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Nordstrom Reports March 2003 Sales

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SEATTLE, April 9 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$518.0 million for the five-week period ending April 5, 2003, an increase of 2.9 percent compared to sales of \$503.6 million for the five-week period ending April 6, 2002. Same-store sales decreased 1.7 percent, in-line with the company's recently revised expectations.

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For the five-week period, same-store sales in full-line stores increased in the Central States and East Coast geographic regions but decreased in the Northwest and Southwest regions. By merchandise division, same-store sales increased in Cosmetics, Accessories and Women's Active Wear, while Women's Shoes and the Designer and Bridge segments of Women's Apparel were flat for the month.

Preliminary quarter-to-date (February -- March) sales of \$885.7 million increased 2.7 percent compared to 2002 quarter-to-date sales of \$862.6 million. Quarter-to-date same-store sales decreased 1.9 percent.

Future Reporting Dates

Nordstrom's financial release calendar for the next several months is provided in the table below.

April Sales Release Wed., May 7, 2003

First Quarter Earnings Mon., May 19, 2003

Annual Meeting Tue., May 20, 2003 May Sales Release Wed., June 4, 2003

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 143 US stores located in 27 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 89 full-line stores, 47 Nordstrom Racks, five Faconnable boutiques, one free-standing shoe store, and one clearance store. Nordstrom also operates 24 international Faconnable boutiques, primarily in Europe. Additionally, Nordstrom serves customers through its online presence at <http://www.nordstrom.com> and through its direct mail catalogs.

SALES SUMMARY (unaudited; \$ in millions)	Mar. 2003	Mar. 2002	YTD 2003	YTD 2002
Total sales	\$518.0	\$503.6	\$885.7	\$862.6
Total sales percentage change	2.9%	1.8%	2.7%	1.3%
Same-store sales percentage change				
Full-line stores	(1.6%)	(1.8%)	(1.9%)	(3.0%)
Rack and other stores	(1.8%)	2.7%	(2.1%)	0.2%
All stores	(1.7%)	(1.3%)	(1.9%)	(2.6%)
Number of stores (as of April 5, 2003)				
Full-line	89	83		
Rack and other	54	52		
International Faconnable boutiques	24	24		
Total	167	159		
Gross square footage (as of April 5, 2003)	18,613,000	17,447,000		

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