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

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| OF INCORPORATION) | NUMBER) | IDENTIFICATION NO.) |

1617 SIXTH AVENUE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON | 98101 |
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REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE (206) 628-2111

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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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the Company's results of operations for the quarter ended May 2, 2009, its financial position as of May 2, 2009, and its cash flows for the quarter ended May 2, 2009.

## 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/Robert B. Sari
Robert B. Sari
Executive Vice President,
General Counsel and Corporate
Secretary

## EXHIBIT INDEX

## EXHIBIT

NUMBER DESCRIPTION
99.1 Nordstrom earnings release dated May 14, 2009 relating to the Company's results of operations for the quarter ended May 2, 2009, its financial position as of May 2, 2009, and its cash flows for the quarter ended May 2, 2009.

## NORDSTROM REPORTS FIRST QUARTER 2009 EARNINGS

SEATTLE, Wash. - May 14, 2009 - Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported net earnings of $\$ 81$ million, or $\$ 0.37$ per diluted share, for the first quarter ended May 2, 2009. For the same quarter last year, Nordstrom reported net earnings of $\$ 119$ million, or $\$ 0.54$ per diluted share. Included in the 2009 first quarter results was a benefit of approximately $\$ 12$ million, or $\$ 0.06$ per diluted share, related to the closure of the company's 2007 federal tax return audit. Excluding this benefit, 2009 first quarter net earnings were \$69 million, or \$0.31 per share.

Net sales in the first quarter were $\$ 1.71$ billion, a decrease of 9.2 percent compared with sales of $\$ 1.88$ billion during the same period in fiscal 2008. First quarter same-store sales decreased 13.2 percent compared with the same period in fiscal 2008.

## FIRST QUARTER SUMMARY

In the first quarter, overall business trends were consistent with the company's business plans. The company planned sales based on recent trends and maintained its discipline with respect to inventory and expenses, allowing it to exceed earnings plans.
-Full-line same-store sales decreased 16.5 percent. Sales for Nordstrom Direct were approximately flat. Top-performing merchandise categories were dresses, junior women's apparel and cosmetics, while the South and MidAtlantic regions were the top-performing geographic areas.
-Nordstrom Rack outperformed most of its off-price competitors with a same-store sales increase of 1.2 percent.
-Gross profit, as a percentage of sales, decreased 215 basis points compared with last year's first quarter. Approximately half of the decline was due to the impact of fixed buying and occupancy costs as a percentage of reduced sales. The company was effective in aligning its inventory levels with its current sales trends. Quarter-end total inventory per square foot was down 12 percent from the prior year, which is better than total company sales trends.
-Retail selling, general and administrative expenses decreased \$46 million compared with last year's first quarter. Excluding $\$ 17$ million in additional expenses from stores opened since the first quarter of 2008, retail selling, general and administrative expenses decreased $\$ 63$ million. The company opened 6 full-line stores and 10 Nordstrom Rack stores since the first quarter of 2008, increasing retail square footage by 1.2 million or 5.7 percent.
-Credit selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$42 million compared with last year's first quarter due to higher charge-offs and additions to reserves for bad debt.

## EXPANSION UPDATE

On March 6, 2009, Nordstrom relocated and opened a full-line store at Fashion Place in Murray, Utah. On March 27, 2009, it opened a 143,000-squarefoot full-line store at Cherry Hill Mall in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and on April 17, 2009, it opened a 143,000-square-foot full-line store at Northshore Mall in Peabody, Massachusetts.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2009, Nordstrom also opened four Nordstrom Rack stores at Bergen Town Center in Paramus, New Jersey, Park Lane in Dallas, Texas, The Commons at Southtowne in Sandy, Utah and Orland Park Place in Orland Park, Illinois. On May 7, 2009, Nordstrom opened a Nordstrom Rack store at Ravenswood 101 in East Palo Alto, California.

## FISCAL YEAR 2009 OUTLOOK

Based on first quarter performance, the company is revising its outlook for the 2009 fiscal year to reflect increases in gross profit and credit card revenue, partly offset by an increase in bad debt expense. For the 2009 fiscal year, Nordstrom expects earnings per diluted share in the range of $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1.50$, increased from the previous range of $\$ 1.10$ to $\$ 1.40$. The company's revised expectations for fiscal 2009, which include the impact of
\$0.06 per diluted share tax benefit described above, are as follows:

Same-store Sales
Gross Profit (\%)
Retail Selling, General and Admin. Expense
Credit Card Revenue
Credit Selling, General and Admin. Expense (\$)
Total Selling, General and Admin. Expense (\%)
Interest Expense, net
Effective Tax Rate
Earnings per Diluted Share
Diluted Shares Outstanding

$10 \%$ to $15 \%$ decrease 130 to 200 basis point decrease $\$ 100$ to $\$ 200$ million decrease $\$ 75$ to $\$ 80$ million increase $\$ 35$ to $\$ 45$ million increase 90 to 120 basis point increase \$20 to \$25 million increase 36.5\% to 37.0\% $\$ 1.25$ to $\$ 1.50$ 218 million

## CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION

The company's senior management will host a conference call to discuss first quarter results at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time today. To listen, please dial 630-395-0076 (passcode: NORD). A telephone replay will be available beginning approximately one hour after the conclusion of the call by dialing 203-369-0463 until the close of business on May 21, 2009. Interested parties may also listen to the live call over the Internet by visiting the Investor Relations section of the company's corporate Web site at http://investor.nordstrom.com. An archived webcast will be available in the Webcasts section through August 12, 2009.

## ABOUT NORDSTROM

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 176 stores located in 28 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 111 full-line stores, 61 Nordstrom Racks, two Jeffrey boutiques, and two clearance stores. Nordstrom also 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 involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, anticipated financial outlook for the fiscal year ending January 30, 2010, anticipated annual same-store sales rate, anticipated store openings and trends in company operations. Such statements are based upon current beliefs and expectations of the company's management and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. 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 deteriorating economic and market conditions and the resultant impact on consumer spending patterns, the company's ability to respond to the business environment and fashion trends, the company's ability to safeguard its brand and reputation, effective inventory management, efficient and proper allocation of the company's capital resources, successful execution of the company's store growth strategy including the timely completion of construction associated with newly planned stores, relocations and remodels, all of which may be impacted by the financial health of third
parties, the company's compliance with applicable banking and related laws and regulations impacting the company's ability to extend credit to its customers, trends in personal bankruptcies and bad debt write-offs, availability and cost of credit, changes in interest rates, disruptions in the company's supply chain, the company's ability to maintain its relationship with vendors and developers who may be experiencing economic difficulties, the geographic locations of the company's stores, the company's ability to maintain its relationships with its employees and to effectively train and develop its future leaders, the company's compliance with information security and privacy laws and regulations, employment laws and regulations and other laws and regulations applicable to the company, successful execution of the company's information technology strategy, successful execution of the company's multichannel strategy, risks related to fluctuations in world currencies, weather conditions and hazards of nature that affect consumer traffic and consumers' purchasing patterns, the effectiveness of planned advertising, marketing, and promotional campaigns, the company's ability to control costs, and the timing and amounts of share repurchases by the company. Our SEC reports, including our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2009, 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.
(unaudited; amounts in millions, except per share data)
Quarter
Quarter ended ended 5/2/09 5/3/08 -----
--- --------
-- Net sales
\$1,706-\$
1,879-Credit
eard revenues
8670
Total
feventes 1,792 1,949
cost of sales and related buying \& occupancy
eosts $(1,107)$ $(1,179)$ selling, general and administrative expenses: Retail stores, direct and other segments (447) (493) Gredit segment (02) (50)

Earnings
before income taxes 115196
Income tax
expense（34）
（77）
Net earnings
\＄－81 \＄ 119
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Earnings per share Basic \＄
$0.38-\$-54$
Biluted $\$$
$0.37 \$ 0.54$
ADDITIONAL
BATA Weighted average shares
outstanding Basic 215.9 218．6－Diluted 217．4－221．7

NORDSTROM，INC．
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
（unaudited；amounts in millions）

## 5/2/09

[^0]5/3/08
--- Assets Gurrent
assets: Cash and cash equivalents \$78 \$ 119 Accounts feceivable, net 1,921 1,806
Merchandise inventories 1,004 1,079 Gurrent
deferred tax assets, net

220-181
Prepaid
expenses and
other $70-75$

Fotal
eurrent
assets 3,293
3,260 Land, buildings
and
equipment, net 2,231

2,061
Goodwill 53 53 Other
assets 183
212
Total
assets \$
5,760 \$
5,586
$==========$
tiabilities and
Shareholders' Equity Current
liabilities: Gommercial
paper \$265
\$-Accounts
payable 594
638 Accrued
salaries,
wages and related
benefits 182 197 Other current
liabilities
539-568
Current
portion of
long term
debt 375260

Fotal
current
liabilities
1,955 1,663
tong term
debt, net
1,862 2,235 Deferred property incentives, net 459-381

## Other

tiabilities
210249
commitments
and
contingencies
shareholders'
equity:
Common
stock, ne
par value:
1,000 shares authorized;
216.2 and
216.9 shares
issued and
outstanding
1,014-957
Retained
earnings 269 123
Accumulated ether comprehensive loss (9) (22)

Total shareholders' equity 1,274 1,058
Total
liabilities and
shareholders' equity $\$$
5,760 \$
5,586

NORDSTROM, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(unaudited; amounts in millions)
Quarter
Quarter
ended ended
5/2/09
5/3/08 ---
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Operating

## Activities

 Netearnings $\$$
81 \$-119
Adjustments to
reconcile net
earnings to
net cash
provided by
operating
activities: Depreciation and
amortization өf
buildings and
equipment 7772
Amortization of deferred
property
incentives and other, net (10)
(10) Stock based
compensation
expense 76
Deferred
income
taxes, net
(20) (10)

Fax benefit
from-stock based
payments 1
z Excess
tax benefit
from-stockbased
payments
(1) (2)

Provision for bad debt
expense 67
26 Change in
operating
assets and
liabilities: Accounts
receivable (16) (1)

Merchandise
inventories
(114) (139) Prepaid
expenses 3
Other
assets (4)
1 Accounts
payable 84
110 Accrued
salaries,
wages and felated benefits
(32) (71) Other eurrent
liabilities (16) (5) Income taxes $47 \quad 23$ Deferred property incentives

- Net
cash
provided by
operating
activities
205153
Investing
Activities
Gapital
expenditures
(102) (142)
Change in
accounts
receivable
originated
at third
parties
(30) (42)
other, net
(1)
Net
eash used
in
investing
activities
(132) (185)
Financing
Activities
payments on
commercial
paper (10)
-Principal
payments on
long term
borrowings
(1) (2)
(Decrease)
increase in
eash book
overdrafts
(32) 2
Proceds
from
exercise of
stock
options 3-5
Proceeds
from
employe
stock
purchase
plan 79
Excess tax
benefit
from-stock
based
payments 1
$z$ Cash
dividends
paid (35)
(35)
Repurchase
of common
stock
(188)
Net
eash used
in
financing
activities
(67) (207)

NORDSTROM, INC.
STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS BY SEGMENT - 1st Quarter
(unaudited; amounts in millions, except percentages)

Our Retail Stores segment includes our full-line and Rack stores; our Direct segment includes our online store; and our Other segment includes our product development group and corporate center operations. The following table summarizes the results of our Retail Stores, Direct and Other segments for the quarter ended May 2, 2009 compared with the quarter ended May 3, 2008:

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Quarter ended
    5/2/09
Quarter ended
5/3/08
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------ Amount
% of sales(1)
    Amount % of
sales(1)
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    Het sales $
    1,706-100.0%
        $-1,879
    100.0% cost
    of sales and
        related
        buying &
        occupancy
eosts (1,095)
        (64.2%)
        (1,170)
    (62.2%)
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Gross profit
611 35.8% 709
        37.8%
    Selling,
    general and
administrative
    expenses
(447) (26.2%)
(493) (26.2%)
Earnings
before
interest and
income taxes
164-9.6% 216
    11.5%
    Interest
expense, net
(21) (1.2%)
(18) (1.0%)
E_Ernings
before income
    taxes $ 143
    8.4% $ 198
        10.5%
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（1）Subtotals and totals may not foot due to rounding．

Our Credit segment earns finance charges and late fee income through operation of the Nordstrom private label and Nordstrom VISA credit cards．The following table summarizes the results of our Credit segment for the quarter ended May 2 2009 compared with the quarter ended May 3，2008：

Quarter
Quarter ended
ended 5／2／09
5／3／08－－－．－
－－－－－－－－－－
－－Gredit
eard revenues
\＄ 86 \＄ 70
Interest
expense（10）
（13）
Net credit
card income
76－57 Cost of
sales
toyalty
program（12）
（9）Selling，
general and
administrative
expenses：
Operational
and marketing
expense（25）
（24）Bad debt
expense（67）
（26）
Earnings
before income
taxes \＄（28）
\＄（2）


[^0]:    5/3/08

