FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* WESLEY NORMAN H					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]								(Che	Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issue (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owns					
(Last)	•	irst) (3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/01/2012									-	•	r (give title		Other (s		
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(Street) ATLANTA GA 30309					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line)	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City)	(St	tate) ((Zip)												Perso	n			
		Tab	le I - Non-	Deriva	tive	Sec	uritie	es Ac	quired,	Dis	posed	of, or B	enef	icially	y Owne	d			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da						Execut			Code (Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		rities Acqui ed Of (D) (Ir		4 and Securit Benefic Owned		es ially Following	6. Owne Form: D (D) or In (I) (Instr	irect direct 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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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/Ye	ate, Tr	4. Transacti Code (Ins) 8)				6. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Day	Date		Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr.	nership rm: ect (D) Indirect	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				C	ode '	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		opiration	Title	Amo or Num of Sha	ber					
Stock Units ⁽¹⁾	(2)	02/01/2012			A		279		(1)		(3)	Common Stock	27	79	\$58.23	1,526		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.

<u>Norman H. Wesley</u> 02/01/2012

** 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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