

NORDSTROM

Nordstrom December Same-Store Sales Increase 7.7 Percent

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SEATTLE, Jan. 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$1.16 billion for the five-week period ending December 31, 2005, an increase of 10.7 percent compared to sales of \$1.05 billion for the five-week period ending January 1, 2005. Same-store sales increased 7.7 percent(1).

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Preliminary quarter-to-date sales of \$1.86 billion increased 8.8 percent compared to sales of \$1.71 billion in 2004. Quarter-to-date same-store sales increased 5.8 percent.

Preliminary year-to-date sales of \$7.29 billion increased 8.1 percent compared to sales of \$6.75 billion in 2004. Year-to-date same-store sales increased 6.0 percent.

SALES RECORDING

To hear Nordstrom's prerecorded December 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
December	\$1,158.0	\$1,046.5	10.7%	7.7%	7.2%	14.6%
Quarter-to-date	\$1,864.6	\$1,714.1	8.8%	5.8%	5.8%	14.5%
Year-to-date	\$7,291.7	\$6,745.2	8.1%	6.0%	5.4%	14.7%
Number of stores						
Full-line	98	94				
Rack and other	57	56				
International						
Faconnable boutiques	32	31				
Total	187	181				
Gross square footage	20,070,000	19,439,000				

FUTURE REPORTING DATES

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

January Sales Release	Thurs., Feb. 2, 2006
Fourth Quarter Earnings	Thurs., Feb. 23, 2006
February Sales Release	Thurs., Mar. 2, 2006
March Sales Release	Thurs., Apr. 6, 2006

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 155 US stores located in 27 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 98 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.

(1) Effective February 2005, Nordstrom Direct sales, which include catalog and Internet, are included in Total Retail same-store sales. As this was not the case in the previous year, to serve as a basis for comparison 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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