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 and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI] | | | | | | | | | Relationsh heck all ap X Dire | , | g Per | son(s) to Iss | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|---------|---|--|--------|--------|--|--|---------|--|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| (Last) (Filst) (Milate) | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2020 | | | | | | | | | Offi belo | er (give title w) | | Other (below) | specify | |
| 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, STE. 2300 | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | |
| (Street) ATLANTA GA 30309 | | 30309 | | | | | | | | | | | X For | Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Non-l | Deriva | ative | Sec | uritie | es A | cquired, D | ispo | osed (| of, or Be | eneficia | ılly Own | ed | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date) | | | | | Executi | | | n Date | Code (In | Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 Code (Instr. 5) | | | | nd Secu Bene | ties For cially (D) Following (I) | | rm: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | / A | Amount | (A) (D) | Price | Trans | action(s) 3 and 4) | | | (111341.4) | |
| | 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 | 4. Transactio Code (Inst 8) | | | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | | у | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | C | ode | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expi Date | iration | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Stock Units | (1) | 02/03/2020 | | | A | | 301 | | (2) | | (2) | Common Stock | 301 ⁽³⁾ | \$120.48 | 25,644 | | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 1-for-1
- 2. Stock Units issued 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:

/s/ Jill A. Gilmer under Power of Attorney for Peter C. 02/03/2020 Browning

** 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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