

NORDSTROM

Nordstrom August Same-Store Sales Increase 8.0 Percent

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SEATTLE, Sept. 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$472.9 million for the four-week period ending August 27, 2005, an increase of 9.5 percent compared to sales of \$431.8 million for the four-week period ending August 28, 2004. Same-store sales increased 8.0 percent(1).

Preliminary year-to-date sales of \$4.2 billion increased 8.0 percent compared to sales of \$3.9 billion in 2004. Year-to-date same-store sales increased 6.4 percent.

During the month of September, Nordstrom will open two new stores; The Shops at La Cantera in San Antonio, Texas on September 16th and at The Irvine Spectrum in Irvine, Calif. on September 30th.

SALES RECORDING

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

SALES SUMMARY (unaudited; \$ in millions)	Total Sales			Same-store Sales(1)		
	Fiscal 2005	Fiscal 2004	Percent Increase	Total Retail	Full-line Stores	Rack Stores
August	\$472.9	\$431.8	9.5%	8.0%	8.6%	11.0%
Year-to-date	\$4,233.9	\$3,920.7	8.0%	6.4%	5.3%	16.1%

Number of stores		
Full-line	95	93
Rack and other	57	56
International Faconnable boutiques	32	31
Total	184	180
Gross square footage	19,579,000	19,289,000

FUTURE REPORTING DATES

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

September Sales Release: Thurs., Oct. 6, 2005

October Sales Release: Thurs., Nov. 3, 2005

Q3 Earnings: Thurs., Nov. 17, 2005

November Sales Release: Thurs., Dec. 1, 2005

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 152 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 two clearance stores. Nordstrom also operates 32 international Faconnable boutiques in Europe. Additionally, Nordstrom serves customers through its online presence at <http://www.nordstrom.com> and through its catalogs. Nordstrom, Inc. is publicly traded on the NYSE under the symbol JWN.

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(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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