

MIDDLEBY CORP  
Form 8-K  
June 22, 2018

**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): **June 22, 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)

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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 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.**

On June 22, 2018, The Middleby Corporation (the Company) and Middleby Marshall Inc., a direct wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ( Purchaser ), completed their previously announced acquisition of the Taylor Company (the Acquisition) pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 18, 2018 (the Stock Purchase Agreement), with United Technologies Corporation, a Delaware corporation ( UTC ), Carrier Corporation, a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of UTC ( Parent ), and Carrier Asia Limited, a company limited by shares registered in Hong Kong and a wholly owned subsidiary of UTC (together with Parent, Sellers). The Company, through Purchaser and other affiliates, acquired the Taylor Company business from Sellers for \$1 billion in cash, subject to certain adjustments set forth in the Stock Purchase Agreement. In connection with the Acquisition, the Company borrowed approximately \$1 billion under its five-year, \$2.5 billion amended and restated multi-currency revolving credit agreement (the Credit Agreement). A portion of the borrowings, along with cash on hand, was used to fund the purchase price for the Acquisition. As a result of the borrowings, the Company had approximately \$2.153 billion of borrowings outstanding under the Credit Agreement.

The Stock Purchase Agreement was filed as Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2018.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The information set forth in Item 2.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K with respect to the Credit Agreement is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On June 22, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing the completion of the Acquisition. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 (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.**

**(a) Financial statements of business acquired.**

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The financial statements required by Item 9.01(a) of Form 8-K will be filed by an amendment to this Current Report on Form 8-K no later than 71 calendar days after the date this Current Report on Form 8-K was required to be filed.

**(b) Pro forma financial information.**

The pro forma financial information required by Item 9.01(b) of Form 8-K will be filed by an amendment to this Current Report on Form 8-K no later than 71 calendar days after the date this Current Report on Form 8-K was required to be filed.

**(d) Exhibits**

| Exhibit No. | Description                              |
|-------------|--|
| 99.1        | <u>Press release dated June 22, 2018</u> |

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: June 22, 2018

THE MIDDLEBY CORPORATION

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