

MIDDLEBY CORP

Form 4

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 1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
 SECURITIES**

 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FITZGERALD TIMOTHY JOHN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O MIDDLEBY
 CORPORATION, 1400
 TOASTMASTER DRIVE**

(Street)

ELGIN, IL 60120

(City) (State) (Zip)

 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
 Symbol
MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD]
 3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
03/19/2015
 4. If Amendment, Date Original
 Filed(Month/Day/Year)

 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
 Issuer

(Check all applicable)

 _____ Director _____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

Chief Financial Officer

 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
 Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 _____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
 Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/19/2015		A ⁽¹⁾	31,323 (1)	A \$ 0 (1) 230,514	D	
Common Stock	03/19/2015		F ⁽²⁾	14,294 (2)	D \$ 106.64 (2) 216,220	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
FITZGERALD TIMOTHY JOHN C/O MIDDLEBY CORPORATION 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE ELGIN, IL 60120	Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

Martin M.
Lindsay POA 03/25/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents shares acquired upon vesting of performance-based restricted stock that were awarded on February 24, 2014.
- (2) Transaction related to the surrender of shares to fund reporting person's tax liability related to vesting of performance-based restricted stock.

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