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Acuity Brands, Inc.

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# ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

## Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on Friday, January 6, 2012

The Proxy Statement and Annual Report are available at:  
<http://www.proxyvoting.com/ayi>

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.



*If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before December 23, 2011 to facilitate timely delivery.*

**TO REQUEST PAPER OR E-MAIL COPIES OF PROXY MATERIALS:**  
(please reference your 11-digit control number when requesting materials)

By opting out to receive printed materials, you are setting your preference for future proxy mailings. Your election will be kept on file until we receive notification of a change in preference.

Telephone: **1-888-313-0164**  
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Email: **shrrelations@bnymellon.com**  
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Internet: **<http://www.proxyvoting.com/ayi>**

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Dear ACUITY BRANDS, INC. Stockholder:

The 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of ACUITY BRANDS, INC. (the "Company") will be held in the Ballroom at the Four Seasons Hotel, 75 Fourteenth Street NE, Atlanta, Georgia, on Friday, January 6, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. (local time).

Proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting:

- (1) to elect three directors;
- (2) ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm;
- (3) advisably approve named executive officer compensation;
- (4) advisably select frequency of future advisory votes on named executive officer compensation; and
- (5) approve the 2011 Nonemployee Director Deferred Compensation Plan.

**Management recommends a vote "FOR" Items 1, 2, 3, and 5 and "1 Year" for Item 4.**

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on November 9, 2011 as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

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Stockholders of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting.

**Meeting Location:**

Ballroom at the Four Seasons Hotel  
75 Fourteenth Street NE  
Atlanta, Georgia

**The following Proxy Materials are available for you to review online:**

- the Company's 2011 Proxy Statement;
- the Company's Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2011; and
- any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders.

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**HOW TO VOTE BY INTERNET**

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