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Nordstrom to Open First Free-Standing Day Spa On Chicago's Michigan Avenue in 2003

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SEATTLE, Dec. 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Leading fashion specialty retailer Nordstrom, Inc. announced today it will open its first free-standing day spa at The Shops at North Bridge at 520 N. Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Spa Nordstrom is scheduled to open in spring 2003 and will offer a unique, natural approach to beauty that treats the individual as a whole. The 3,500 square foot spa will be located near the third floor entrance of the Michigan Avenue Nordstrom store.

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"We are very pleased we will soon be able to offer our customers a full-service wellness and day spa conveniently located near our Michigan Avenue store," said Bob Middlemas, Nordstrom executive vice president and central states regional manager. "We hope Spa Nordstrom, with its signature products and treatments, will be an important point of difference as well as a relaxing retreat for customers working, living or visiting downtown."

Nordstrom opened on Michigan Avenue in 2000. The first Spa Nordstrom opened in San Francisco in 1988. When the John Buck Company approached the retailer with the idea of leasing space within the shopping center for a spa, Nordstrom agreed.

"Nordstrom has proven to be the premiere retailer on Chicago's Michigan Avenue," said Lary Herkal, Vice President, The John Buck Company and General Manager, North Bridge. "Expanding in North Bridge through the addition of Spa Nordstrom offers customers an expanded array of quality Nordstrom products and services. This new amenity enhances both North Bridge and the Nordstrom presence in Chicago."

Nordstrom currently operates nine full service in-store spas at the following locations: the Dallas Galleria, Oakbrook Center in Illinois; Roosevelt Field in New York; Downtown Seattle; Fashion Square in Scottsdale, Ariz.; San Francisco Centre; Somerset Collection in Troy, Mich.; Paramus, NJ; and Perimeter Mall in Atlanta.

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 88 full-line stores, 48 Nordstrom Racks, five Faconnable boutiques, one free-standing shoe store, and one clearance store. Nordstrom also operates 23 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. Nordstrom, Inc. is publicly traded on the NYSE under the symbol JWN.

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