agreement setting forth the terms of each grant of stock options or other awards under the Plan (each an "Award Agreement") is consistent with the Plan and has been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the parties thereto;
- (c) the consideration received by the Company for each Plan Share delivered pursuant to the Plan shall not be less than the par value of the Common Stock; and
- (d) the registrar and transfer agent for the Common Stock will duly register such issuance and countersign the stock certificates evidencing such Plan Shares and such stock certificates will conform to the specimen certificate examined by us.

We do not express any opinion as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

Based upon the foregoing and subject to the limitations, qualifications and assumptions set forth herein, we are of the opinion that the Plan Shares have been duly authorized for issuance by the Company and, when delivered and paid for in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, the Plan Shares will be validly issued and, subject to the restrictions imposed by the Plan and any such Award Agreement, fully paid and nonassessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. We also consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel" in the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are included in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meager & Flom LLP

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this registration statement on Form S-8 of our report dated March 4, 2009, relating to the financial statements and financial statement schedule of The Middleby Corporation, which report expresses an unqualified opinion and includes an explanatory paragraph referring to The Middleby Corporation's adoption of FASB Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes*, and the effectiveness of The Middleby Corporation's internal control over financial reporting included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of The Middleby Corporation for the year ended January 3, 2009.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Chicago, IL
November 2, 2009