UNITED STATES<br>SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION<br>WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT
TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED) May 5, 2005

NORDSTROM, INC.
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

| WASHINGTON | $001-15059$ | $91-0515058$ |
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| (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION | (COMMISSION FILE | (I.R.S. EMPLOYER |
| OF INCORPORATION) | NUMBER) | IDENTIFICATION NO.) |

1617 SIXTH AVENUE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101 (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES) (ZIP CODE)

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE (206) 628-2111

INAPPLICABLE
(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT
The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Nordstrom, Inc. (the "Compensation Committee") recently approved bonus goals, performance levels and award levels that may be earned during the fiscal year ending January 28, 2006 ("Fiscal Year 2005") under the Company's shareholder approved Executive Management Group Bonus Plan (the "Plan").

Under the Plan, bonus awards are paid only when performance goals are achieved. The bonus target and maximum payments are expressed as a percentage of base salary and the bonus goals vary by position depending on each participant's area of responsibility and influence.

Fiscal Year 2005 bonus arrangements for the Company's Named Executive Officers were approved by the Compensation Committee as follows:

| Named | Bonus Target | Bonus Maximum | Bonus |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Executive | as a \% of | as a \% of | Bonus | Measure |
| Officer | Base Salary | Base Salary | Measures | Weighting |


| Blake W. Nordstrom | $100 \%$ | $250.0 \%$ | -Earnings before taxes/ <br> President |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  | $100.0 \%$ |

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On May 5, 2005, Nordstrom, Inc. issued a press release announcing
its preliminary April 2005 sales. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NORDSTROM, INC.

By: /s/ Michael G. Koppel
Michael G. Koppel
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
99.1 Nordstrom April 2005 Preliminary Sales Release, dated
May 5, 2005.

SEATTLE - May 5, 2005 - 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) 2206036. This recording will be available for one week.

SALES
SUMMARY
Total Sales
Same-store
Sales (1) --
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(unaudited; Fiscal
Fiscal
Percent
Total Full-
Line Rack \$
in millions)
20052004
Increase
Retail
Stores
Stores -----
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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 5656
International
Faconnable
boutiques 31 31
Fotal 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
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 http://www.nordstrom.com and through its direct mail catalogs. Investor Contact:

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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.

