

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

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

DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED) March 4, 2004

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

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

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

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

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

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PROFORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(C) EXHIBITS

99.1 Nordstrom February 2004 Preliminary Sales Release, dated March 4, 2004.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On March 4, 2004, Nordstrom, Inc. issued a press release announcing its preliminary February 2004 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/ Michael G. Koppel

Michael G. Koppel
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: March 5, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.1	Nordstrom February 2004 Preliminary Sales Release, dated

March 4, 2004.

For Immediate Release

March 4, 2004

NORDSTROM FEBRUARY SAME-STORE SALES INCREASE 14.1 PERCENT

SEATTLE - March 4, 2004 - Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$431.3 million for the 28-day period ending February 28, 2004, an increase of 11.8 percent compared to sales of \$385.8 million for the 29-day period ending March 1, 2003. Same-store sales increased 8.8 percent for the 28-day period in 2004 compared to the 29-day period in 2003. On a comparable 28-day to 28-day basis, same-store sales increased 14.1 percent.

February same-store sales in full-line stores increased in all geographic regions and all major merchandise categories.

SALES RECORDING

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

GAAP SALES PERFORMANCE

The additional information provided in this section is to comply with the Securities and Exchange Commission's Regulation G. The Company converted to a 4-5-4 Retail Calendar at the beginning of 2003. This change in the fiscal calendar has resulted in differences in the number of days included in the current period versus the same period in the prior year. The Company believes that adjusting for this difference provides a more comparable basis (4-5-4 vs. 4-5-4) from which to evaluate sales performance. The following reconciliation bridges 2003 GAAP sales to the 4-5-4 comparable sales.

Dollar %	
Change %	
Change Sales	
Reconciliation	
(\$M) February	
2004 February	
2003 Increase	
Total Sales	
Comp Sales --	

Number of	
Days GAAP 28	
29 GAAP Sales	
\$431.3 \$385.8	
\$45.5 11.8%	
8.8% less	
Feb. 1, 2003	
sales	
(\$18.2)	
Reported 4 5	
4 sales	
\$431.3 \$367.6	
\$63.7 17.3%	
14.1%	
=====	
===== 4	
5 4 Adjusted	
Days 28 28	

FUTURE REPORTING DATES

Nordstrom's financial release calendar for the next several months is provided in the table below.

March Sales Release	Thurs., April 8, 2004
April Sales Release	Thurs., May 6, 2004
First Quarter Earnings	Thurs., May 20, 2004
Annual Meeting	Tues., May 25, 2004

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 148 US stores located in 27 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 92 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, primarily in Europe. Additionally, Nordstrom serves customers through its online presence at <http://www.nordstrom.com> and through its direct mail catalogs.

SALES
SUMMARY
(unaudited;
\$ in
millions)
Feb. Feb.
2004 2003 --
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~~Total sales~~
~~\$431.3~~
~~\$367.6 Total~~
~~sales~~
~~percentage~~
~~change 17.3%~~
~~2.4% Same~~
~~store sales~~
~~percentage~~
~~change 14.1%~~
~~(2.3%)~~
~~Number of~~
~~stores (as~~
~~of Feb. 29,~~
~~2004) Full~~
~~line 92 88~~
~~Rack and~~
~~other 56 54~~
~~International~~
~~Faconnable~~
~~boutiques 31~~
~~23~~
~~Total 179~~
~~165 Gross~~
~~square~~
~~footage~~
~~19,138,000~~
~~18,385,000~~

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Certain statements in this news release might contain "forward-looking" information (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) that involves risks and uncertainties, including anticipated results, store openings and distribution channels, planned capital expenditures, 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 company's ability to predict fashion trends, consumer apparel buying patterns, the company's ability to control costs, weather conditions, hazards of nature such as earthquakes and floods, trends in personal bankruptcies and bad debt write-offs, changes in interest rates, employee relations, the company's ability to continue its expansion plans, and the impact of economic and competitive market forces, including the impact of terrorist activity or the impact of a war on the company, its customers and the retail industry. Our SEC reports may 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.

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