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Nordstrom Announces \$300 Million Share Repurchase Program

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SEATTLE, Aug. 25 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today announced that its Board of Directors has authorized a \$300 million share repurchase program. In November of 1999, the Board authorized a \$150 million share repurchase program of which \$82 million remains. The company last repurchased shares in the beginning of 2001. The remaining authorization is being replaced today with the \$300 million program. The shares are expected to be acquired through open market transactions during the next 12 to 24 months. The actual number and timing of share repurchases will be subject to market conditions and applicable SEC rules.

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"The company's balance sheet and operating performance are strong and this share repurchase program reflects the confidence we have in our business and our ongoing commitment to return value to shareholders," said President Blake Nordstrom.

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 149 US stores located in 27 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, Nordstrom today operates 93 full-line stores, 49 Nordstrom Racks, five U.S. Faconnable boutiques, one freestanding shoe store, and one clearance store. Nordstrom also operates 31 international Faconnable boutiques, primarily in Europe. Additionally, Nordstrom Direct serves customers through its online presence at <http://www.nordstrom.com> and through its direct mail catalogs.

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