NORDSTROM

Nordstrom March Same-Store Sales Increase 4.3 Percent

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SEATTLE, April 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$703.1 million for the five-week period ending April 1, 2006, an increase of 7.0 percent compared to sales of \$657.4 million for the five-week period ending April 2, 2005. Same-store sales increased 4.3 percent.

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Preliminary quarter-to-date sales of \$1.20 billion increased 7.1 percent compared to sales of \$1.12 billion in 2005. Quarter-to-date same-store sales increased 4.5 percent.

SALES RECORDING

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

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SALES SUMMARY Total Sales Same-store Sales (unaudited; Fiscal Fiscal Percent Total Full-line Rack $ in millions) 2006 2005 Increase Retail Stores Stores
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March \$703.1 \$657.4 7.0% 4.3% 3.1% 10.6% Quarter-to-date \$1,202.2 \$1,122.7 7.1% 4.5% 3.2% 10.4%

Number of stores

Full-line 99 95
Rack and other 57 56
International

International Faconnable

boutiques 33 31 Total 189 182

Gross square

footage 20,214,000 19,550,000

EXPANSION UPDATE

On March 10, 2006, the company opened a full-line store at The Gardens Mall in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

FUTURE REPORTING DATES

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

April Sales Release Thurs., May 4, 2006
First Quarter Earnings Thurs., May 18, 2006
May Sales Release Thurs., June 1, 2006
June Sales Release Thurs., July 6, 2006

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 156 US stores located in 27 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 99 full-line stores, 49 Nordstrom Racks, five Faconnable boutiques, one free-standing shoe store, and two clearance stores. Nordstrom also operates 33 international Faconnable boutiques in Europe. Additionally, Nordstrom serves customers through its online presence at http://www.nordstrom.com and through its catalogs. Nordstrom, Inc. is publicly traded on the NYSE under the symbol JWN.

SOURCE Nordstrom, Inc.

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