

NORDSTROM

Nordstrom Reports April 2002 Sales

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SEATTLE, May 8, 2002 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$418.3 million for the four-week period ending May 4, 2002, an increase of 3.9 percent compared to sales of \$402.7 million for the four-week period ending May 5, 2001. Same-store sales declined 1.6 percent.

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Same-store sales in full-line stores decreased in the Southwest and East Coast geographic regions, but were flat in the Northwest and Central States. Same-store sales increased in the Cosmetics, Women's Designer, Women's Contemporary, and Women's Active Wear merchandise categories.

Preliminary first quarter (February - April) sales of \$1.28 billion increased 2.1 percent compared to 2001 first quarter sales of \$1.25 billion. Quarterly same-store sales declined 2.1 percent.

Future Reporting Dates

Nordstrom's financial release calendar for the next several months is provided in the table below. Please note that beginning in fiscal 2002 (February), sales are presented and reported according to the 4-5-4 retail calendar, after the market close, on the Wednesday before Retail Sales Day. Quarterly financial results will continue to be reported on a calendar basis.

First Quarter Earnings	Wed., May 15, 2002
May Sales Release	Wed., June 5, 2002
June Sales Release	Wed., July 10, 2002
July Sales Release	Wed., August 7, 2002
Second Quarter Earnings	Wed., August 14, 2002

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 136 US stores located in 26 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 83 full-line stores, 46 Nordstrom Racks, four Faconnable boutiques, two free-standing shoe stores, 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 (unaudited; \$ in millions)	Apr. 2002	Apr. 2001	YTD 2002	YTD 2001
Total sales	\$418.3	\$402.7	\$1,280.8	\$1,254.5
Total sales percentage change	3.9%	4.6%	2.1%	8.3%
Same-store sales percentage change				
Full-line stores	(2.5%)	(1.2%)	(2.6%)	(0.3%)
Rack and other stores	5.9%	(2.3%)	1.9%	(5.4%)
All stores	(1.6%)	(1.3%)	(2.1%)	(0.8%)

Number of stores

(as of April 30)

Full-line	83	77
Rack and other	53	45
International		
Faconnable boutiques	24	20
Total	160	142

Gross square

footage

(as of April 30)	17,479,000	16,305,000
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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 store openings and distribution channels, planned capital expenditures, and trends in company operations. Actual future results and trends may differ materially depending upon a

variety of factors including, but not limited to, the company's ability to source and manage appropriate inventory, predict fashion trends and consumer apparel buying patterns, and control costs and expenses; weather conditions; hazards of nature such as earthquakes and floods; trends in personal bankruptcies and bad debt write-offs; employee relations; the company's ability to continue its expansion plans; and the impact of economic and competitive market forces, including the effects of recent terrorist activity on the company, its customers and the industry. The company's SEC reports may contain other information on these and other factors, which could affect our financial results and cause actual results to differ from any forward-looking information we may provide.

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