

Morningstar, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
August 02, 2006

# 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): **August 2, 2006**

## 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)

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N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On August 2, 2006, Morningstar, Inc. ( Morningstar ) entered into a Contract Services Agreement (the Agreement ) with Mike Henkel, effective October 1, 2006, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1. Under the terms of the Agreement, Mr. Henkel will provide consulting services to Ibbotson Associates, a wholly owned subsidiary of Morningstar, for a nine-month period beginning October 1, 2006. Under the terms of the Agreement, he will be paid a consulting fee of \$11,111 per month during this period. The Agreement contains customary non-competition and non-solicitation provisions.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On August 2, 2006, Morningstar issued a press release announcing the appointment of Peng Chen as president of Ibbotson Associates, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.1.

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

(d) Exhibits:

**Exhibit No. Description**

10.1	Contract Services Agreement between Morningstar, Inc. and Mike Henkel dated August 2, 2006.
99.1	Press Release issued August 2, 2006.

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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: August 2, 2006

By:  
Name:  
Title:

/s/ Martha Dustin Bodos  
Martha Dustin Bodos  
Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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