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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **October 8, 2021**

**MORNINGSTAR, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Illinois**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-51280**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**36-3297908**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**22 West Washington Street**  
**Chicago, Illinois**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**60602**  
(Zip Code)

**(312) 696-6000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<b>Title of Each Class</b>	<b>Trading Symbol</b>	<b>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</b>
Common stock, no par value	MORN	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On October 8, 2021, Morningstar issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has approved a quarterly cash dividend of 31.5 cents per share payable October 29, 2021 to shareholders of record as of October 19, 2021. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Include the following information:

(d) *Exhibits.*

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
<a href="#">99.1</a>	<a href="#">Press Release dated October 8, 2021 regarding quarterly dividend.</a>
104	The Cover page from this Current Report on Form 8-K formatted in Inline XBRL (included as Exhibit 101).

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**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 hereunto duly authorized.

MORNINGSTAR, INC.

Date: October 12, 2021

By: /s/ Jason Dubinsky  
Jason Dubinsky  
Chief Financial Officer

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**News Release**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Morningstar, Inc. Declares Quarterly Dividend of 31.5 Cents Per Share**

CHICAGO, Oct. 8, 2021 -- The board of directors of Morningstar, Inc. (Nasdaq: MORN), a leading provider of independent investment research, today declared a quarterly dividend of 31.5 cents per share. The dividend is payable Oct. 29, 2021 to shareholders of record as of Oct. 19, 2021.

**Caution Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

*This press release contains forward-looking statements as that term is used in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on our current expectations about future events or future financial performance. Forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain, and often contain words such as "may," "could," "expect," "intend," "plan," "seek," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential," or "continue." These statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause the events we discuss not to occur or to differ significantly from what we expect. More information about factors that could affect Morningstar's business and financial results are in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our most recent 8-K, 10-K and 10-Q. Morningstar undertakes no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by law.*

**About Morningstar, Inc.**

Morningstar, Inc. is a leading provider of independent investment research in North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia. The Company offers an extensive line of products and services for individual investors, financial advisors, asset managers and owners, retirement plan providers and sponsors, and institutional investors in the debt and private capital markets. Morningstar provides data and research insights on a wide range of investment offerings, including managed investment products, publicly listed companies, private capital markets, debt securities, and real-time global market data. Morningstar also offers investment management services through its investment advisory subsidiaries, with approximately \$251 billion in assets under advisement and management as of June 30, 2021. The Company has operations in 29 countries. For more information, visit [www.morningstar.com/company](http://www.morningstar.com/company). Follow Morningstar on Twitter @MorningstarInc.

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