FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* WESLEY NORMAN H						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issi (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Ow					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, SUITE 2400							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2012									r (give title)		Other (s below)	specify	
(Street) ATLANTA GA 30309 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Line)	. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																				
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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 I if any (Month/Day	Date, T	Code (Ins				6. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		D S (I	Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)		ly C	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				C	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		xpiration ate	Title	Amor or Numi of Share	per						
Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	(2)	11/01/2012			A		392		(1)		(3)	Common Stock	39.	2	\$63.73	2,483		D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 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.
- 2. 1-for-1
- 3. Stock Units issued pursuant to the Plan are payable in common shares upon retirement in either a lump sum or five annual installments.

Norman H. Wesley <u>11/01/2012</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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