

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>NAGEL VERNON J</u>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ACUIITY BRANDS INC [AYI]</u>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chairman, President, and CEO		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>10/24/2017</u>					
<u>1170 PEACHTREE STREET NE SUITE 2300</u>								
(Street)			4. 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
<u>ATLANTA</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>30309</u>						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	10/24/2017		F		3,222 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$159	200,778	D	
Common Stock	10/25/2017		A		8,526 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	A	\$0	209,304 ⁽⁴⁾	D	

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/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		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(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock	\$156.39	10/25/2017		A		15,922 ⁽⁵⁾		(6)	10/25/2027	Non-Qualified Stock Option	15,922	\$0	15,922	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The transaction reported relates to the vesting of restricted stock held by the reporting person.
- The shares being reported result from the award of restricted stock pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. 2012 Omnibus Stock Incentive Compensation Plan.
- This restricted stock vests ratably over a four-year period and will become fully vested on October 25, 2021.
- The total direct shares owned includes 38,851 time-vesting restricted shares.
- The shares being reported result from the award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. 2012 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan.
- This option vests ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on October 25, 2020.

Remarks:

/s/ Jill A. Gilmer, under Power of Attorney for 10/26/2017
Vernon J. Nagel

** 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of C. Dan Smith, Senior Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, Lisa Wyn, Vice

1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Acuity Brands, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and
2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complet
3. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best in

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, c

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 30th day of March, 2017.

/s/ Vernon J. Nagel

Vernon J. Nagel