UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 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) November 3, 2005

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

WASHINGTON 001-15059 91-0515058

(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION (COMMISSION FILE OF INCORPORATION)

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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2 below):

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

ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On November 3, 2005, Nordstrom, Inc. issued a press release announcing its preliminary October 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 Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President

Dated: November 3, 2005

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DESCRIPTION NUMBER

99.1 Nordstrom October 2005 Preliminary Sales Release, dated November 3, 2005.

NORDSTROM OCTOBER SAME-STORE SALES INCREASE 6.4 PERCENT

SEATTLE - November 3, 2005 - Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$556.2 million for the four-week period ending October 29, 2005, an increase of 8.7 percent compared to sales of \$511.9 million for the four-week period ending October 30, 2004. Same-store sales increased 6.4 percent (1).

Preliminary third quarter sales of \$1.7 billion increased 8.0 percent compared to sales of \$1.5 billion in 2004. Third quarter same-store sales increased 5.9 percent.

Preliminary year-to-date sales of \$5.4 billion increased 7.9 percent compared to sales of \$5.0 billion in 2004. Year-to-date same-store sales increased 6.1 percent.

On November 11th Nordstrom will open its 98th full-line store in Dallas, Texas at NorthPark Center.

SALES RECORDING

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

SALES SUMMARY Total Sales Same-store Sales (1) -------(unaudited; Fiscal Fiscal Percent Total Full-Line Rack \$ in millions) 2005 2004 Increase Retail Stores Stores -------------October \$556.2 6.4% 7.3% 11.4% Third Quarter \$1,542.1 8.0% 5.9%

6.1% 10.9% Year to date \$5,426.9

\$5,031.0 7.9% 6.1%

5.3% 14.8% Number of

stores Full-

Rack and other 57 56

International Faconnable boutiques 32

31
Total 186
180 Gross
square
footage

19,858,000 19,289,000

FUTURE REPORTING DATES

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

Third Quarter Earnings
November Sales Release
December Sales Release
January Sales Release
Thurs., Nov. 17, 2005
Thurs., Dec. 1, 2005
Thurs., Jan. 5, 2006
Thurs., Feb. 2, 2006

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 154 US stores located in 27 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 97 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.

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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.