

ACUITY BRANDS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Black Mark A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170
PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE
2300

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

11/09/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
EVP

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	11/09/2016		S		\$ 243.05 (1)	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2016		M		\$ 103.74	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2016		M		\$ 135.63	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2016		M		\$ 207.8	D	
	11/09/2016		S		\$ 38,410 (2)	D	

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Common Stock \$ 243.05
(1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 103.74	11/09/2016		M	3,233	<u>(3)</u> 10/23/2023	Common Stock	3,233
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 135.63	11/09/2016		M	4,156	<u>(4)</u> 10/26/2024	Common Stock	4,156
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 207.8	11/09/2016		M	3,155	<u>(5)</u> 10/26/2025	Common Stock	3,155

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Black Mark A
 C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.
 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300
 ATLANTA, GA 30309

EVP

Signatures

/s/ Mark A. Black 11/09/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$243.00 to \$243.29, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to Acuity Brands, Inc., any security holder of Acuity Brands, Inc., or the staff of the Security and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth herein.
- (1) The total direct shares owned includes 38,410 time-vesting restricted shares.
 - (2) This option vested ratably over a three-year period and became fully vested on October 24, 2016.
 - (3) This option vests ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on October 27, 2017.
 - (4) This option vests ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on October 26, 2018.

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