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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Black Mark A | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer |
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ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170 07/14/2017 below) below) **EVP**

PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300

(Street)

(State)

(Zin)

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City)

| (City) | (State) | Tab | le I - Non- | Derivative Se | ecurities Acquir | ed, Disposed of, | or Beneficially | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|------------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities on Disposed (Instr. 3, 4 and (Amount (E | A) r O) Price | 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 | 07/14/2017 | | S | 5,427 D | \$ 205.2917 | 29,477 (2) | D | |

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)

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| | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Titl | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
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| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transact Code (Instr. 8) | orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | : | | Amou Under Securi (Instr. | lying | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

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 | | | EVP | | | |
| ATLANTA, GA 30309 | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Jill A. Gilmer, under Power of Attorney for Mark A.

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07/17/2017

**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 \$203.82 to \$206.43, 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 29,477 time-vesting restricted shares.

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