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): February 9, 2007

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.)

225 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois
(Address of principal executive offices) 60606
(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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☐ (Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 12, 2007, Morningstar, Inc. issued a press release announcing that on February 9, 2007 Frank Ptak, the president and chief executive officer of The Marmon Group of companies, was appointed to serve on its board of directors. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The information set forth in Exhibit 99.1 is hereby incorporated by reference in Item 5.02.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Include the following information:

(d) Exhibits:

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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: February 12, 2007

By: /s/ MARTHA DUSTIN BOUDOS

Name: Martha Dustin Boudos
Title: Chief Financial Officer
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Frank Ptak, President and CEO of The Marmon Group, Joins Morningstar’s Board of Directors

CHICAGO, Feb. 12, 2007—Morningstar, Inc. (NASDAQ: MORN), a leading provider of independent investment research, today announced that Frank S. Ptak, 63, has been appointed to serve on its board of directors.

Ptak has served as president and chief executive officer of The Marmon Group of companies since 2006. The Marmon Group is a diverse manufacturing and service organization comprising more than 125 independent businesses with combined revenues of approximately $7 billion. Since 2003, he has served on the board of directors for Marmon Holdings, Inc., whose holdings include companies within The Marmon Group.


“We’re pleased to welcome Frank as the seventh member of our board of directors,” said Joe Mansueto, chairman and chief executive officer of Morningstar. “I’ve long been a fan of both ITW and the Marmon companies. Both firms have grown significantly using a decentralized structure and have been successful in making acquisitions. Frank brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Morningstar’s board.”

Ptak holds a bachelor’s degree in commerce from DePaul University and the certified public accountant (CPA) designation. He is a member of the board of directors and executive committee for Junior
Achievement of Chicago. Ptak is also a member of the DePaul University College of Commerce Advisory Council, Economic Club of Chicago, Executives’ Club of Chicago, and Commercial Club of Chicago.

Ptak has not yet been appointed to serve on any of Morningstar’s board committees. He is the father of Morningstar stock analyst Jeffrey Ptak.

About Morningstar, Inc.
Morningstar, Inc. is a leading provider of independent investment research in the United States and in major international markets. The company offers an extensive line of Internet, software, and print-based products and services for individuals, financial advisors, and institutions. Morningstar provides data on approximately 145,000 investment offerings, including stocks, mutual funds, and similar vehicles. The company has operations in 14 countries and minority ownership interests in companies in three other countries.

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