

NORDSTROM

Nordstrom April Same-Store Sales Increase 6.9 Percent

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SEATTLE, May 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$531.7 million for the four-week period ending April 30, 2005, an increase of 8.1 percent compared to sales of \$491.7 million for the four-week period ending May 1, 2004. Same-store sales increased 6.9 percent(1).

Preliminary first quarter sales of \$1.7 billion increased 7.7 percent compared to 2004 first quarter sales of \$1.5 billion. First quarter same-store sales increased 6.2 percent.

Sales Recording

To hear Nordstrom's prerecorded April sales message, please dial (402) 220-6036. This recording will be available for one week.

SALES SUMMARY

(unaudited; \$ in millions)	Total Sales Fiscal 2005	Same-store Sales(1) Fiscal 2004	Percent Increase	Total Retail Stores	Full-line Stores	Rack Stores
April	\$531.7	\$491.7	8.1%	6.9%	4.7%	19.4%
First quarter	\$1,654.4	\$1,535.5	7.7%	6.2%	4.6%	17.5%

Number of stores

Full-line	95	93
Rack and other	56	56
International Faconnable boutiques	31	31
Total	182	180
Gross square footage	19,550,000	19,289,000

Future Reporting Dates

Nordstrom's financial release calendar for the next several months is currently planned as follows:

First Quarter Earnings Tues., May 17, 2005
Shareholder Meeting Tues., May 24, 2005
May Sales Release Thurs., June 2, 2005
June Sales Release Thurs., July 7, 2005
July Sales Release Thurs., Aug. 4, 2005

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 151 US stores located in 27 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 95 full-line stores, 49 Nordstrom Racks, five Faconnable boutiques, one free-standing shoe store, and one clearance store. Nordstrom also operates 31 international Faconnable boutiques in Europe. Additionally, Nordstrom serves customers through its online presence at www.nordstrom.com and through its direct mail catalogs.

(1) Effective February 2005, Nordstrom Direct sales, which include catalog and Internet, are included in Total Retail same-store sales. To serve as a basis for comparison, as this was not the case last year, a presentation of 2004 monthly, quarterly and full-year same-store sales that includes Nordstrom Direct is available on the Investor Relations homepage of our website under Recent Reports.

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