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## FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*\bigsep Vernerey Laurent J

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

(Month/Day/Year)

11/01/2017

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(State)

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3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

(Check all applicable)

1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, SUITE 2300

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City)

(City)	(State) (2	Table	I - Non-De	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securi			5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if		ionAcquired (A) or			Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Doy/Voor)	Code	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(IIISII. 3,	4 and	3)	Owned Following	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Reported			
				or		Transaction(s)				
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	11/01/2017		A	2,414 (1)	A	\$0	2,414	D		
Common Stock	11/01/2017		A	9,655 (2)	A	\$0	12,069 (3)	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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				Code V	(A) (D)			S	hares		

## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Vernerey Laurent J 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE **SUITE 2300** ATLANTA, GA 30309

**Executive Vice President** 

## **Signatures**

/s/ Jill A. Gilmer under Power of Attorney for Laurent J. Vernerey

11/03/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 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).
- The shares being reported result from the award of restricted stock pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. 2012 Omnibus Stock Incentive **(1)** Compensation Plan and will become fully vested on November 1, 2018.
- The shares being reported result from the award of restricted stock pursuant to the Acuity Brands, Inc. 2012 Omnibus Stock Incentive Compensation Plan. The award vests ratably over a four-year period and will become fully vested on November 1, 2021.
- (3) The total direct shares owned includes 12,069 time-vesting restricted shares.

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