

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED) October 9, 2003

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

WASHINGTON	0-6074	91-0515058
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION)	(COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)	(I.R.S. EMPLOYER 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)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PROFORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(C) EXHIBITS

99.1 Nordstrom September 2003 Preliminary Sales Release, dated October 9, 2003.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On October 9, 2003, Nordstrom, Inc. issued a press release announcing its preliminary September 2003 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  
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Michael G. Koppel  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 9, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
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For Immediate Release  
 October 9, 2003

NORDSTROM REPORTS SEPTEMBER SAME-STORE SALES INCREASE OF 7.7%

SEATTLE - October 9, 2003 - Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$563.7 million for the five-week period ending October 4, 2003, an increase of 11.4 percent compared to sales of \$505.9 million for the five-week period ending October 5, 2002. Same-store sales increased 7.7 percent.

September same-store sales in full-line stores increased in all geographic regions and all major merchandise divisions.

Preliminary quarter-to-date sales of \$966.2 million increased 11.4 percent compared to quarter-to-date 2002 sales of \$867.6 million. Quarter-to-date same-store sales increased 5.8 percent.

Preliminary year-to-date sales of \$4.1 billion increased 7.2 percent compared to year-to-date 2002 sales of \$3.8 billion. Year-to-date same-store sales increased 2.6 percent.

SALES RECORDING

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

GAAP SALES PERFORMANCE

The additional information provided in this section is to comply with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation G. The Company converted to a 4-5-4 Retail Calendar at the beginning of 2003. This change in the fiscal calendar has resulted in differences in the number of days included in the current period versus the same period in the prior year. Sales performance numbers included in this sales release have been calculated on a comparative 4-5-4 basis. The Company believes that adjusting for these differences provides a more comparable basis (4-5-4 vs. 4-5-4) from which to evaluate sales performance. The following reconciliation bridges 2002 GAAP sales to the 4-5-4 comparable sales.

Dollar  
 Increase/ %  
 Change %  
 Change Sales  
 Reconciliation  
 (\$M)  
 September  
 2003  
 September  
 2003 Decrease  
 Total Sales  
 Comp Sales --  
 -----  
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Number of  
 Days GAAP 35  
~~30 GAAP Sales~~  
~~\$563.7~~ ~~\$426.4~~  
~~\$137.3~~ ~~32.2%~~  
 27.2% Plus  
~~October 1-5,~~  
~~2002 sales~~  
~~\$79.5~~  
 Reported 4-5-  
 4 sales  
~~\$563.7~~ ~~\$505.9~~  
~~\$57.8~~ ~~11.4%~~  
 7.7%  
 =====  
~~===== 4~~  
 5-4 Adjusted  
 Days 35 35

Dollar  
 Increase/ %  
 Change %  
 Change Sales  
 Reconciliation

(\$M) QTD 2003  
 QTD 2003  
 Decrease  
 Total Sales  
 Comp Sales --  
 -----  
 -----  
 -----

Number of  
 Days GAAP 63  
~~61 GAAP Sales~~  
~~\$966.2 \$861.1~~  
~~\$105.1 12.2%~~  
~~6.0% Less~~  
~~Aug. 1-3,~~  
~~2002 sales~~  
~~(\$73.0) Plus~~  
~~Oct. 1-5,~~  
~~2002 sales~~  
~~\$79.5~~  
~~Reported 4-5-~~  
~~4 sales~~  
~~\$966.2 \$867.6~~  
~~\$98.6 11.4%~~  
~~5.8%~~

=====  
 ----- 4-  
 5-4 Adjusted  
 Days 63 63

Dollar %  
 Change %  
 Change Sales  
 Reconciliation  
 (\$M) YTD 2003  
 YTD 2002  
 Increase  
 Total Sales  
 Comp Sales --  
 -----  
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Number of  
 Days GAAP 246  
~~242 GAAP~~  
~~Sales~~  
~~\$4,104.9~~  
~~\$3,762.4~~  
~~\$342.5 9.1%~~  
~~3.7% Less~~  
~~Feb. 1, 2003~~  
~~(\$18.2)~~  
~~Less Feb. 1-~~  
~~2, 2002 sales~~  
~~(\$30.4)~~  
~~Plus Oct. 1-~~  
~~5, 2002 sales~~  
~~\$79.5~~  
~~Reported 4-5-~~  
~~4 sales~~  
~~\$4,086.7~~  
~~\$3,811.5~~  
~~\$275.2 7.2%~~  
~~2.6%~~

=====  
 ----- 4-  
 5-4 Adjusted  
 Days 245 245

FUTURE REPORTING DATES  
 Nordstrom's financial release calendar for the next several months is provided  
 in the table below.

October Sales Release  
Third Quarter Earnings  
November Sales Release  
December Sales Release

Thurs., November 6, 2003  
Thurs., November 20, 2003  
Thurs., December 4, 2003  
Thurs., January 8, 2004

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 147 US stores located in 27 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 91 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, primarily in Europe. Additionally, Nordstrom serves customers through its online presence at <http://www.nordstrom.com> and through its direct mail catalogs.

SALES  
SUMMARY  
(unaudited;  
\$ in  
millions)  
Sept. Sept.  
QTD QTD YTD  
YTD 2003  
2002 2003  
2002 2003  
2002 ---- --  
-- ---- --  
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~~Total sales~~  
~~\$563.7~~  
~~\$505.9~~  
~~\$966.2~~  
~~\$867.6~~  
~~\$4,086.7~~  
~~\$3,811.5~~  
~~Total sales~~  
~~percentage~~  
~~change 11.4%~~  
~~6.6% 11.4%~~  
~~5.4% 7.2%~~  
~~5.0% Same-~~  
~~store sales~~  
~~percentage~~  
~~change 7.7%~~  
~~1.7% 5.8%~~  
~~1.0% 2.6%~~  
~~0.5% Number~~  
~~of stores~~  
~~(as of~~  
~~October 4,~~  
~~2003) Full-~~  
~~line 91 86~~  
~~Rack and~~  
~~other 56 55~~  
~~International~~  
~~Faconnable~~  
~~boutiques 31~~  
~~23~~  
~~Total 178~~  
~~164 Gross~~  
~~square~~  
~~footage~~  
~~19,011,000~~  
~~18,047,000~~

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Certain statements in this news release might contain "forward-looking" information (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) that involves risks and uncertainties, including anticipated results, store openings and distribution channels, planned capital expenditures, and trends in company operations. Actual future results and trends may differ materially from historical results or current expectations depending upon factors including, but not limited to, the company's ability to predict fashion trends, consumer apparel buying patterns, the company's ability to control costs, weather conditions, hazards of nature such as earthquakes and floods, trends in personal bankruptcies and bad debt write-offs, changes in

interest rates, employee relations, the company's ability to continue its expansion plans, and the impact of economic and competitive market forces, including the impact of terrorist activity or the impact of a war on the company, its customers and the retail industry. Our SEC reports may contain other information on these and other factors that could affect our financial results and cause actual results to differ materially from any forward-looking information we may provide.

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