

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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): **July 16, 2018**

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-9973
(Commission File Number)

36-3352497
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60120
(Zip Code)

(847) 741-3300
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(c) On July 16, 2018, Bryan E. Mittelman, 48, was appointed Chief Accounting Officer of The Middleby Corporation (the "Company"). Since February 2014, Mr. Mittelman had been Vice President, Controller at Knowles Corporation. Prior to joining Knowles Corporation in September 2013, Mr. Mittelman was Corporate Controller at Morningstar, Inc. from December 2011 to September 2013. Mr. Mittelman's additional prior experience includes finance and accounting roles at Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, Dade Behring and Arthur Andersen. Mr. Mittelman is a Certified Public Accountant and is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis.

The Company has agreed to pay Mr. Mittelman a salary, bonus and equity awards, and Mr. Mittelman will be eligible to participate in other benefit (including severance) and compensation plans, at levels consistent with his seniority and scope of responsibility.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Mr. Mittelman and any other persons pursuant to which he was selected as chief accounting officer. There are also no family relationships between Mr. Mittelman and any director or executive officer of the Company, and he has no direct or indirect material interest in any transaction required to be disclosed pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

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.

Dated: July 18, 2018

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Timothy J. FitzGerald
Timothy J. FitzGerald
Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer