
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 9, 2010

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
Company or organization)

001-16583
(Commission File Number)

58-2632672
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1170 Peachtree St., N.E., Suite 2400, Atlanta, GA
(Address of principal executive offices)

30309
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 404-853-1400

Not Applicable
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On November 10, 2010, Acuity Brands, Inc. (the "Company") will participate in the Robert W. Baird Industrial Conference in Chicago, Illinois. Vernon J. Nagel, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of the Company will deliver a presentation at the event discussing recent business performance and other subjects of interest to investors. A copy of the materials presented at the conference is available on Acuity Brands' website at <http://www.acuitybrands.com>. A copy of the presentation is included as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as shall to, and does not, constitute a representation that such furnishing is required by Regulation FD or that the information this current report contains is material investor information that is not otherwise publicly available.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Presentation dated November 10, 2010

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 9, 2010

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Richard K. Reece
Richard K. Reece
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Presentation dated November 10, 2010



Robert W. Baird Industrial Conference

November 10, 2010

Vernon J. Nagel

Chairman, President & CEO

Forward Looking Statement

This presentation contains forward-looking statements, within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements made herein that may be considered forward-looking include statements incorporating terms such as "expects," "believes," "intends," "anticipates" and similar terms that relate to future events, performance, or results of the Company, including, without limitation, statements made regarding the forecast for the non-residential construction market and expected future results.

Forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from the historical experience of Acuity Brands and management's present expectations or projections. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, customer and supplier relationships and prices; competition; ability to realize anticipated benefits from initiatives taken and timing of benefits; market demand; litigation and other contingent liabilities; and economic, political, governmental, and technological factors affecting the Company's operations, tax rate, markets, products, services, and prices, among others. Please see the risk factors more fully described in the Company's SEC filings including the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 29, 2010.

The logo for AcuityBrands, featuring a stylized red and white graphic element followed by the text "AcuityBrands" in a sans-serif font.

- **Profile**
- **Positioned for Success**
- **A Bright Future**

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Vision & Strategy

Vision: Market leader by delivering superior lighting solutions

Strategy: Drive profitable growth by aligning the considerable and unique capabilities and resources of our organization with a keen focus on:

- ***Customers – Differentiated Lighting Solutions***
- ***Cost – World-Class Efficiency***
- ***Culture – Operational Excellence (Q, D, C, I)***

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Company Overview

F I X T U R E S
 S E R V I C E S




PEERLESS®


















- *N.A. Market Share Leader*
- *Most recognized brands in the lighting industry*

Mfg Facilities: 17

Sales Channels: 14

Customers: 5,000


Products: 500,000 Active Products
2,000 Product Groups

Associates: 6,000




Industry Leading Indoor & Outdoor Product Portfolio

Indoor



- Fluorescent
- Downlighting
- Track Lighting
- Emergency
- H.I.D.
- Rough Service
- LED
- Flexible Wiring
- Controls
- Relight

Outdoor



- Area & Parking
- Roadway & Street
- Flood Lighting
- Security
- Sports
- High-Mast
- Building Mounted
- Poles & Post
- In-grade
- Underwater
- Accent & Border
- LED/Controls

Product Types	North America Market Size \$9.3 Billion USD	Acuity Brands Ranking*
Commercial Indoor	\$3.2	1
Outdoor	\$2.3	1
Residential	\$1.5	2-4
Industrial	\$1.0	1
Lighting Controls	\$0.9	2-4
Emergency	\$0.4	1

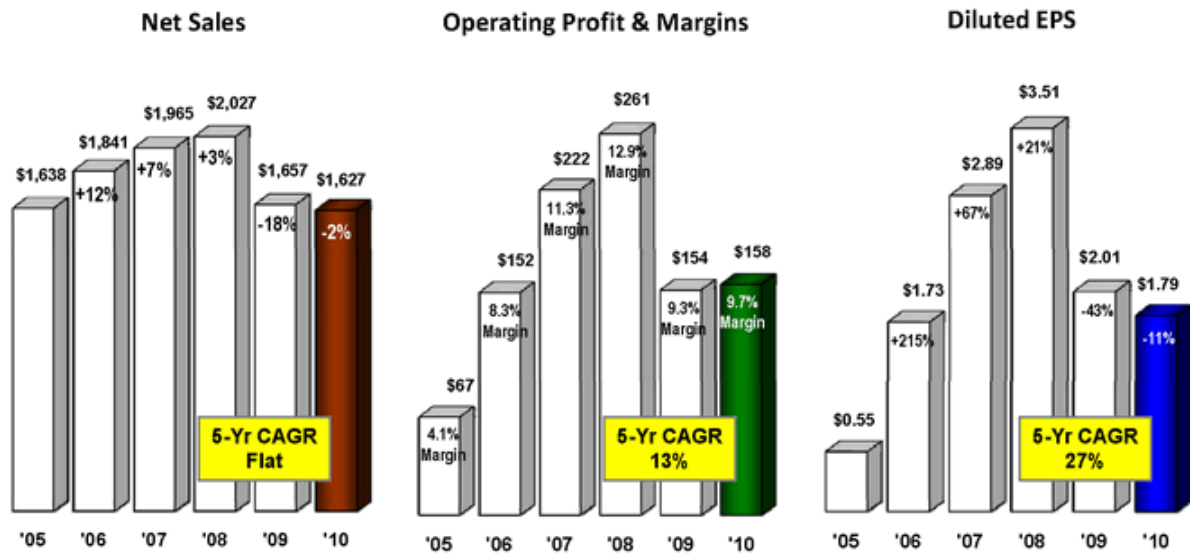
AB Ranking	
1	Green
2 - 4	Yellow
>4	Red

* Market Share

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Financial Summary

(Millions, except Diluted EPS)

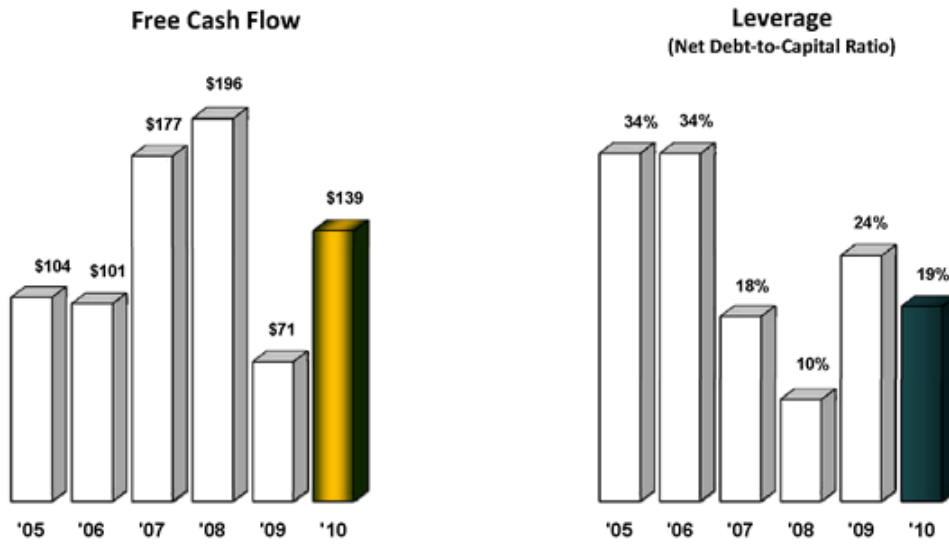


Note: Financial summary excludes operating results from specialty chemicals business including certain allocations of corporate costs. 2005 operating profit includes restructuring charge of \$19.4 million (\$0.32 per diluted share). 2007 operating profit includes a \$6.6 million net gain (\$0.10 per diluted share) related to the settlement of a commercial dispute. 2008 operating profit includes a special charge of \$14.6 million (\$0.21 per diluted share) for streamlining and simplifying the business following the spin-off of Zep Inc. 2009 operating profit includes a special charge of \$26.7 million (\$0.40 per diluted share) for streamlining the business. 2010 operating profit includes a special charge of \$8.4 million (\$0.13 per diluted share) for streamlining activities. Additionally, 2010 diluted EPS includes a \$0.16 loss on early extinguishment of debt.



Financial Summary

(\$Millions)



Note: Free Cash Flow is defined as cash flow from operations minus capital expenditures.

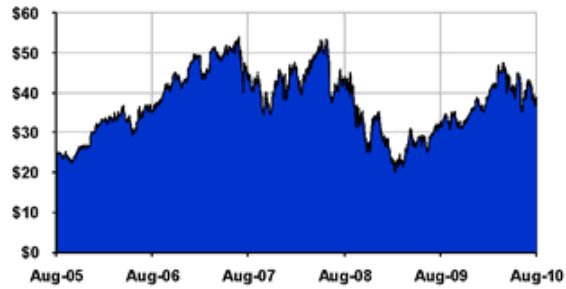
Net Debt-to-Capital Ratio is defined as total debt minus cash divided by total debt minus cash plus total equity.

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Stock Performance – As of August 31, 2010

Stock Price

(Adjusted for Zep Spin-Off)



Total Returns

(Annualized, Adjusted for Zep Spin-Off)

	<u>1-Yr</u>	<u>3-Yr</u>	<u>5-Yr</u>
Acuity	22%	(3%)	11%
DJUSEC	4%	(8%)	1%
S&P 500	5%	(9%)	(1%)
S&P 400	12%	(4%)	2%
S&P 600	8%	(7%)	(0%)

DJUSEC - Dow Jones U.S. Electrical Components & Equip. Index

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Positioned for Success

Operations

Market Access

Portfolio

Addressable Market




Growth Leverage

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Positioned for Success – Internal Leverage

Lean Business Processes

Operating Metrics 2004 – 2010

- Sales per Associate  38%
- Mfg Footprint (Sq Ft)  42%
- Op. Working Capital  42%
(% of Net Sales)

Financial Metrics 2004 – 2010

- Gross Profit Margin  20%
- Operating Margin  52%
- Free Cash Flow  143%

Note: Free cash flow is defined as cash flow from operations minus capital expenditures.

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Positioned for Success – Market Access

Channel Leadership

Sales Channel	Product Segments				
	Commercial	Industrial	Renovation	Resi.	Controls
C & I	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Direct	✓	✓	✓		✓
Home Center	✓		✓	✓	
Showroom	✓		✓	✓	
Utilities	✓	✓	✓		✓
Nat'l Accts	✓	✓	✓		✓

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Positioned for Success - Portfolio

Luminaires

Acquisitions

- Mark Lighting
- Renaissance
- Winona

Controls

Acquisitions

- LC&D
- Sensor Switch

New Products

2009 – 100+
2010 – 100+

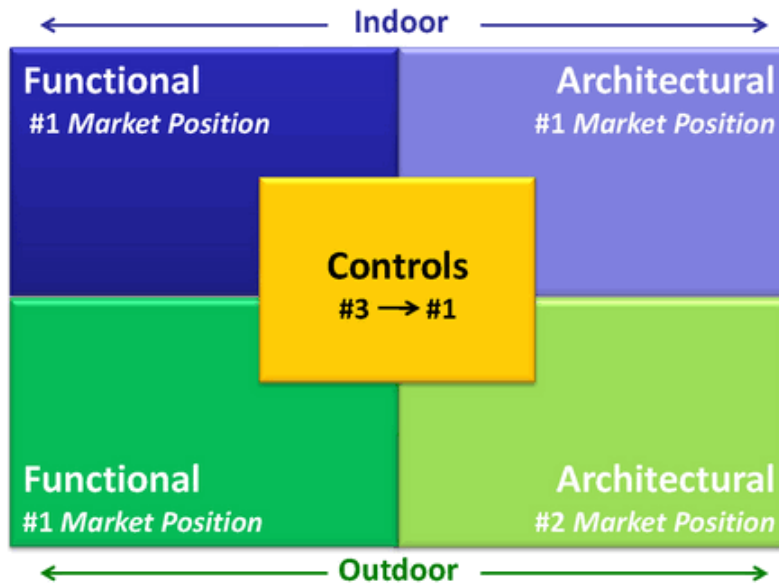
New Products



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Positioned for Success – Portfolio

Growth Through Innovation & Acquisitions



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Positioned for Success – Addressable Market

Significant Expansion of Addressable N.A. Market

Prior



2010



TI = Tenant Improvements

Source: Company Estimates

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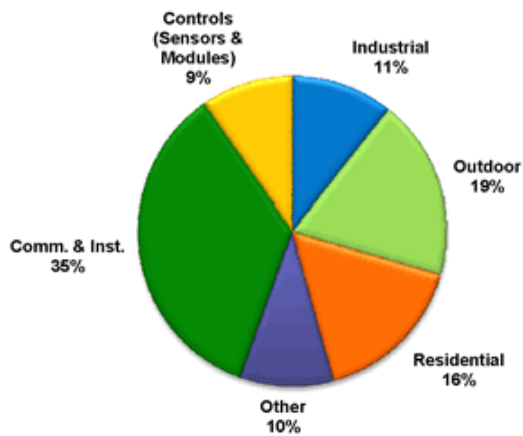
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- **Innovation & Markets**
- **Strategic Focus**

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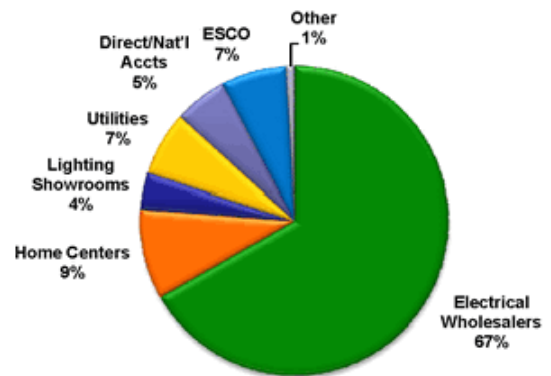
A Bright Future – North American Market

2010 - \$9.3 Billion

Product Segments



Channels

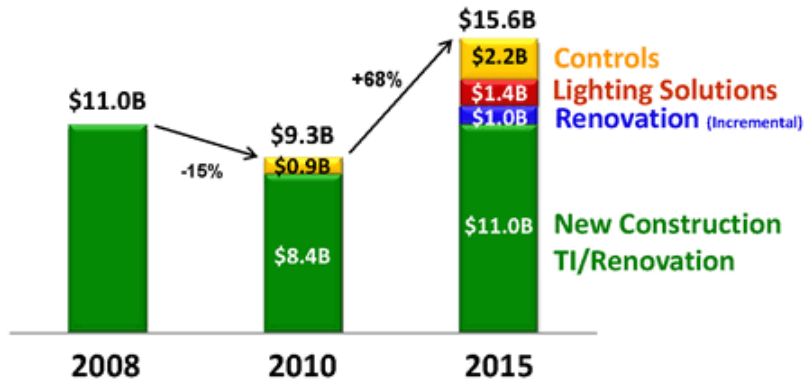


Source: Frost & Sullivan, Global Insight Construction, NEMA luminaires report, McGraw Hill Canadian Construction, and Company Estimates

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A Bright Future - Macro Trends

Addressable N.A. Market/Drivers



Drivers

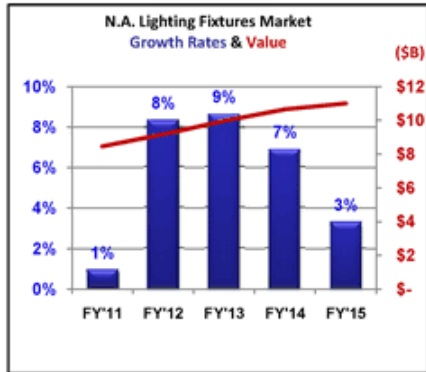
- Superior Task Lighting
- Lighting Systems
- Lighting Value/Sq. Ft.
- Energy Efficiency
- Sustainability
- ROI
- Technology
- GDP
- Demographics

Source: Company Estimates

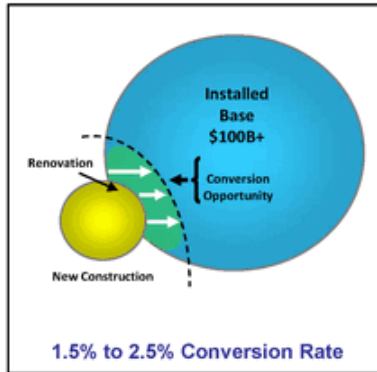
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A Bright Future - Macro Trends

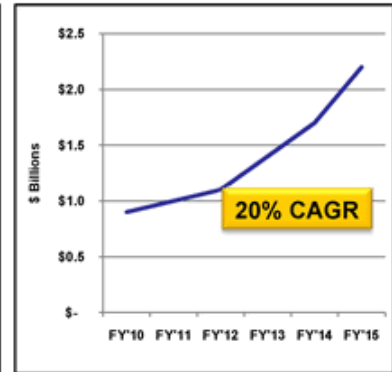
New/TI



Renovation



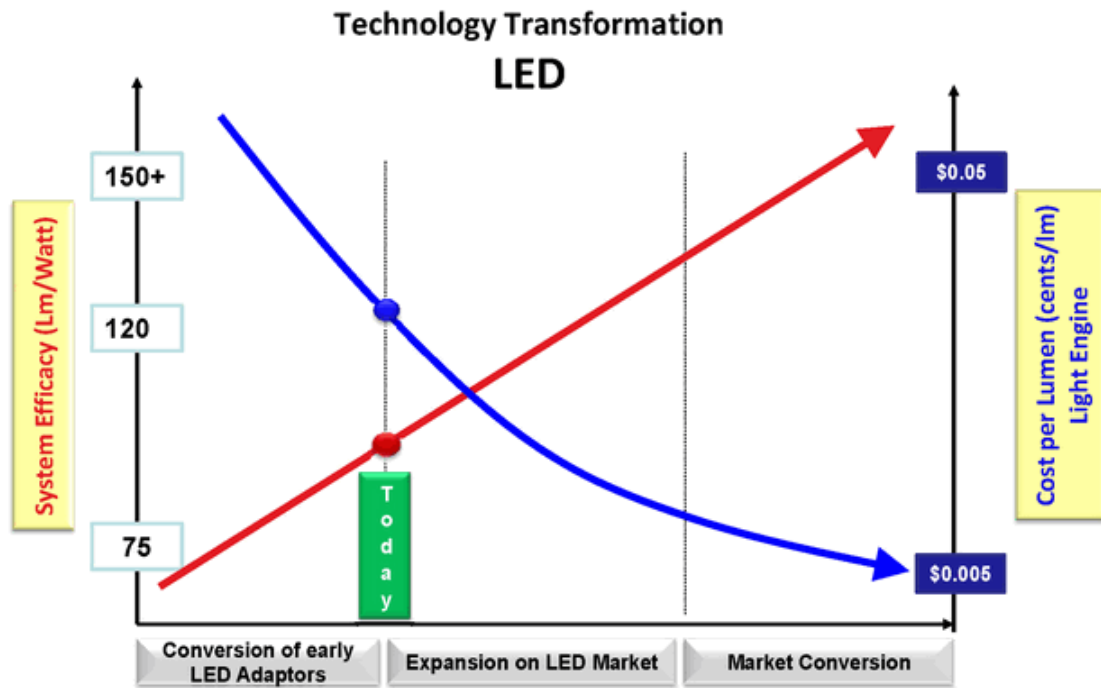
Controls



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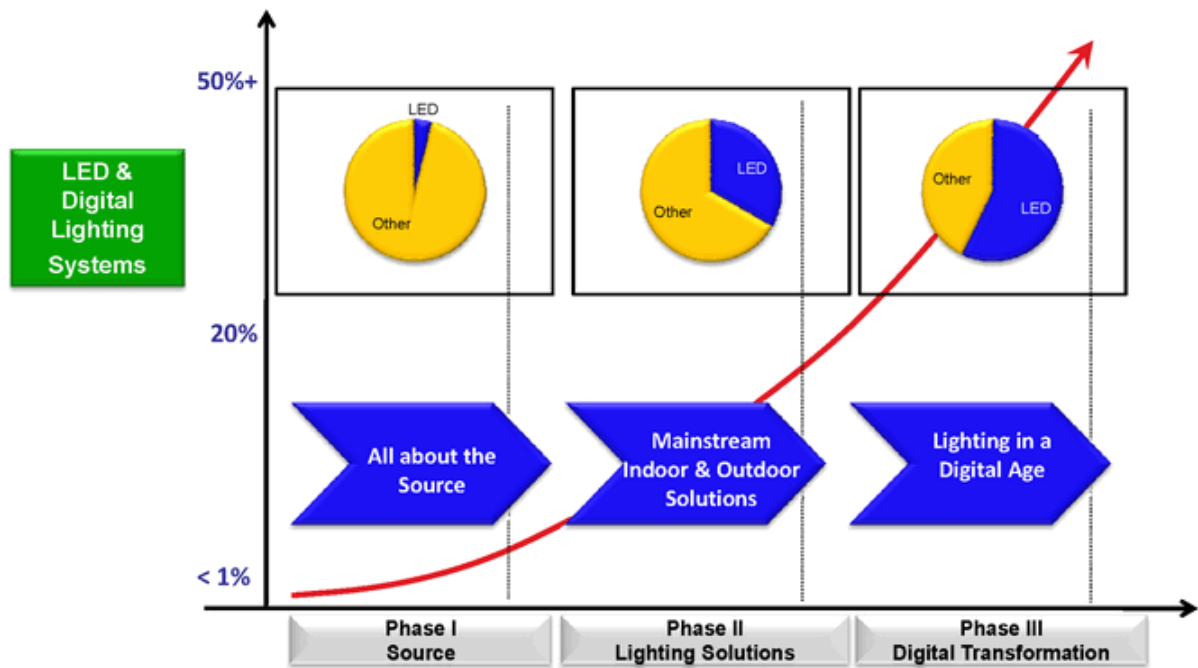
A Bright Future - Innovation



Source: Company Estimates

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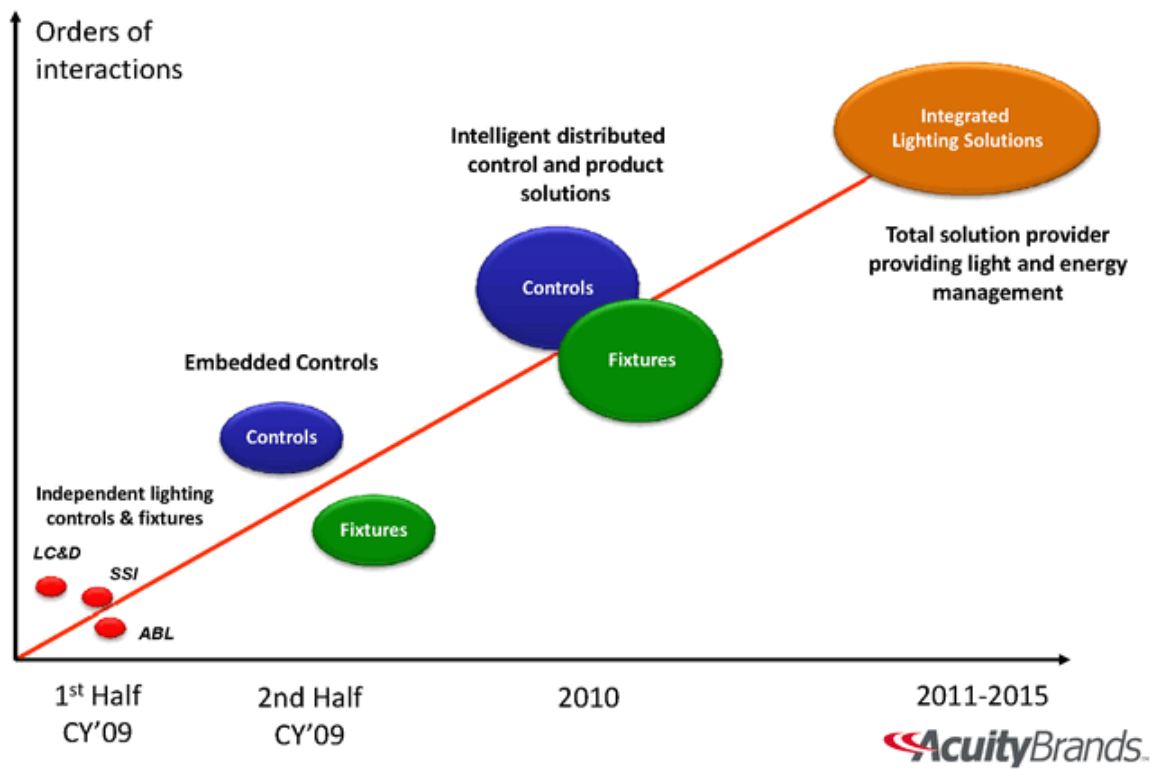
A Bright Future - Innovation



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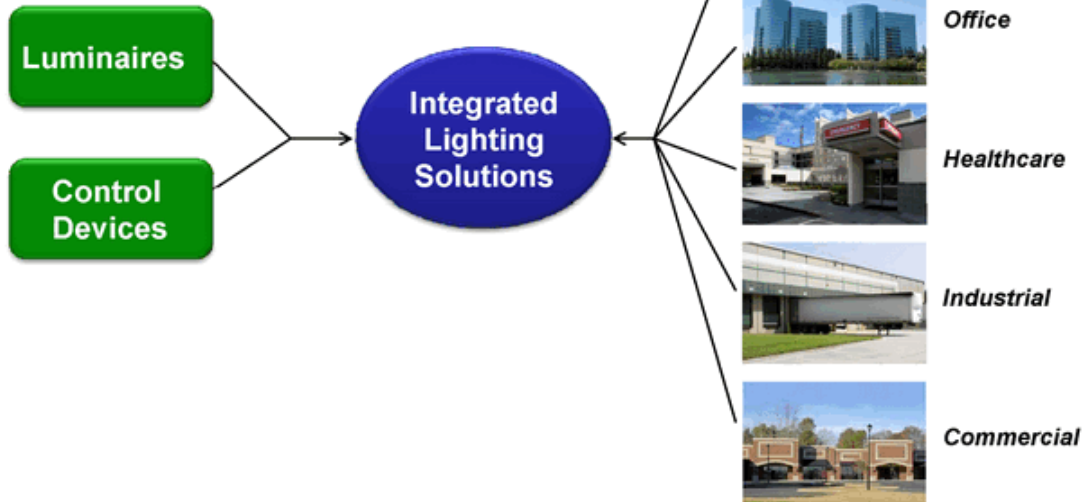
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A Bright Future – Lighting Solutions



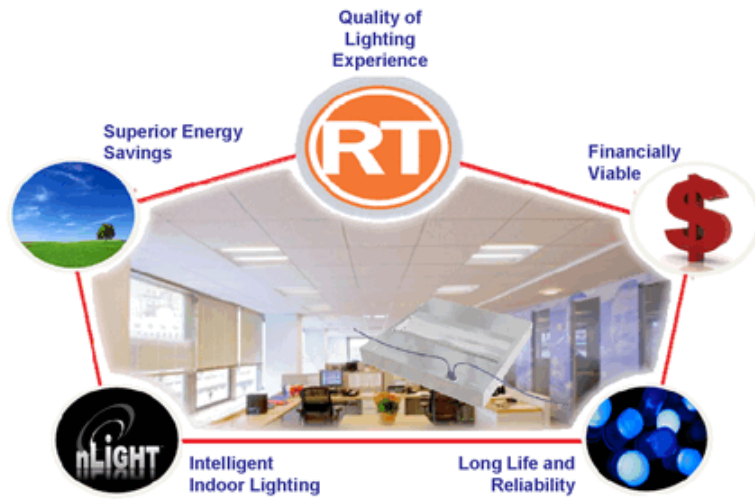
A Bright Future – Markets

A Leader in the Evolution of Digital Lighting



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A Bright Future – Indoor Lighting Solutions



- Quality of Light
- Energy Savings
- Building Management

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A Bright Future – Outdoor Lighting Solutions

ROAM Management System



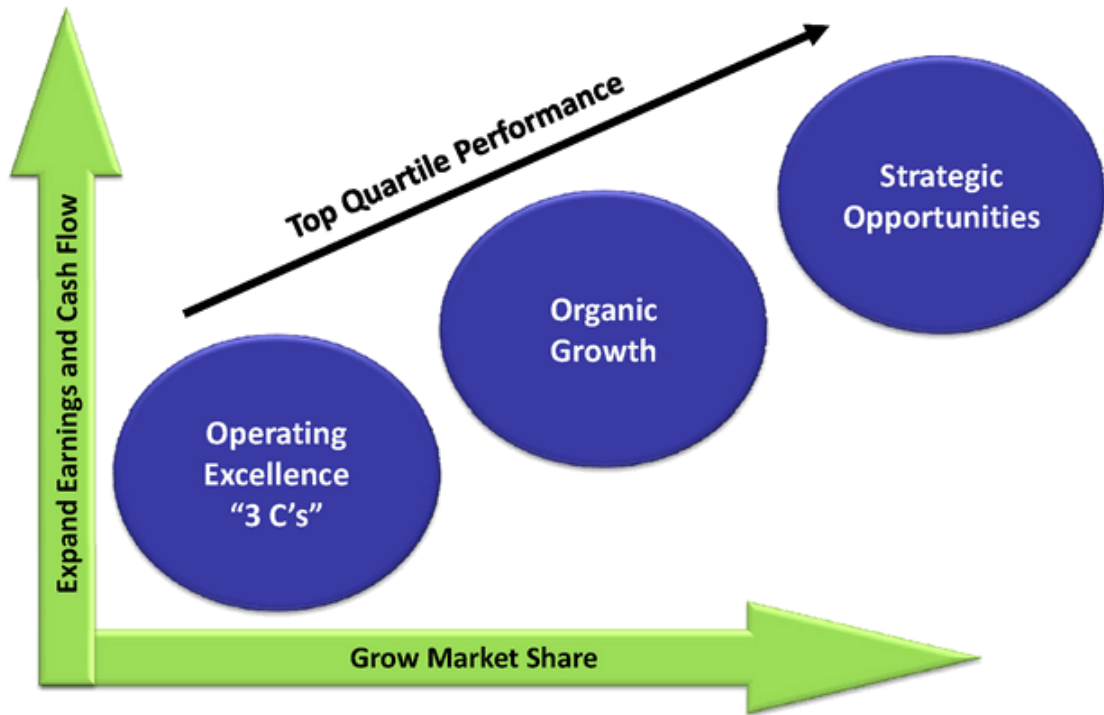
- Energy/Maintenance Savings
- Extended Life
- Safety

System Features

- *Smart Photocontrols*
- *Diagnostics*
- *Automated Maintenance Scheduling*
- *Web-based portal*
- *Network Operation Center*

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Strategic Focus - Profitable Growth Strategy



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Financial Goals

- Margins >12%
- EPS Growth 15%+
- ROE 20%+
- Cash Flow Exceed net income

“Consistent Upper-Quartile Performance”
*Meet or exceed financial goals during
an entire business cycle*

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Conclusion

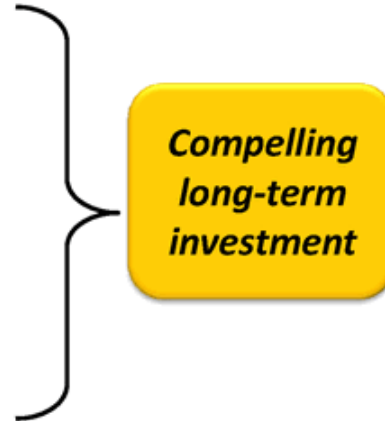
Investment Considerations

Market leader

Strong operating/financial leverage

Product and innovation leadership

Favorable market trends



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