

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. __)

MIDDLEBY CORPORATION
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)

596278101
(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 1998
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

/x/ Rule 13d-1(b)
/ / Rule 13d-1(c)
/ / Rule 13d-1(d)

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1
Names of Reporting Persons
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

Brinson Partners, Inc.
36-3664388

2
Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
a / /
b /x/ See Item 8 of attached schedule.

3
SEC USE ONLY

4

Citizenship or Place of Organization - Delaware

Number of 5. Sole Voting Power
Shares Bene- 6. Shared Voting Power 776,700
ficially 7. Sole Dispositive Power
Owned by Each 8. Shared Dispositive Power 776,700
Reporting
Person With:

9
Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
776,700 Shares *

10
Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain
Shares (See Instructions)

11
Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
7.1%

12
Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
IA

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such securities.

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1
Names of Reporting Persons
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).

UBS AG
98-0186363

2
Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See
Instructions)
a / /
b /x/ See Item 8 of attached schedule.

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SEC USE ONLY

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Citizenship or Place of Organization - Switzerland

Number of 5. Sole Voting Power
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Reporting
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776,700 Shares *

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Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain
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Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
7.1%

Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
BK See Item 3 of attached schedule.

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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:
MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
2850 W. Golf Road
Suite 405
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Item 2(a) Name of Persons Filing:
Brinson Partners, Inc. ("BPI") and UBS AG ("UBSAG").
Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none,
Residence:
BPI's principal business office is located at:
209 South LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois 60604-1295
UBSAG's principal business office is located at:
Bahnhofstrasse 45
8021, Zurich, Switzerland

Item 2(c) Citizenship:
Incorporated by reference to Item 4 of the cover pages.

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:
Common Stock (the "Common Stock")

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:
596278101

Item 3. Type of Person Filing:
BPI is an Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of
the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. UBS AG is classified as
a Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act pursuant to
no action relief granted by the staff of the Securities and
Exchange Commission.

Item 4 (a)-(c)(iv). Ownership:
Incorporated by reference to Items 5-11 of the cover pages.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:
If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as
of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the
beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of
securities, check the following / /.

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Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of
Another Person:
Accounts managed on a discretionary basis by BPI and/or UBS
AG have the right to receive or the power to direct the
receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of,
the Common Stock. No account holds more than 5 percent of

the outstanding Common Stock.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary
Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent
Holding Company:
[See item 3 above]

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the
Group:
BPI is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of UBS AG. UBS AG
is reporting indirect beneficial ownership of holdings by
reason of its ownership of BPI and UBS (USA) Inc., a parent
holding company of BPI. UBS AG does not hereby affirm the
existence of a group within the meaning of Rule 13d-5(b)(1).

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:
Not Applicable

Item 10 Certification:
By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge
and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired
and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not
acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the
effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer
of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in
connection with or as a participant in any transaction having
that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and
belief, I certify that the information set forth in this
statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 3, 1999

Brinson Partners, Inc.

By:/s/ Mark F. Kemper	By:/s/ Samuel W. Anderson
Mark F. Kemper	Samuel W. Anderson
Assistant Secretary	Vice President and Secretary

UBS AG

By: /s/ Louis R. Eber	By:/s/ Janet R. Zimmer
Louis R. Eber	Janet R. Zimmer
Executive Director	Executive Director

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EXHIBIT 1
AGREEMENT TO MAKE A JOINT FILING

Brinson Partners, Inc. and UBS AG each agrees that this
Schedule 13G (including all amendments thereto) is filed by
and on behalf of each such party.

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