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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): **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)))
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**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:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release issued February 12, 2007.

## 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

## EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1	Press Release issued February 12, 2007.

**News Release**

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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.

Ptak brings more than 40 years of experience to Morningstar's board. Before joining The Marmon Group, he was vice chairman of Illinois Tool Works, Inc. (ITW), a diversified manufacturer of industrial systems and components with \$14 billion in revenue in 2006. Before joining the company in 1975, Ptak worked at Sara Lee Corp., Kemper Financial Services, Inc., and Arthur Young & Co. He previously served on the board of directors for Snap-on, Inc., General Growth Properties, Inc., Hon Industries, and Heller Financial, Inc.

"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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