

NORDSTROM

Nordstrom Announces \$500 Million Share Repurchase Program

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SEATTLE, Feb 24, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today announced that its Board of Directors has authorized a \$500 million share repurchase program. The prior \$300 million authorization was completed during the fourth quarter of 2004. The shares are expected to be acquired through open market transactions during the next 24 to 36 months. The actual number and timing of share repurchases will be subject to market conditions and applicable SEC rules.

"The company just completed a record-breaking year and we are entering 2005 in a position of financial and competitive strength. This share repurchase program reflects the confidence we have in our business and our ongoing commitment to return value to shareholders," said Mike Koppel, Nordstrom Chief Financial Officer.

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 150 U.S. stores located in 27 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, Nordstrom today operates 94 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 www.nordstrom.com and through its direct mail catalogs.

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