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**Bill Thompson Named General Manager of Convotherm US**

**CHICAGO (June 22, 2026)** – Welbilt®, an Ali Group company and a global leader in foodservice equipment and solutions, today announced the appointment of Bill Thompson as General Manager of Convotherm US, effective July 1, 2026.

Thompson brings to the position more than a decade of leadership experience at Welbilt, having joined the organization in 2012. Over the course of his career, he has held a variety of roles with increasing responsibility across both the Convotherm and Merrychef brands. His previous positions at Convotherm include Field Marketing Manager for North and South America, and Director of Product Management, giving him a deep foundation in the brand's strategy, product development and customer needs.

Since 2023, Thompson has served as Vice President of Global Sales for Merrychef, where he has played a key role in driving global growth and strengthening customer partnerships across multiple regions.

"We are pleased to welcome Bill back to Convotherm," said Claus Pedersen, President of Convotherm. "His deep understanding of the business, combined with his proven leadership and global perspective, position him well to lead the Convotherm US organization forward."

**About Welbilt, Inc.**

Welbilt, Inc., an Ali Group company, 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 Adamatic®, Aladdin Temp-Rite®, Amana® Commercial, American Dish Service®, Belshaw®, Beverage-Air®, BGI®, Bi-Line®, BUNN®, Burlodge®, Carpigiani®, Champion®, Cleveland®, CMA® Dishmachines, Convotherm®, Dean®, Delfield®, Edlund®, Egro®, Electro Freeze®, Eloma®, Frymaster®, Garland®, Harford™, Ice-O-Matic®, Inducis®, Kold-Draft®, Kolpak®, Lincoln®, McCann's™, Menumaster® Commercial, Merco®, Merrychef®, Metro®, Moffat®, Montague®, Moyer Diebel®, Multiplex®, Rancilio®, Rancilio Specialty™, RDI®, Scotsman®, SerVend®, SunFire®, Turbofan®, U.S. Range™, Victory®, V-Air™ and XpressChef®. Welbilt is also supported by a portfolio of service brands that enhance and maintain kitchen operations. FitKitchen® provides integrated kitchen systems, while KitchenCare® delivers aftermarket service solutions for commercial foodservice operations. KitchenConnect® offers a cloud-based open platform for connected kitchen solutions, ensuring seamless integration and efficiency. For the marine industry, Welbilt Marine specializes in advanced kitchen and galley solutions, while GalleyCare™ provides dedicated aftermarket service specifically for Welbilt Marine's cruise line solutions. Headquartered in the greater Chicago area, Welbilt operates manufacturing facilities throughout the Americas and sells through a network of distributors, dealers, buying groups and manufacturers' representatives.

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