

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NAGEL VERNON J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)  
04/20/2016

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)  
Chairman, President, and CEO

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (A) or (D)                                               | Price                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 04/20/2016                           |                                                    | M                              |                                                                   | 8,865                                                                                         | A                                                        | \$ 46.29                                   |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | 209,070 <sup>(1)</sup>                     |
| Common Stock                    | 04/20/2016                           |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 8,865                                                                                         | D                                                        | \$ 259.24                                  |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | 200,205 <sup>(1)</sup>                     |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | <sup>(2)</sup>                             |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | 80,000                                     |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               | I                                                        | by Trust                                   |

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                 | \$ 46.29                                               | 04/20/2016                           |                                                    | M                              | 8,865                                                                                   | <sup>(3)</sup> 10/23/2021                                | Common Stock                                                  | 8,865                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| NAGEL VERNON J<br>1170 PEACHTREE STREET NE<br>SUITE 2300<br>ATLANTA, GA 30309 | X             |           | Chairman, President, and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Vernon J. Nagel 04/22/2016

\*\*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).

(1) The total direct shares owned includes 46,119 time-vesting restricted shares.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$259.00 to \$259.82, 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.

(3) This option vested ratably over a three-year period and became fully vested on October 24, 2014.

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