



## News Release

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Welbilt Brands receive two 2019 NRA KI Awards

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### **Welbilt Brands receive two 2019 NRA Kitchen Innovation Awards**

Celebrating its 15th anniversary, this prestigious foodservice industry award recognizes innovative new equipment that delivers advancements in speed, efficiency, safety, and more.

**Chicago, IL — February 21, 2019** — The National Restaurant Association Show today announces the recipients of the 2019 Kitchen Innovations (KI) Awards, honoring progressive equipment that increases efficiencies and productivity. Each recipient and each product honoree will be showcased in the interactive Kitchen Innovations Showroom at the 2019 National Restaurant Association Restaurant, Hotel-Motel Show®, to be held May 18-21 in Chicago at McCormick Place. Visit products in KI Booth # 2440.

#### **Manitowoc Ice Indigo NXT®**

Ice production and efficiency. The Indigo NXT line achieves both, with refinements that enable a combination of efficient rotary compressors and environmentally friendly R410a refrigerant, neither seen before in U.S. icemaking. In fact, Indigo NXT produces roughly 50 lbs. more ice daily and is an average of 11% more efficient than models using R404a.

#### **Merco Visual Holding Cabinet® with Tray Tracking Technology**

Everyone knows how timers work. You set them, and they count down. Merco's new Tray Tracking Technology takes it up a notch. Insert a tray and the timer starts automatically and counts down—and if you need to move the tray, the timer electronically stays with it, tracks to the new location, and continues counting.

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#### **About the National Restaurant Association**

Founded in 1919, the National Restaurant Association is the leading business association for the restaurant industry, which comprises more than one million restaurant and foodservice outlets and a workforce of 15.1 million employees. We represent the industry in Washington, D.C., and in partnership with 52 state associations, we advocate on our industry's behalf in states and locations across the nation. We manage the leading food safety training and certification program ([ServSafe](#)); a unique career-building high school program (the NRAEF's [ProStart](#)); and sponsor the industry's largest annual trade show ([National Restaurant Association Show](#) May 18-21, 2019, in Chicago). For more information, visit the Show on social at [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

#### **About Winsight LLC**

Winsight LLC is a business-to-business information, event and market intelligence company serving the restaurant and noncommercial foodservice, convenience and petroleum retailing and grocery industries. Winsight provides research and analytics, branding solutions, face-to-face opportunities, lead generation

initiatives, and content marketing services through products including subscription data products, reports, research tools, research programs, fully custom studies, conferences, custom marketing services, meetings, print, digital trade media and tradeshow, including the National Restaurant Association Show. Winsight LLC is a portfolio company of Pamlico Capital.

**About Welbilt, Inc.**

Welbilt, Inc. provides the world's top chefs, premier chain operators and growing independents with industry-leading equipment and solutions. Our innovative products and solutions are powered by our deep knowledge, operator insights, and culinary expertise. Our portfolio of award-winning product brands includes Cleveland™, Convotherm®, Crem®, Delfield®, Frymaster®, Garland®, Kolpak®, Lincoln™, Manitowoc® Ice, Merco®, Merrychef® and Multiplex®. These product brands are supported by two service brands: FitKitchen®, our fully-integrated kitchen systems brand, and KitchenCare®, our aftermarket parts and service brand. Headquartered in the Tampa Bay region of Florida and operating 21 manufacturing facilities throughout the Americas, Europe and Asia, we sell through a global network of over 5,000 distributors, dealers, buying groups and manufacturers' representatives in over 100 countries. We have approximately 5,500 employees and generated sales of \$1.6 billion in 2018. For more information, visit [www.welbilt.com](http://www.welbilt.com).