ACUITY BRANDS INC Form 8-K April 04, 2018

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): April 4, 2018 (March 29, 2018)

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

Delaware001-1658358-2632672(State or other jurisdiction of
Company or organization)(Commission File Number)(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1170 Peachtree St., N.E., Suite 2300, Atlanta, GA30309(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 404-853-1400 None (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Emerging growth company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the Registrant has elected not to use the extended

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:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 4, 2018, Acuity Brands, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release containing information about the Company's results of operations for its fiscal quarter ended February 28, 2018. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference. The information contained in this paragraph, as well as Exhibit 99.1 referenced herein, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 29, 2018, the Company announced that the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to six million shares, or approximately 15%, of the Company's outstanding common stock. A copy of the related release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference. Additionally, on March 29, 2018, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.13 per share. A copy of the related press release is attached as exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Item 7.01, as well as Exhibit 99.1 and Exhibit 99.2 referenced herein, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated April 4, 2018

99.2 Press Release dated March 29, 2018

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: April 4, 2018

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

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

99.1 Press Release dated April 4, 2018 (Filed with the Commission as part of this Form 8-K).
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