

NORDSTROM

Nordstrom February Same-Store Sales Increase 7.0 Percent

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SEATTLE, March 3, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$463.2 million for the four-week period ending February 26, 2005, an increase of 8.4 percent compared to sales of \$427.4 million for the four-week period ending February 28, 2004. Same-store sales increased 7.0 percent (1).

SALES RECORDING

To hear Nordstrom's prerecorded February sales message, please dial 402-220-6036. This recording will be available for one week.

| SALES SUMMARY | Total Sales | Same-store | Sales(1) |
|---|-------------|------------|----------------------|
| (unaudited; Fiscal Fiscal Percent Total Full-line Rack | | | |
| \$ in millions) 2005 2004 Increase Retail Stores Stores | | | |
| February | \$463.2 | \$427.4 | 8.4% 7.0% 5.6% 18.4% |

Number of stores

| | | |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Full-line | 94 | 92 |
| Rack and other | 56 | 56 |
| International Faconnable boutiques | 31 | 31 |
| Total | 181 | 179 |
| Gross square footage | 19,410,000 | 19,138,000 |

FUTURE REPORTING DATES

Nordstrom's financial release calendar for the next several months is currently planned as follows:

March Sales Release Thurs., April 7, 2005
April Sales Release Thurs., May 5, 2005
First Quarter Earnings Tues., May 17, 2005
Shareholder Meeting Tues., May 24, 2005
May Sales Release Thurs., June 2, 2005

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 150 US stores located in 27 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 94 full-line stores, 49 Nordstrom Racks, five Faconnable boutiques, one free-standing shoe store, and one clearance store. Nordstrom also operates 31 international Faconnable boutiques in Europe. Additionally, Nordstrom serves customers through its online presence at www.nordstrom.com and through its direct mail catalogs.

(1) Effective February 2005, Nordstrom Direct sales, which include catalog and Internet, are included in Total Retail same-store sales. To serve as a basis for comparison, as this was not the case last year, a presentation of 2004 monthly, quarterly and full-year same-store sales that includes Nordstrom Direct is available on the Investor Relations homepage of our website under Recent Reports.

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