

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) SEPTEMBER 4, 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 August 2003 Preliminary Sales Release, dated September 4, 2003.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On September 4, 2003, Nordstrom, Inc. issued a press release announcing its preliminary August 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/ David L. Mackie

David L. Mackie
Vice President and
Corporate Secretary

Dated: September 4, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
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For Immediate Release

September 4, 2003

NORDSTROM REPORTS AUGUST SAME-STORE SALES INCREASE OF 3.2%

SEATTLE - September 4, 2003 - Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$402.6 million for the four-week period ending August 30, 2003, an increase of 11.3 percent compared to sales of \$361.7 million for the four-week period ending August 31, 2002. Same-store sales increased 3.2 percent.

August same-store sales in full-line stores increased in the Northwest, Southwest and Central States geographic regions. By merchandise division, same-store sales increased in Shoes, Cosmetics, Accessories, Men's Wear, Women's Active Wear, Junior Women's, Intimate Apparel, and Women's Designer Apparel.

Preliminary year-to-date sales of \$3.5 billion increased 6.6 percent compared to year-to-date 2002 sales of \$3.3 billion. Year-to-date same-store sales increased 1.8 percent.

SALES RECORDING

To hear Nordstrom's prerecorded August sales message, please dial (402) 530-7891. This recording is 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) August	
2003 August	
2002 Decrease	
Total Sales	
Comp Sales --	

Number of	
Days GAAP 28	
31 GAAP Sales	
\$402.6 \$434.7	
(\$32.1)	
(7.4%)	
(14.4%) Less	
August 1-3,	
2002 sales--	
(\$73.0)	
Reported 4-5-	
4 sales	
\$402.6 \$361.7	
\$40.9 11.3%	
3.2%	
=====	
===== 4-	
5-4 Adjusted	
Days 28 28	

Dollar %
Change %

~~0.2% 1.8%~~
~~0.3% Number~~
~~of stores~~
~~(as of~~
~~August 30,~~
~~2003) Full~~
~~line 90 83~~
~~Rack and~~
~~other 56 54~~
~~International~~
~~Faconnable~~
~~boutiques 31~~
~~23~~
~~Total 177~~
~~160 Gross~~
~~square~~
~~footage (as~~
~~of Aug. 30,~~
~~2003)~~
~~18,847,000~~
~~17,488,000~~

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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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