CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED) May 17, 2007

NORDSTROM, INC.
(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

| WASHINGTON | $001-15059$ | $91-0515058$ |
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| (STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION | (COMMISSION FILE | (I.R.S. EMPLOYER |
| OF INCORPORATION) | NUMBER) | IDENTIFICATION NO.) |

1617 SIXTH AVENUE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON | 98101 |
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| (ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES) |

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE (206) 628-2111

INAPPLICABLE
(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)

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__ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition
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ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure
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99.1 Nordstrom earnings release dated May 17, 2007 relating to the Company's results of operations for the quarter ended May 5, 2007, its financial position as of May 5, 2007, and its cash flows for the quarter ended May 5, 2007.

## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NORDSTROM, INC.

By: /s/Michael G. Koppel
Michael G. Koppel
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

## EXHIBIT

NUMBER DESCRIPTION
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## NORDSTROM REPORTS FIRST QUARTER EARNINGS PER SHARE INCREASE OF 24 PERCENT

SEATTLE - May 17, 2007 - Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported net earnings of $\$ 156.8$ million, or $\$ 0.60$ per diluted share, for the first quarter ended May 5, 2007. For the same period last year ended April 29, 2006, net earnings and earnings per diluted share were $\$ 131.2$ million and $\$ 0.48$, respectively.
Total sales in the first quarter were $\$ 1.95$ billion and increased 9.3 percent compared to sales of $\$ 1.79$ billion during the same period in fiscal 2006. First quarter same-store sales increased 9.5 percent.
The 53rd week in fiscal 2006 created a timing shift in the 4-5-4 calendar for fiscal 2007, which has 52 weeks. The first quarter in fiscal 2007 began and ended one week later than fiscal 2006. This timing shift positively impacted sales results for the first quarter of 2007.

## FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

Earnings per diluted share in the first quarter increased 24 percent compared to the same quarter last year. Continued improvement in the company's execution of its merchandising strategy resulted in sales growth which contributed to profit margin expansion.

- Same-store sales increased 9.5 percent for the quarter, exceeding the company's mid-single digit same-store sales plan. Strong regular price sales across all major merchandise categories drove the sales increase, as customers responded favorably to spring season fashion merchandise throughout the quarter. Merchandise categories with performance above the full-line store average for the quarter were designer apparel, accessories, and women's apparel. Sales momentum in our online store continued to be strong, as samestore sales results exceeded our mid-teen planned growth rate.
- Gross profit, as a percent of sales, increased 66 basis points compared to last year's first quarter result. Sales leverage on fixed costs in buying and occupancy expenses primarily contributed to gross profit rate expansion, along with improved merchandise margin across categories.
- Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percent to sales decreased 32 basis points versus the prior year. Overall, fixed expenses during the first quarter performed in-line with plans. In addition, the company recorded one-time expenses of approximately $\$ 4$ million over plan related to the launch of our new fashion rewards program. Existing credit customers whose 2006 purchases in our stores qualified them for upper-tier level status have been granted reward benefits that they may redeem immediately. These expenses impacted the SG\&A rate for the first quarter by 20 basis points and earnings per diluted share by $\$ 0.01$.


## SECURITIZATION TRANSACTION

The company completed an $\$ 850$ million securitization transaction backed by the company's co-branded Visa and private label receivables at the end of the first quarter of fiscal 2007. As part of the transaction, $\$ 350$ million in off-balance sheet debt was retired. Separately, we repaid $\$ 200$ million in off-balance sheet notes that matured during the quarter.

## EXPANSION UPDATE

The company recently announced its plans to open a new Nordstrom store at University Town Center in Sarasota, Fla. The two-level store will be 138,000 square feet and is scheduled to open in fall 2010.

Also, the company recently announced plans to open a 35,000-square-foot Rack store at Park Lane in Dallas. The Park Lane Rack will be the company's third Rack store in Texas and is scheduled to open in fall 2008.

## 2007 OUTLOOK

For the fiscal year ending February 2, 2008, the company anticipates earnings per diluted share in the range of $\$ 2.81$ to $\$ 2.90$, increased from the previous range of $\$ 2.78$ to $\$ 2.84$. Our outlook includes consideration for the effects of the timing shift in the 2007 4-5-4 calendar, the company's securitization transaction backed by the co-branded Visa and private label receivables, and other non-comparable items. Outlined in the table below are
the anticipated relative effects on diluted earnings per share from noncomparable items expected for the remaining quarters of the 2007 fiscal year. Updated
full-year 2007
operating plan:
Fiscal
2007----
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Same-store
Sales 3\% も0-4\%
increase Gross
Profit (\%) 35-10-45 basis point
increase
Selling, General
and Admin. Expense
(\%) 5 - to
15 basis point
decrease
Interest
Expense,
net Flat Other Income including Finance Charges
\$20 to \$30 million

## increase

Effective
Fax Rate 38.5\%

Earnings per Biluted share
$\$ 2.81$ to $\$ 2.90$ Diluted Shares
outstanding 261
million
Prior year Earnings per
Biluted
Share
$\$ 2.55$

Actual and planned
performance for the quarters of
fiscal 2007:
First Second
Third Fourth
Fiscal Quarter
Quarter Quarter
Quarter 2007
(Actual) (Plan)
(Plan) (Plan)
(Plan) Same-
store sales:
$9.5 \% \quad 1 \%$ to $2 \%$
4\% to $5 \% ~ 2 \%$ to 3\% 3\% to - $4 \%$
Earnings per
diluted share: (a)Exped
(\$0.02)
(\$0.02) 4. 2006 53rd week

## fesults

(\$0.02) (\$0.02) Reported results
(combine a $+b$
above): $\$ 0.60$
$\$ 0.62$ to $\$ 0.65$
$\$ 0.61$ to $\$ 0.64$
\$0.98 to \$1. 01
$\$ 2.81$ to $\$ 2.90$

Notes on the $\$ 850$ million securitization transaction:

- With the completion of the securitization transaction, the company began a new accounting treatment for the co-branded Visa receivables and securitized debt, which is secured by both the co-branded Visa and private label receivables. In the first quarter, pre-existing co-branded Visa receivables totaling $\$ 943$ million were recorded on the balance sheet initially at fair value with no allowance for credit losses. Normal write-offs for uncollectible Visa receivables and other costs net, estimated at $\$ 20$ million, will be recorded in Other Income and Expenses over the eight month period following the transaction. This period is equal to the average repayment life of the acquired receivables. This expense activity is expected to reduce annual earnings per diluted share by $\$ 0.05$ and will be non-recurring in future periods beyond the 2007 fiscal year.
- Income and expenses from our co-branded Visa receivables that were previously reported net in Other Income and Expenses (under securitization accounting guidance) are reclassified in our earnings statement. In fiscal 2007, bad debt and write-off expense is expected to increase approximately $\$ 25$ to $\$ 35$ million and impact the SG\&A rate by 30 to 40 basis points, with an accelerated portion in the second quarter. Interest expense, partially offset by interest income, will increase approximately $\$ 20$ to $\$ 25$ million. Other income including finance charges will increase $\$ 35$ to $\$ 45$ million. The net combination of these expenses and income is anticipated to reduce annual earnings per diluted share by $\$ 0.01$.

SECOND QUARTER 2007 OUTLOOK
The timing shift in the 2007 4-5-4 calendar is expected to have a negative impact on second quarter 2007 sales results.

The months of May and June are anticipated to be negatively impacted by the timing shift of the fiscal 2006 53rd week. When compared to the planned same-store sales rate of one to two percent for the 2007 second quarter, the monthly same-store sales rate in May is expected be in-line, in June is expected to be below, and in July is expected to be above the anticipated
quarterly rate.
For the second quarter of 2007, earnings per diluted share are expected in the range of $\$ 0.62$ to $\$ 0.65$, including a $\$ 0.08$ impact from the non-comparable items described in the performance table earlier.

## CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION:

Company management will be hosting a conference call and webcast to discuss first quarter results at $4: 15$ p.m. (ET) today. Access to the conference call is open to the press and general public in a listen-only mode. To participate, please dial 212-547-0138 ten minutes prior to the call (passcode: NORD). A telephone replay will be available for 48 hours beginning approximately one hour after the conclusion of the call by dialing 866-4487644. Interested parties may also access the call over the Internet by visiting the Investor Relations section of the company's corporate web site at http://about.nordstrom.com/aboutus/investor/webcasts.asp. An archived version of the webcast will be available at this location for 30 days.

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 155 US stores located in 27 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 98 full-line stores, 50 Nordstrom Racks, four Faconnable boutiques in the United States, one free-standing shoe store, and two clearance stores. Nordstrom also operates 36 Faconnable boutiques in Europe. In addition, 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.

Certain statements in this news release contain "forward-looking" information (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) that involves risks and uncertainties, including anticipated results for the fiscal year ending February 2, 2008, and its second, third and fourth quarters, anticipated monthly, quarterly and annual same-store sales rates, store openings and trends in company operations. Actual future results and trends may differ materially from historical results or current expectations depending upon factors including, but not limited to, the impact of economic and competitive market forces, including the effect on consumer confidence, the impact of terrorist activity or the impact of a war on the company, its customers and the retail industry, the company's ability to predict fashion trends, consumer apparel buying patterns, trends in personal bankruptcies and bad debt write-offs, changes in interest rates, employee relations, the company's ability to continue its expansion plans, the timely completion of construction associated with newly planned stores, changes in government or regulatory requirements, the company's ability to control costs, weather conditions and hazards of nature and the timing and amounts of share repurchases by the company. Our SEC reports, including our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 3, 2007, contain other information on these and other factors that could affect our financial results and cause actual results to differ materially from any forward-looking information we may provide. The company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events, new information or future circumstances.

NORDSTROM, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS - 1st Quarter
(unaudited; amounts in thousands, except per share data and percentages)
Quarter \% of
sales (1)
Quarter \% of sales (1)
ended (except
as ended
(except as 5/5/07
indicated) 4/29/06
indicated)
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- Net sales
\$1, 953,872
$100.0 \%$ \$
1,787,223
100.0\% Cost
of sales and related
buying \& occupancy costs
$(1,214,752)$ (62.2\%)
$(1,123,003)$
(62.8\%)
-Gross profit
739,120-37.8\% 664,220-37.2\% Selling,
general and administrative expenses (534,014) (27.3\%) $(494,220)$
(27.7\%)

Operating income
205,106 10.5\%
170,000-9.5\% Interest expense, net $(7,212)$ (0.4\%) $(10,751)$ (0.6\%) Other income including finanee

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    Earnings
before income
tax expense
253,745 13.0%
213,087 11.0%
    Income-tax
        expense
        (96,948)
    (38.2%) (2)
    (81,856)
(38.4%)(2)
    _......Net
    earnings $
156,797 8.0%
$131,231 7.3%
Earnings per
share Basic
$0.61 $0.49
Diluted $0.60
        $0.48
    ADDITIONAL
BATA Weighted
        average
        shares
    outstanding
Basic 257,948
        267,490
        Diluted
        262,731
        272,831
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(1) Subtotals and totals may not foot due to rounding
2) Percent of earnings before income tax expense.
$5 / 5 / 07$
$2 / 3 / 07$

4/29/06 ---
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--. - Assets
Eurrent
assets: Gash and cash
equivalents \$ 744,644 \$ 402,559 \$ 261,326
Short term investments - 30,000 Accounts receivable, net 1,602,527 684,376 619,095
Investment in asset backed securities 428,175 565,854
Merchandise inventories 1,105,015 997,289 1,078,750 Current deferred tax assets, net 175,576 169,320 161,001 Prepaid
expenses and other 59,764 60,474
56,982

Total
eurrent
assets
3,687,526
$2,742,193$
$2,773,008$ tand, buildings and equipment, net 1,700,203
1,757,215
$1,748,399$
Goodwill
51,714 51,714 51,714
Acquired tradename 84,000 84,000
84,000 Other assets 217,942 186,456
129,518
Current
liabilities:
Accounts
payable $\$$
690,678-\$
576,796 \$
638,983
Accrued
salaries,
wages and
felated
benefits
176,965
339,965
174,300
Other
eurrent
liabilities
411,141
433,487
372,446
Income taxes
payable
121,899
76,095
59,978
Current
portion of
long term
lebt 7,768
6,800
306,636
Fotal
eurrent
liabilities
$1,417,451$
$1,433,143$
1,552,343
tong term
debt, net
$1,474,632$
623,652
624,949
Deferred
property
incentives,
net 362,741
356,062
361,446
Other
liabilities
257,326
240,200
219,477
Shareholders'
equity:
Common
stock, ne
par value:
1,000,000
shares
authorized;
258,140,
257,313 and
265,741
shares
issued and
outstanding
861,764
826,421
733,663
Retained
earnings
1,469,743
1,350,680
1,294,351

## Accumulated

 other comprehensive （lose） earnings $(12,272)$ $(8,580) 410$Fotal shareholders＇ equity 2，310，235 2，168，521 2，028，424

Fotal
liabilities and shareholders＇ equity
$\$ 5,831,385$
\＄4，821，578
$\$ 4,786,639$


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NORDSTROM，INC．
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
（unaudited；amounts in thousands）
Quarter
Quarter ended ended

5／5／07
4／29／06－－－
－－－－－－－－
Operating
Activities Net
earnings $\$$
156，797 \＄
131，231
Adjustments
to
reconcile
net
earnings to net cash
provided by operating
activities:
Depreciation and
amortization毛
buildings and
equipment 69,364 70,425
Amortization
of deferred property
incentives
and other, net $(0,004)$ $(8,677)$
stock based compensation expense
6,320-7,336
Deferred income
taxes, net
$(18,809)$
$(7,395)$ Ta*
benefit of
stock based
payments
7,660
13,538
Excess tax benfit
from-stock based
payments
$(7,387)$
$(11,617)$
Provision
for bad debt
expense
8,484 2,650
change in
operating
assets and
liabilities:
Accounts
fecivable
$(-25,721)$ 17,834
Investment in asset backed
securities 420,387 $(7,927)$
Merchandise inventories $(135,280)$ (109,648) Prepaid expenses 5,062 $(1,410)$ other assets $(25,490)$ (572) Accounts payable 92,928 91,005 Accrued salaries, wages and related benefits (159, 926 ) Other eurrent tiabilities
$(23,464)$
$(34,126)$ Income taxes payable 57,221
( 21,639 )
Deferred property incentives 17,330
3,826-other tiabilities 5,979-4,360

| Net cash |
| :--- |
| (used-in) |
| provided-by |
| eperating |
| activities |
| $(-457,540)$ |
| 28,751 |

Investing Activities Gapital expenditures $(85,829)$ $(47,513)$ Proceeds from-sale of assets $122 \quad 18$
Purchases
of short-
term
investments
( 100,000 )
sales of
short term
investments
124,000
Other, net
4,957
( 1,941 )
Het cash
used in
investing
activities
$(80,750)$
$(25,436)$
Financing
Activities
proceeds
from
issuance of
long term
debt
1,000,000
Principal
payments on
long term
debt
$(151,141)$
$(1,124)$
increase
(decrease)
in cash
book
overdrafts
42,777
8,370
Excess tax
benefit
from stock
based
payments
7,387
11,617 Gash
dividends
paid
$(34,772)$
$(28,326)$
Repurchase
of commen
stock
$(212,920)$
Other, net
$(2,344) 888$
Net cash
provided by
(used in)
financing
activities
880,375
$(204,645)$
Net
increase
(decrease)
in cash and
eash
equivalents
342,085
$(201,330)$
Gash and
eash
equivalents
at
beginning
of year
402,559
462,656
Cash and
eash
equivalents
at end of
year \$
744,644 \$
261,326

