# UNITED STATES <br> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 

FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT

TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

## DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED) May 8, 2008

NORDSTROM, INC. $_{\text {(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER) }}$
WASHINGTON
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF INCORPORATION)

001-15059
(COMMISSION FILE NUMBER)

91-0515058
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

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

98101<br>(ZIP CODE)

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

INAPPLICABLE
(FORMER NAME OR FORMER ADDRESS IF CHANGED SINCE LAST REPORT)
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A. 2 below):
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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

On May 8, 2008, Nordstrom, Inc. issued a press release announcing its preliminary April 2008 sales. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

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/ Lisa G. Iglesias
Lisa G. Iglesias
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Corporate Secretary

## EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER

DESCRIPTION
Nordstrom April 2008 Preliminary Sales Release, dated May 8, 2008.

## For Immediate Release

May 8, 2008

## NORDSTROM REPORTS APRIL SALES

SEATTLE - May 8, 2008 - Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of $\$ 600$ million for the four-week period ended May 3, 2008, a decrease of 0.6 percent compared to sales of $\$ 604$ million for the four-week period ended May 5, 2007. Same-store sales decreased 3.8 percent.

Preliminary first quarter sales of $\$ 1.88$ billion decreased 3.8 percent compared to sales of $\$ 1.95$ billion for the same period in 2007 . First quarter samestore sales decreased 6.5 percent.

The monthly same-store sales results in April 2008 were positively impacted by the timing shift of the Easter holiday from April to March. The company's stores were open an additional day in April 2008 when compared to April 2007.

Nordstrom will begin its Half-Yearly Sale for Women and Kids on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, to better align with the Memorial Day Holiday shopping period, rather than Nordstrom's traditional early June start of the semi-annual sale event. Accordingly, we expect sales results for May to be positively impacted and June to be negatively impacted by this timing shift.

## Sales Recording

To hear Nordstrom's pre-recorded April sales message, please dial 800-891-8250. This recording will be available for one week.

| APRIL SALES RESULTS (unaudited; \$ in millions) | Total Sales |  |  |  |  | Same-store Sales ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |
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|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fiscal } \\ & 2008 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fiscal } \\ & 20071 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | Percent |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Increase/ (Decrease) | Total | Full-line Stores | Rack Stores |
| April | \$ | 600 |  |  | \$ | 604 | (0.6\%) | (3.8\%) | (6.8\%) | 7.2\% |
| First Quarter | \$ | 1,879 | \$ | 1,954 | (3.8\%) | (6.5\%) | (9.1\%) | 4.6\% |
| Number of stores |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full-line |  | 105 |  | 98 |  |  |  |  |
| Rack and other |  | 54 |  | 53 |  |  |  |  |
| Façonnable boutiques3 |  | - |  | 40 |  |  |  |  |
| Total |  | 159 |  | 191 |  |  |  |  |
| Gross square footage |  | 39,000 |  | 70,000 |  |  |  |  |

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## Future Reporting Dates

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

| First Quarter Earnings Release | Thurs., May 15, 2008 |
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| May Sales Release | Thurs., June 5, 2008 |
| June Sales Release | Thurs., July 10, 2008 |
| July Sales Release | Thurs., August 7, 2008 |

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 159 stores located in 28 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 105 full-line stores, 50 Nordstrom Racks, two Jeffrey boutiques, and two clearance stores. In addition, Nordstrom serves customers through its online
presence at www.nordstrom.com and through its catalogs. Nordstrom, Inc. is publicly traded on the NYSE under the symbol JWN.

## Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Nordstrom will hold its 2008 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time, in the Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall of Benaroya Hall in Seattle, Washington.

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Certain statements in this news release contain or may suggest "forward-looking" information (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) that involves risks and uncertainties. The company's SEC reports, including its Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 2, 2008, contain factors that could affect the company's financial results and cause actual results to differ materially from any forward-looking information the company may provide. The company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events, new information or future circumstances.


[^0]:    1 Total sales results for fiscal 2007 include sales from the company's international and domestic Façonnable boutiques.
    2 Same-store sales results exclude sales from Façonnable.
    3 On October 31, 2007, the company completed the sale of Façonnable.

