ACUITY BRANDS INC

Form 4

November 10, 2016

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

11/09/2016

Director X_ Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify below)

2300

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

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ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (4 and 5 (A) or	` ′	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/09/2016		Code V S	3,762	(D)	\$ 243.05 \(\frac{(1)}{2}\)	38,410 (2)	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2016		M	3,233	A	\$ 103.74	41,643 (2)	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2016		M	4,156	A	\$ 135.63	45,799 (2)	D	
Common Stock	11/09/2016		M	3,155	A	\$ 207.8	48,954 (2)	D	
	11/09/2016		S	10,544	D		38,410 (2)	D	

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Common \$
Stock 243.05

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 Derive Securi (Instr.	ntive ty	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shares
	Qualified COption	\$ 103.74	11/09/2016		M	3,233	(3)	10/23/2023	Common Stock	3,23
	Qualified Option	\$ 135.63	11/09/2016		M	4,156	<u>(4)</u>	10/26/2024	Common Stock	4,15
	Qualified Option	\$ 207.8	11/09/2016		M	3,155	(5)	10/26/2025	Common Stock	3,15

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

Signatures

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

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

Reporting Owners 2

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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,
- (1) 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.
- (2) The total direct shares owned includes 38,410 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (3) This option vested ratably over a three-year period and became fully vested on October 24, 2016.
- (4) This option vests ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on October 27, 2017.
- (5) This option vests ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on October 26, 2018.

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