

NORDSTROM

Nordstrom April Same-Store Sales Increase 7.3 Percent

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SEATTLE, May 4 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$584.8 million for the four-week period ending April 29, 2006, an increase of 10.0 percent compared to sales of \$531.7 million for the four-week period ending April 30, 2005. Same-store sales increased 7.3 percent.

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Preliminary first quarter sales of \$1.79 billion increased 8.0 percent compared to first quarter sales of \$1.65 billion in 2005. First quarter same-store sales increased 5.4 percent.

SALES RECORDING

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

SALES SUMMARY (unaudited; \$ in millions)	Fiscal 2006	Fiscal 2005	Percent Increase	Total Retail	Full-line Stores	Rack Stores
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April	\$584.8	\$531.7	10.0%	7.3%	7.5%	11.6%
First quarter	\$1,787.1	\$1,654.5	8.0%	5.4%	4.6%	10.8%

Number of stores

Full-line	99	95
Rack and other	57	56
International		
Faconnable		
boutiques	34	32
Total	190	183

Gross square footage	20,217,000	19,553,000
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FUTURE REPORTING DATES

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

First Quarter Earnings	Thurs., May 18, 2006
May Sales Release	Thurs., June 1, 2006
June Sales Release	Thurs., July 6, 2006
July Sales Release	Thurs., Aug. 3, 2006

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Nordstrom will hold its 2006 annual meeting of shareholders on Tuesday, May 23, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time, in the John W. Nordstrom Room of the downtown Seattle, Wash., Nordstrom store.

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 34 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.

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