

NORDSTROM

Nordstrom Reports April Sales

May 8, 2008

SEATTLE, May 8, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$600 million for the four-week period ended May 3, 2008, a decrease of 0.6 percent compared to sales of \$604 million for the four-week period ended May 5, 2007. Same-store sales decreased 3.8 percent.

Preliminary first quarter sales of \$1.88 billion decreased 3.8 percent compared to sales of \$1.95 billion for the same period in 2007. First quarter same-store sales decreased 6.5 percent.

The monthly same-store sales results in April 2008 were positively impacted by the timing shift of the Easter holiday from April to March. The company's stores were open an additional day in April 2008 when compared to April 2007.

Nordstrom will begin its Half-Yearly Sale for Women and Kids on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, to better align with the Memorial Day Holiday shopping period, rather than Nordstrom's traditional early June start of the semi-annual sale event. Accordingly, we expect sales results for May to be positively impacted and June to be negatively impacted by this timing shift.

Sales Recording

To hear Nordstrom's pre-recorded April sales message, please dial 800-891-8250. This recording will be available for one week.

APRIL SALES RESULTS

(unaudited; \$ in millions)

	Total Sales		Same-store Sales(2)			
	Percent					
	Fiscal 2008	Fiscal 2007(1)	Increase/ (Decrease)	Full-line Total	Rack Stores	Rack Sales
April	\$600	\$604	(0.6%)	(3.8%)	(6.8%)	7.2%
First Quarter	\$1,879	\$1,954	(3.8%)	(6.5%)	(9.1%)	4.6%

Number of stores

Full-line	105	98
Rack and other	54	53
Faconnable boutiques(3)	-	40
Total	159	191
Gross square footage	21,139,000	20,170,000

(1) Total sales results for fiscal 2007 include sales from the company's international and domestic Faconnable boutiques.

(2) Same-store sales results exclude sales from Faconnable.

(3) On October 31, 2007, the company completed the sale of Faconnable.

Future Reporting Dates

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

First Quarter Earnings Release	Thurs., May 15, 2008
May Sales Release	Thurs., June 5, 2008
June Sales Release	Thurs., July 10, 2008
July Sales Release	Thurs., August 7, 2008

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 159 stores located in 28 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 105 full-line stores, 50 Nordstrom Racks, two Jeffrey boutiques, and two clearance stores. In addition, 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.

Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Nordstrom will hold its 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time, in the Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall of Benaroya Hall in Seattle, Washington.

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