FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name ar	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [ AYI ]									theck all ap	ip of Reportii plicable) ctor	ng Per	rson(s) to Is:							
					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/01/2018									Offi belo	cer (give title w)		Other ( below)	specify		
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE SUITE 2300							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) ATLANTA GA 303			30309												X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City) (State) (Zip)																				
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Executi			Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		urities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3,		nd Secu Bene	ficially d Following	Forn (D) o	Ownership m: Direct or Indirect Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	Price	Trans	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(11341.4)		
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 Da if any (Month/Day/Y	ate, Tr	Code (Ins				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				C	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Exp Dat	piration te	Title	Amount or Number of Shares							
Stock Units	(1)	05/01/2018			A		250		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	250 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$124.94	6,769		D			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 1-for-1
- $2. \, Stock \, Units \, is sued \, pursuant \, to \, the \, Plan \, are \, payable \, in \, common \, shares \, upon \, retirement \, in \, either \, a \, lump \, sum \, or \, five \, annual \, installments.$
- 3. Stock Units are accrued under the Issuer's Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Compensation Plan (formerly known as the Nonemployee Directors' Stock Unit Plan) and are payable in shares upon retirement in either lump sum or five annual installments. Accruals include required and elective deferral of director fees. During the Reporting Period, fees paid to the Reporting Person resulted in an increase in the number of units held.

## Remarks:

<u>/s/ Jill A. Gilmer under Power</u> <u>of Attorney for Norman H.</u> <u>05/02/2018</u> <u>Wesley</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- \* 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).

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