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ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on January 6, 2017.**

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.



ACUITY BRANDS, INC.
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE
SUITE 2300
ATLANTA, GA 30309

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting
For holders as of: November 11, 2016
Date: January 6, 2017 **Time:** 11:00 am, Eastern Time
Location: Four Seasons Hotel
75 Fourteenth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the company named above.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

— **Before You Vote** —
How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

How to View Online:

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- 1) BY INTERNET: www.proxyvote.com
- 2) BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-579-1639
- 3) BY E-MAIL*: sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

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— **How To Vote** —
Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

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Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting Items

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" ITEMS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 AND A VOTE "AGAINST" ITEM 5.

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (Term expiring at the annual meeting for the 2019 fiscal year)

Nominees:

- 01) W. Patrick Battle
- 02) Gordon D. Harnett
- 03) Robert F. McCullough
- 04) Dominic J. Pileggi

2. Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm.

3. Advisory vote to approve named executive officer compensation.

4. Approval of the amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation to declassify the Board of Directors.

5. Approval of stockholder proposal related to dividend policy (if properly presented).

6. Consider and act upon such other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

