

## ITW Food Equipment Group Brands Recognized for Best in Class Products

*Hobart, Traulsen and Vulcan Recognized in Multiple Product Categories*

GLENVIEW, Illinois – (Oct. 03, 2017) – For the seventeenth consecutive year, ITW Food Equipment Group products have been recognized by foodservice operators, consultants and dealers as the industry’s category leaders.

Foodservice Equipment & Supplies (FE&S) magazine’s annual Best in Class Awards once again recognize Hobart, Traulsen and Vulcan for outstanding equipment quality and performance. Winners of Best in Class Awards are acknowledged for manufacturing what industry leaders distinguish as the best food and kitchen equipment products.

“Being recognized ‘Best in Class’ by our peers in the foodservice and food retail industry who supply, specify and operate our equipment is an honor. It’s a distinction that we strive to achieve each year, as we’ve built our business around the concept of customer-back innovation, compelling us to work with our customers to understand their pain points; then design and deliver equipment that helps solve those pain points,” said Lei Schlitz, Executive Vice President, ITW Food Equipment Group. “It’s gratifying to know our inspiration and hard work are achieving the intended results—providing our customers with equipment they can trust to work hard and deliver quality, consistent results day in and day out.”

FE&S magazine’s Best in Class Awards recognize food equipment and supply manufacturers that have achieved best in class status in the eyes of their supply chain partners. FE&S determines this by asking foodservice operators, dealers and consultants to evaluate equipment based on seven characteristics: quality, value, design and aesthetics, inventory and availability, service and support, sales representation and information availability.

2017 ITW Food Equipment Group category winners include:

Hobart	Traulsen	Vulcan
Floor Mixers Electric Slicers Dishwashers	Blast Chillers	Charbroilers Gas and Electric Ranges Countertop Griddles

This is the seventeenth year that an ITW FEG brand has appeared on the FE&S Best in Class list, having won every year since the magazine began the awards in 2001.

ITW Food Equipment Group and its family of premium brands, including Hobart, Baxter, Traulsen, Vulcan, Wolf, Berkel, Gaylord, Somat, Stero, Kairak and Peerless Food Equipment (among other global brands), manufacture and service commercial food equipment that is built to last and designed to deliver superior quality and performance, as well as energy and resource efficiency.



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“As a proud supporter of foodservice professionals everywhere, ITW Food Equipment Group will continue to manufacture industry-leading equipment that outperforms, every day, all at a lower total cost of ownership than our competitors,” Schlitz said.

For more information about ITW Food Equipment Group brands and equipment, visit [www.itwfoodequipment.com](http://www.itwfoodequipment.com).

#### **About ITW Food Equipment Group—North America**

ITW Food Equipment Group, a division of Illinois Tool Works and an ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year for ten consecutive years, embodies a family of premium brands found in commercial kitchens, bakeries, delis and groceries around the world—brands including Hobart, Traulsen, Baxter, Vulcan, Wolf and Berkel to name a few. Backed by the industry’s only nationwide network of 1,500 factory-trained service technicians, ITW Food Equipment Group offers commercial food equipment and service to support foodservice and food retail professionals with food preparation, refrigeration, cooking and baking, dishwashing, food waste reduction, weighing, labeling and packaging.

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