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PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM

To be eligible to receive a share of the Net Settlement Fund in connection with the Settlement of the class action *In re Acuity Brands, Inc. Securities Litigation*, Civil Action No. 1:18-cv-02140-MHC (N.D. Ga.) (“Action”), you must complete and sign this Proof of Claim and Release Form (“Claim Form”) and mail it by First-Class mail to the above address, or submit it online at www.strategicclaims.net/acuity, **postmarked (or received) no later than 11:59 P.M. EST on May 18, 2022.**

Failure to submit your Claim Form by the date specified will subject your claim to rejection and may preclude you from being eligible to receive any money in connection with the Settlement.

**Do not mail or deliver your Claim Form to the Court,
the Parties to the Action, or their counsel.**

SUBMIT YOUR CLAIM FORM ONLY TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR AT THE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE OR ONLINE AT WWW.STRATEGICCLAIMS.NET/ACUITY.

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PART I – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. It is important that you read carefully the Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Hearing; and (III) Motion for Attorneys’ Fees and Litigation Expenses (“Notice”) that accompanies this Claim Form, including the proposed Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice (“Plan of Allocation”). The Notice describes the proposed Settlement, how Class Members are affected by the Settlement, and the manner in which the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to eligible Class Members if the Settlement and Plan of Allocation are approved by the Court. The Notice also contains the definitions of many of the capitalized terms used in this Claim Form. By signing and submitting this Claim Form, you will be certifying that you have read the Notice, including the terms of the Releases described therein and provided for herein.

2. This Claim Form is directed to **all persons who purchased publicly traded common stock of Acuity from October 7, 2015 to April 3, 2017, inclusive, and were damaged thereby.** Certain persons and entities are excluded from the Class by definition as set forth in ¶ 25 of the Notice.

3. By submitting this Claim Form, you are making a request to share in the Settlement proceeds. **IF YOU ARE NOT A CLASS MEMBER (defined in ¶ 25 of the Notice), OR IF YOU SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION FROM THE CLASS, DO NOT SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM AS YOU MAY NOT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT. THUS, IF YOU ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE CLASS, ANY CLAIM FORM THAT YOU SUBMIT, OR THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED ON YOUR BEHALF, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

4. **Submission of this Claim Form does not guarantee that you will share in the proceeds of the Settlement. The distribution of the Net Settlement Fund will be governed by the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice, if it is approved by the Court, or by such other plan of allocation as the Court approves.**

5. Use the Schedule of Transactions in Part III of this Claim Form to supply all required details of your transaction(s) in and holdings of Acuity publicly traded common stock. Please provide all of the requested information with respect to your holdings, purchases, and sales of Acuity publicly traded common stock, whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. **Failure to report all transaction and holding information during the requested time period may result in the rejection of your claim. Neither the Claims Administrator nor the Parties have access to your trading information.**

6. **Please note:** Only Acuity publicly traded common stock purchased during the Class Period (*i.e.*, from October 7, 2015 to April 3, 2017, inclusive) is eligible under the Settlement. However, pursuant to the “90-day Look-Back Period” (described in the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice), your sales of Acuity publicly traded common stock during the period from April 4, 2017 through and including the close of trading on July 2, 2017 will be used to calculate your loss under the Plan of Allocation. Therefore, in order for the Claims Administrator to be able to calculate your claim, your transactions during the 90-day Look-Back Period must also be provided. **Failure to report all transaction and holding information during the requested time period may result in the rejection of your claim.**

7. You are required to submit genuine and sufficient documentation for all of your transactions in and holdings of Acuity publicly traded common stock set forth in the Schedule of Transactions in Part III of this Claim Form. Documentation may consist of copies of brokerage confirmation slips or monthly brokerage account statements, or an authorized statement from your broker containing the transactional and holding information found in a broker confirmation slip or account statement. The Parties and the Claims Administrator do not independently have information regarding your investments in Acuity publicly traded common stock. **IF SUCH DOCUMENTS ARE NOT IN YOUR POSSESSION, PLEASE OBTAIN COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS OR EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS FROM YOUR BROKER. FAILURE TO SUPPLY THIS DOCUMENTATION MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF YOUR CLAIM. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. Please keep a copy of all documents that you send to the Claims Administrator. Also, do not highlight any portion of the Claim Form or any supporting documents.**

8. If your Acuity publicly traded common stock was owned jointly, all joint owners must sign this Claim Form and their names must appear as “Claimants” in Part II of this Claim Form. The complete name(s) of the beneficial owner(s) must be entered. If you purchased Acuity publicly traded common stock during the Class Period and held the shares in your name, you are the beneficial owner as well as the record owner. If you purchased Acuity publicly traded common stock during the Class Period and the shares were registered in the name of a third party, such as a nominee or brokerage firm, you are the beneficial owner of these shares, but the third party is the record owner. The beneficial owner, not the record owner, must sign this Claim Form.

9. **You must submit a separate Claim Form for each separate legal entity or separately managed account.** Generally, one Claim Form should be submitted on behalf of one legal entity and include all holdings and transactions made by that entity on one Claim Form. However, if a single person or legal entity had multiple accounts that were separately managed, separate Claim Forms should be submitted for each such account (*e.g.*, an individual should not combine his or her IRA transactions with transactions made solely in the individual’s name). The Claims Administrator reserves the right to request information on all the holdings and transactions in Acuity publicly traded common stock made on behalf of a single beneficial owner.

10. Agents, executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees must complete and sign the Claim Form on behalf of persons represented by them, and they must:

- (a) expressly state the capacity in which they are acting;
- (b) identify the name, account number, last four digits of the Social Security Number (or Taxpayer Identification Number), address, and telephone number of the beneficial owner of (or other person or entity on whose behalf they are acting with respect to) the Acuity publicly traded common stock; and
- (c) furnish herewith evidence of their authority to bind to the Claim Form the person or entity on whose behalf they are acting. (Authority to complete and sign a Claim Form cannot be established by stockbrokers demonstrating only that they have discretionary authority to trade securities in another person’s accounts.)

11. By submitting a signed Claim Form, you will be swearing to the truth of the statements contained therein

and the genuineness of the documents attached thereto.

12. If the Court approves the Settlement, payments to eligible Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Plan of Allocation (or such other plan of allocation as the Court approves) will be made after any appeals are resolved, and after the completion of all claims processing. The claims process will take substantial time to complete fully and fairly. Please be patient.

13. **PLEASE NOTE:** As set forth in the Plan of Allocation, each Authorized Claimant shall receive his, her, or its *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund. If the prorated payment to any Authorized Claimant calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation, and no distribution will be made to that Authorized Claimant.

14. If you have questions concerning the Claim Form, or if you need additional copies of the Claim Form or a copy of the Notice, you may contact the Claims Administrator, Strategic Claims Services, at the above address, by email at info@strategicclaims.net, or by toll-free phone at 1-866-274-4004, or you can visit www.strategicclaims.net/acuity, where copies of the Claim Form and Notice are available for downloading.

15. **NOTICE REGARDING INSTITUTIONAL FILERS:** Representatives with the authority to file on behalf of (a) accounts of multiple persons/entities and/or (b) institutional accounts with large numbers of transactions (“Representative Filers”) must submit information regarding their clients’ transactions in the approved electronic spreadsheet format, which is available by request to the Claims Administrator at efile@strategicclaims.net or by visiting the website www.strategicclaims.net/institutional-filers/. One spreadsheet may contain the information for multiple persons/entities and institutional accounts who constitute distinct legal entities (“Legal Entities”), but all Representative Filers MUST also submit a manually signed Claim Form, as well as proof of authority to file (*see* ¶ 10.c above) along with the electronic spreadsheet. The transactions and holdings in Acuity publicly traded common stock should be reported in the electronic file so that each resulting claim corresponds to a single Legal Entity, regardless of the number of individually managed accounts the Legal Entity has, as only one claim will be processed per Legal Entity (*e.g.*, a Representative Filer reporting the transactions for a fund with multiple sub-accounts should report one total holding at the start of the Class Period, one total holding at the end of the Class Period, and a single set of transactions that includes all transactions made by the Legal Entity across their sub-accounts; this would constitute and be processed as a single claim). The Claims Administrator reserves the right to combine a Legal Entity’s accounts into a single claim prior to processing in the event that a Legal Entity’s accounts are divided across multiple claims when submitted by a Representative Filer. The Claims Administrator also reserves the right to request additional documentary proof regarding a Legal Entity’s transactions and holdings in Acuity publicly traded common stock in order to prove and accurately process the claim.

16. **NOTICE REGARDING ONLINE FILING:** Claimants who are not Representative Filers may submit their claims online using the electronic version of the Claim Form hosted at www.strategicclaims.net/acuity. If you are not acting as a Representative Filer, you do not need to contact the Claims Administrator prior to filing; you will receive an automated email confirming receipt once your Claim Form has been submitted. If you are unsure if you should submit your claim as a Representative Filer, please contact the Claims Administrator at info@strategicclaims.net or 1-866-274-4004. If you are not a Representative Filer, but your claim contains a large number of transactions, the Claims Administrator may request that you also submit an electronic spreadsheet showing your transactions to accompany your Claim Form.

IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE:

YOUR CLAIM, IF MAILED, IS NOT DEEMED SUBMITTED UNTIL YOU RECEIVE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POSTCARD. THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR CLAIM FORM BY MAIL WITHIN 60 DAYS. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POSTCARD WITHIN 60 DAYS, CALL THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR TOLL FREE AT 1-866-274-4004.

PART II – CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

Please complete this PART II in its entirety. The Claims Administrator will use this information for all communications regarding this Claim Form. If this information changes, you MUST notify the Claims Administrator in writing at the address above.

Beneficial Owner's Name

Co-Beneficial Owner's Name

Entity Name (if Beneficial Owner is not an individual)

Representative or Custodian Name (if different from Beneficial Owner(s) listed above)

Address 1 (street name and number)

Address 2 (apartment, unit or box number)

City

State

Zip Code

Foreign Province

Foreign Country

Last four digits of Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number

Telephone Number (home)

Telephone Number (work)

Email address (Email address is not required, but if you provide it you authorize the Claims Administrator to use it in providing you with information relevant to this claim.)

Account Number (where securities were traded)³

Claimant Account Type (check appropriate box)

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes joint owner accounts) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pension Plan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trust | <input type="checkbox"/> Estate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IRA/401K | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
- (please specify)

³ If the account number is unknown, you may leave blank. If filing for more than one account for the same Legal Entity you may write "multiple." Please see ¶ 9 of the General Instructions above for more information on when to file separate Claim Forms for multiple accounts.

**PART III – SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN
ACUITY PUBLICLY TRADED COMMON STOCK**

Please be sure to include proper documentation with your Claim Form as described in detail in Part I – General Instructions, ¶ 7, above. Do not include information regarding securities other than Acuity publicly traded common stock.

1. HOLDINGS AS OF OCTOBER 7, 2015 – State the total number of shares of Acuity publicly traded common stock held as of the opening of trading on October 7, 2015. (Must be documented.) If none, write “zero” or “0.” _____				Confirm Proof of Position Enclosed <input type="radio"/>
2. PURCHASES FROM OCTOBER 7, 2015 TO APRIL 3, 2017, INCLUSIVE – Separately list each and every purchase (including free receipts) of Acuity publicly traded common stock from after the opening of trading on October 7, 2015 through and including the close of trading on April 3, 2017. (Must be documented.)				
Date of Purchase (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares Purchased	Purchase Price Per Share	Total Purchase Price (excluding taxes, commissions, and fees)	Confirm Proof of Purchases Enclosed
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
3. PURCHASES FROM APRIL 4, 2017 TO JULY 2, 2017, INCLUSIVE – State the total number of shares of Acuity publicly traded common stock purchased (including free receipts) from after the opening of trading on April 4, 2017 through and including the close of trading on July 2, 2017. (Must be documented.) If none, write “zero” or “0.” ⁴ _____				
4. SALES FROM OCTOBER 7, 2015 TO JULY 2, 2017, INCLUSIVE – Separately list each and every sale/disposition (including free deliveries) of Acuity publicly traded common stock from after the opening of trading on October 7, 2015 through and including the close of trading on July 2, 2017. (Must be documented.)				IF NONE, CHECK HERE <input type="radio"/>
Date of Sale (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares Sold	Sale Price Per Share	Total Sale Price (excluding taxes, commissions, and fees)	Confirm Proof of Sales Enclosed
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
5. HOLDINGS AS OF JULY 2, 2017 – State the total number of shares of Acuity publicly traded common stock held as of the close of trading on July 2, 2017. (Must be documented.) If none, write “zero” or “0.” _____				Confirm Proof of Position Enclosed <input type="radio"/>

⁴ **Please note:** Information requested with respect to your purchases of Acuity publicly traded common stock from after the opening of trading on April 4, 2017 through and including the close of trading on July 2, 2017 is needed in order to perform the necessary calculations for your claim; purchases during this period, however, are not eligible transactions and will not be used to calculate Recognized Loss Amounts pursuant to the Plan of Allocation.

IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL SPACE, ATTACH THE REQUIRED INFORMATION ON SEPARATE, NUMBERED SHEETS IN THE SAME FORMAT AS ABOVE AND PRINT YOUR NAME AND THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY OR TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AT THE TOP OF EACH ADDITIONAL SHEET. IF YOU ATTACH SEPARATE SHEETS, CHECK THIS BOX:

PART IV - RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND SIGNATURE

YOU MUST ALSO READ THE RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION BELOW AND SIGN ON PAGE 23 OF THIS CLAIM FORM.

I (we) hereby acknowledge that, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated December 2, 2021, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, I (we), on behalf of myself (ourselves) and my (our) heirs, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the Judgment, or Alternate Judgment, if applicable, shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Plaintiff's Claim (defined in ¶ 30 of the Notice) against Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees (defined in ¶ 31 of the Notice), and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiff's Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees.

CERTIFICATION

By signing and submitting this Claim Form, the Claimant(s) or the person(s) who represent(s) the Claimant(s) agree(s) to the release above and certifies (certify) as follows:

1. that I (we) have read the contents of the Notice and this Claim Form, including the Releases provided for in the Settlement and the terms of the Plan of Allocation;
2. that the Claimant(s) is a (are) member(s) of the Class, as defined in the Notice, and is (are) not excluded by definition from the Class as set forth in the Notice;
3. that the Claimant(s) has (have) **not** submitted a request for exclusion from the Class;
4. that I (we) own(ed) the Acuity publicly traded common stock identified in the Claim Form and have not assigned the claim against the Defendants' Releasees to another, or that, in signing and submitting this Claim Form, I (we) have the authority to act on behalf of the owner(s) thereof;
5. that the Claimant(s) has (have) not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases of Acuity publicly traded common stock and knows (know) of no other person having done so on the Claimant's (Claimants') behalf;
6. that the Claimant(s) submit(s) to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the Claimant's (Claimants') claim and for purposes of enforcing the Releases set forth herein;
7. that I (we) agree to furnish such additional information with respect to this Claim Form as Class Counsel, the Claims Administrator, or the Court may require;
8. that the Claimant(s) waive(s) the right to trial by jury, to the extent it exists, agree(s) to the determination by the Court of the validity or amount of this claim and waive(s) any right of appeal or review with respect to such determination;
9. that I (we) acknowledge that the Claimant(s) will be bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment(s) that may be entered in the Action; and
10. that the Claimant(s) is (are) NOT subject to backup withholding under the provisions of Section 3406(a)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code. **If the IRS has notified the Claimant(s) that he/she/it/they is (are) subject to backup withholding, please strike out the language in the preceding sentence.**

I (WE) CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ME (US) ON THIS CLAIM FORM IS TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE, AND THAT THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED HEREWITH ARE TRUE AND CORRECT COPIES OF WHAT THEY PURPORT TO BE.

Signature of Claimant

Date

Print Claimant name here

Signature of joint Claimant, if any

Date

Print joint Claimant name here

If the Claimant is other than an individual, or is not the person completing this Claim Form, the following also must be provided:

Signature of person signing on behalf of Claimant

Date

Print name of person signing on behalf of Claimant here

Capacity of person signing on behalf of Claimant, if other than an individual, *e.g.*, executor, president, trustee, custodian, etc. (Must provide evidence of authority to act on behalf of Claimant – *see* ¶ 10 on page 18 of this Claim Form.)

THIS CLAIM FORM MUST BE MAILED TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL, OR SUBMITTED ONLINE AT WWW.STRATEGICCLAIMS.NET/ACUITY, POSTMARKED (OR RECEIVED) NO LATER THAN 11:59 P.M. EST ON MAY 18, 2022. IF MAILED, THE CLAIM FORM SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

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If mailed, a Claim Form received by the Claims Administrator shall be deemed to have been submitted when posted, if a postmark date is indicated on the envelope. In all other cases, a Claim Form shall be deemed to have been submitted when actually received by the Claims Administrator.

You should be aware that it will take a significant amount of time to fully process all of the Claim Forms received. Please be patient and notify the Claims Administrator of any change of address.

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IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTICE – PLEASE FORWARD

REMINDER CHECKLIST

1. Sign the above release and certification. If this Claim Form is being made on behalf of joint Claimants, then each joint Claimant must sign.
2. Attach only **copies** of acceptable supporting documentation as these documents will not be returned to you.
3. Do not highlight any portion of the Claim Form or any supporting documents.
4. Keep copies of the completed Claim Form and any supporting documentation for your own records.
5. The Claims Administrator will acknowledge receipt of your Claim Form by mail, within 60 days. Your Claim Form is not deemed submitted until you receive an acknowledgement postcard. **If you do not receive an acknowledgement postcard within 60 days, please call the Claims Administrator toll free at 1-866-274-4004.** If you submit your claim electronically, you will receive a confirmatory email within 10 days of your submission
6. If your address changes in the future, please send the Claims Administrator written notification of your new address. If you change your name, please inform the Claims Administrator.
7. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your claim, please contact the Claims Administrator at the address below, by email at info@strategicclaims.net, or by toll-free phone at 1-866-274-4004, or you may visit www.strategicclaims.net/acuity. **DO NOT** call the Court, Defendants, or Defendants' Counsel with questions regarding your claim.