

Vernerey Laurent J
Form 4
October 26, 2018

FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC., 1170
PEACHTREE STREET, NE, STE.
2300

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ACUITY BRANDS INC [AYI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

10/24/2018

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	10/24/2018		A	(A) or (D) Amount (1) (2) 6,016	\$ 0 18,085 (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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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	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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 116.36	10/24/2018		A	10,276 (4)	(5) 10/24/2021	Common Stock 10,2

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Vernerey Laurent J C/O ACUITY BRANDS, INC. 1170 PEACHTREE STREET, NE, STE. 2300 ATLANTA, GA 30309	Executive Vice President

Signatures

/s/ Jill A. Gilmer under Power of Attorney for Laurent J.
Vernerey 10/26/2018

__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).
- (1) The shares being reported result from the award of restricted stock pursuant to the Amended and Restated Acuity Brands, Inc. 2012 Omnibus Stock Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (2) This restricted stock vests in equal annual installments over a four-year period and will become fully vested on October 24, 2022.
- (3) The total direct shares owned includes 18,085 time-vesting restricted shares.
- (4) The shares being reported result from the award of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Amended and Restated Acuity Brands, Inc. 2012 Omnibus Stock Incentive Compensation Plan.
- (5) This stock option vests ratably over a three-year period and will become fully vested on October 24, 2021.

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