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Nordstrom Opens at the Galleria

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New Store Is Retailer's First Full-Line Location in Houston

Nordstrom, one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, opened its 89th full-line store today in Houston at The Galleria. Over 500 applauding employees lined the aisles of the 217,000-square foot store to cheer the first customers through the door.

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"We're thrilled to open our doors and welcome shoppers to Nordstrom The Galleria," said Dan Alvarez, store manager. "We have an outstanding team of people who've been working hard to prepare for this day and can't wait to start taking care of customers. Our goal today is to make as many friends as possible in the Houston community and do our best to begin to earning their business, one customer at a time."

Nordstrom The Galleria offers three levels of shoes, clothing and accessories for men, women and children. The merchandise offering includes tens of thousands of pairs of shoes; 1,800 men's dress shirts in 63 different sizes; 2,000 neckties; 12,000 tubes of lipstick and lipgloss and 3,500 handbags for day and evening. The wide selection includes Nordstrom exclusives such as Faconnable, Classiques Entier, Halogen and Caslon. The store also offers complimentary personal shopping, valet and concierge services, a Cafe Bistro, an espresso bar, in-store alteration and tailor shops and a shoe shine stand.

Earlier in the week, Nordstrom celebrated its opening with a gala benefit for The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, where guests enjoyed cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and live musical entertainment throughout the three-level store. The evening was highlighted by a runway fashion show of American and European designer collections staged in a tent adjacent to the store. The event was expected to raise \$300,000.

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, 48 Nordstrom Racks, five Faconnable boutiques, one free-standing shoe store, and one clearance store. Nordstrom also operates 23 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. Nordstrom, Inc. is publicly traded on the NYSE under the symbol JWN.

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