

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HOLCOM KAREN J</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC.</u> <u>1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, SUITE</u> <u>2300</u> (Street) <u>ATLANTA GA 30309</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/01/2019</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>SVP & Chief Financial Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	15,382 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	600.3032	I	By 401(k) Plan

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Non-Qualified Stock Option	(2)	10/24/2021	Common Stock	1,150	46.29	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	(3)	10/23/2022	Common Stock	2,240	62.54	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	(4)	10/24/2023	Common Stock	1,456	103.74	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	(5)	10/27/2024	Common Stock	2,004	135.63	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	(6)	10/26/2025	Common Stock	1,590	207.8	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	(7)	10/24/2026	Common Stock	1,794	239.76	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	(8)	10/25/2027	Common Stock	1,314	156.39	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	(9)	10/24/2028	Common Stock	2,936	116.36	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The total direct shares owned includes 8,866 time-vesting restricted shares and 4 shares held in the employee stock purchase plan.
- This option, granted on October 24, 2011, vested in equal annual installments over a three-year period and was fully vested on October 24, 2014.
- This option, granted on October 23, 2012, vested in equal annual installments over a three-year period and was fully vested on October 23, 2015.
- This option, granted on October 24, 2013, vested in equal annual installments over a three-year period and was fully vested on October 24, 2016.
- This option, granted on October 27, 2014, vested in equal annual installments over a three-year period and was fully vested on October 27, 2017.
- This option, granted on October 26, 2015, vested in equal annual installments over a three-year period and was fully vested on October 26, 2018.
- This option, granted on October 24, 2016, vests in equal annual installments over a three-year period and will become fully vested on October 24, 2019.
- This option, granted on October 25, 2017, vests in equal annual installments over a three-year period and will become fully vested on October 25, 2020.
- This option, granted on October 24, 2018, vests in equal annual installments over a three-year period and will become fully vested on October 24, 2021.

Remarks:

Karen J. Holcom09/05/2019

** 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 5 (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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