

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) APRIL 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 March 2003 Preliminary Sales Release, dated
April 9, 2003.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On April 9, 2003, Nordstrom, Inc. issued a press release announcing our preliminary March 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 P. Dent

Michael P. Dent
Divisional Vice President and
Corporate Controller

Dated: April 9, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
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For Immediate Release

 April 9, 2003

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NORDSTROM REPORTS MARCH 2003 SALES

 SEATTLE - April 9, 2003 - Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$518.0 million for the five-week period ending April 5, 2003, an increase of 2.9 percent compared to sales of \$503.6 million for the five-week period ending April 6, 2002. Same-store sales decreased 1.7 percent, in-line with the company's recently revised expectations.

For the five-week period, same-store sales in full-line stores increased in the Central States and East Coast geographic regions but decreased in the Northwest and Southwest regions. By merchandise division, same-store sales increased in Cosmetics, Accessories and Women's Active Wear, while Women's Shoes and the Designer and Bridge segments of Women's Apparel were flat for the month.

Preliminary quarter-to-date (February - March) sales of \$885.7 million increased 2.7 percent compared to 2002 quarter-to-date sales of \$862.6 million. Quarter-to-date same-store sales decreased 1.9 percent.

FUTURE REPORTING DATES

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

April Sales Release	Wed., May 7, 2003
First Quarter Earnings	Mon., May 19, 2003
Annual Meeting	Tue., May 20, 2003
May Sales Release	Wed., June 4, 2003

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 143 US stores located in 27 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 89 full-line stores, 47 Nordstrom Racks, five Faconnable boutiques, one free-standing shoe store, and one clearance store. Nordstrom also operates 24 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 Mar.
 Mar. YTD YTD
 (unaudited;
 \$ in
 millions)
 2003 2002 --

 ---- Total
 sales ~~\$518.0~~

~~\$503.6~~
~~\$885.7~~
~~\$862.6 Total~~
~~sales~~
~~percentage~~
~~change 2.9%~~
~~1.8% 2.7%~~
~~1.3% Same-~~
~~store sales~~
~~percentage~~
~~change Full-~~
~~line stores~~
~~(1.6%)~~
~~(1.8%)~~
~~(1.9%)~~
~~(3.0%) Rack~~
~~and other~~
~~stores~~
~~(1.8%) 2.7%~~
~~(2.1%) 0.2%~~
~~All stores~~
~~(1.7%)~~
~~(1.3%)~~
~~(1.9%)~~
~~(2.6%)~~
~~Number of~~
~~stores (as~~
~~of April 5,~~
~~2003) Full-~~
~~line 89 83~~
~~Rack and~~
~~other 54 52~~
~~International~~
~~Facennable~~
~~boutiques 24~~
~~24~~
~~Total 167~~
~~159 Gross~~
~~square~~
~~footage (as~~
~~of April 5,~~
~~2003)~~
~~18,613,000~~
~~17,447,000~~

Certain statements in this news release 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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