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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 5, 2012**

**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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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On October 5, 2012, Morningstar Australasia Pty Limited, a subsidiary of Morningstar, Inc., issued a press release announcing that Sterling Publishing Pty Ltd has completed the acquisition of Morningstar's Australian financial services trade publishing business. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 5, 2012 regarding Sterling Publishing Pty Ltd.

## 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 9, 2012

By: /s/ Scott Cooley  
Name: Scott Cooley  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Sterling Publishing Completes Acquisition of Morningstar Australasia Trade Publishing Assets**

**Sydney, 5 October, 2012** : Sterling Publishing Pty Ltd (Sterling) and Morningstar Australasia Pty Limited, a subsidiary of Morningstar, Inc. (NASDAQ: MORN), a leading provider of independent investment research, today announced that Sterling has completed the acquisition of Morningstar's Australian financial services trade publishing business.

The acquisition includes the titles *InvestorDaily*, *Independent Financial Adviser (IFA)* — incorporating *SMSF* — and *Investor Weekly*. Sterling has also acquired a number of established events for the financial planning and institutional investment sectors, including the annual Wraps, Platforms & Masterfunds Conference and the annual Self-Managed Superannuation Fund Strategy Day.

Terms and conditions of the transaction were not disclosed.

**NOTE TO EDITORS****About Sterling Publishing**

Sterling Publishing ([www.sterlingpublishing.com.au](http://www.sterlingpublishing.com.au)), the publishing arm of the *BRW* Fast 100-ranked Momentum Media, is a growing media company focusing on the finance, mortgage, real estate and property sectors. Its products span traditional print as well as interactive new media channels, with a range of distribution platforms used to connect and engage readers, including magazines, websites, events, Apple iPad® apps, social networking and broadcasting.

**About Morningstar Australasia Pty Limited and Morningstar, Inc.**

Morningstar Australasia Pty Limited is a subsidiary of Morningstar, Inc., 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 individuals, financial advisers, and institutions. Morningstar provides data on more than 385,000 investment offerings, including stocks, mutual funds, and similar vehicles, along with real-time global market data on more than eight million equities, indexes, futures, options, commodities, and precious metals, in addition to foreign exchange and Treasury markets. Morningstar also offers investment management services through its registered investment adviser subsidiaries and had more than US\$186.0 billion in assets under advisement and management at 30 June 2012. The company has operations in 27 countries.

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