

MIDDLEBY CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 24, 2008

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 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): **April 23, 2008**

**THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b><br>(State or Other Jurisdiction)   | <b>1-9973</b><br>(Commission File Number) | <b>36-3352497</b><br>(IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| <b>of Incorporation)</b>   |   |  |
| <b>1400 Toastmaster Drive, Elgin, Illinois</b><br>(Address of Principal Executive Offices) | <b>60120</b><br>(Zip Code)                |  |
| <b>(847) 741-3300</b><br>(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:

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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))

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On April 23, 2008, The Middleby Corporation issued a press release announcing it acquired the net assets and related business operations of FriFri aro SA from the Franke Group. A copy of that press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished pursuant to 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.**

**(c) Exhibits.**

**Exhibit No. Description**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated April 23, 2008 of The Middleby Corporation.

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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: April 23, 2008 By: /s/ Timothy J. FitzGerald  
Timothy J. FitzGerald  
Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit 99.1      The Middleby Corporation press release dated April 23, 2008.