

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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) November 20, 2006

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)

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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

On November 20, 2006, Nordstrom, Inc. issued an earnings release announcing its results of operations for the quarter and nine months ended October 28, 2006, its financial position as of October 28, 2006, and its cash flows for the nine months ended October 28, 2006. A copy of this earnings release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

ITEM 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

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ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

99.1 Nordstrom earnings release dated November 20, 2006 relating to the Company's results of operations for the quarter and nine months ended October 28, 2006, its financial position as of October 28, 2006, and its cash flows for the nine months ended October 28, 2006.

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: November 20, 2006

EXHIBIT INDEX

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NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

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For Immediate Release

November 20, 2006

NORDSTROM REPORTS THIRD QUARTER EARNINGS PER SHARE INCREASE 33 PERCENT

SEATTLE - November 20, 2006 - Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported net earnings of \$135.7 million, or \$0.52 per diluted share, for the third quarter ended October 28, 2006. For the same period last year, net earnings were \$107.5 million, or \$0.39 per diluted share.

Total sales for the third quarter of 2006 increased 12.4 percent to \$1.9 billion, compared to sales of \$1.7 billion in the same period last year. Third quarter same-store sales increased 10.7 percent.

THIRD QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

Net earnings increased 26.3 percent in the third quarter compared to the same quarter last year, primarily due to the company's improved execution of its merchandising strategy. The company continues to focus on providing customers with compelling merchandise and superior service.

- Same-store sales increased 10.7 percent for the quarter. All major merchandise categories performed above the company's low single digit growth plan. Results in intimate apparel, accessories, women's better and designer apparel exceeded the company's overall percentage increase. The company's Direct and Rack channels achieved double digit same-store sales increases.
- Gross profit as a percent of sales increased 156 basis points versus the prior year. Merchandise margin improved versus the prior year driven primarily by lower markdowns, particularly in women's apparel. Above plan sales results created incremental leverage on buying and occupancy expenses.
- Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percent to sales decreased 17 basis points versus the prior year. Total sales growth outpaced an increase in general and administrative expenses. Further rate improvement was held back by a rise in compensation costs linked to the price of the company's stock, which appreciated 38.4 percent in the quarter. This cost increase impacted the total SG&A expense rate by 64 basis points, and diluted earnings per share by \$0.03 for the quarter.
- As a result of the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R), "Share-Based Payment," the company recorded \$6.5 million in compensation expense, which resulted in a \$0.01 impact on diluted earnings per share for the quarter. Of the total expense, \$2.9 million was recorded in buying and occupancy and \$3.6 million was recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses.

YEAR-TO-DATE RESULTS

Year-to-date net earnings increased 23.5 percent to \$445.7 million for the three quarters ended October 28, 2006, compared to net earnings of \$360.9 million for the same period last year. Earnings per diluted share for the same periods were \$1.67 and \$1.30, respectively.

Year-to-date total sales increased 9.3 percent to \$5.9 billion compared to prior year sales of \$5.4 billion. Same-store sales increased 7.2 percent.

EXPANSION AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT UPDATE

Nordstrom opened its newly relocated store at Westfield Topanga Mall in Canoga Park, Calif., on October 6, 2006. The 213,000 square foot, three-level store features the company's most comprehensive designer offering in the country along with new design concepts, amenities and services.

The company opened a new 35,000 square foot Nordstrom Rack store at Grand Plaza in San Marcos, Calif., on November 16, 2006.

Nordstrom announced plans today to open three new stores and for one store relocation.

- In the spring of 2009, Nordstrom will open a newly relocated 140,000 square foot store at the Fashion Place, in Murray, Utah.
- In the fall of 2009, Nordstrom will open a new 140,000 square foot store at the Kenwood Towne Centre in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- In the spring of 2010, Nordstrom will open a new 140,000 square foot store at the St. Louis Galleria in St. Louis, Missouri.

- In the spring of 2011, Nordstrom will open a new 140,000 square foot store at the Christiana Mall in Wilmington, Delaware.

Nordstrom's board of directors recently approved the company's budget for capital expenditures for the 2007 through 2011 fiscal years. The total amount planned is for \$2.8 billion over the five years, with approximately 80% of the capital allocated to new stores, store relocations and store remodels.

SHARE REPURCHASE

Nordstrom repurchased approximately 896,000 shares of its common stock during the third quarter for \$32.6 million. This reduction in weighted-average shares outstanding had no material impact on diluted earnings per share for the quarter.

2006 OUTLOOK

For the 53 week fiscal year ending February 3, 2007, the company now anticipates diluted earnings per share in the range of \$2.46 to \$2.51, including an estimated expense of \$0.06 per diluted share for stock option compensation following the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) at the beginning of this fiscal year. For the 14 week fourth quarter, the company is planning low single digit same-store sales growth and earnings per share in the range of \$0.79 to \$0.84. Under the 4-5-4 retail calendar, the 2006 fourth quarter and fiscal year include an additional week.

CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION:

Company management will be hosting a conference call and webcast to discuss third quarter results at 4:30 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 866-444-9038. Interested parties may also access the call over the Internet by visiting the Investor Relations section of the company's corporate website 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 157 US stores located in 27 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 99 full-line stores, 50 Nordstrom Racks, five Faconnable boutiques, one free-standing shoe store, and two clearance stores. Nordstrom also operates 35 international 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.

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 3, 2007 and the fourth quarter, 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, 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, changes in government or regulatory requirements, the company's ability to control costs, weather conditions and hazards of nature. Our SEC reports, including our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 28, 2006 and our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 28, 2006 to be filed with the SEC, 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.

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NORDSTROM, INC.
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS - 3rd 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
 10/28/06
 indicated)
 10/29/05
 indicated) --

----- Net
 sales
 \$1,872,103
 100.0%
 \$1,666,130
 100.0% Cost
 of sales and
 related
 buying &
 occupancy
 costs
 (1,160,123)
 (62.0%)
 (1,058,452)
 (63.5%)

----- Gross
 profit
 711,980 38.0%
 607,678 36.5%
 Selling,
 general and
 administrative
 expenses

~~(538,210)~~
~~(20.7%)~~
~~(481,768)~~
~~(20.9%)~~

~~Operating
income
173,770 9.3%
125,910 7.6%
Interest
expense, net
(11,419)
(0.6%)
(10,248)
(0.6%) Other
income
including
finance
charges, net
58,819 3.1%
47,350 2.8%~~

~~Earnings
before income
tax expense
221,170 11.8%
163,012 9.8%
Income tax
expense
(85,497)
(38.7%) (2)
(55,559)
(34.1%) (2)~~

~~Net
earnings
\$135,673 7.2%
\$107,453 6.4%~~

~~Earnings per
share Basic
\$0.53 \$0.40
Diluted \$0.52
\$0.39~~

ADDITIONAL DATA

Weighted
average
shares
outstanding
Basic
256,757
271,599
Diluted
261,616
277,293

1Subtotals and totals may not foot due to rounding.

2Percent of earnings before income tax expense.

577,785	10.6%
Income tax	
expense	
(280,950)	
(38.7%)	(2)
(216,876)	
(37.5%)	(2)
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Net	
earnings	
\$445,658	7.5%
\$360,909	6.7%

Earnings per	
share Basic	
\$1.70	\$1.32
Diluted	\$1.67
\$1.30	

ADDITIONAL DATA

Weighted	
average	
shares	
outstanding	
Basic	
261,920	
272,683	
Diluted	
266,893	
278,399	

1Subtotals and totals may not foot due to rounding.

2Percent of earnings before income tax expense.

NORDSTROM, INC.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(unaudited; amounts in thousands)

10/28/06	
1/28/06	
10/29/05	---
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Assets	
Current	
assets: Cash	
and cash	
equivalents	
\$ 208,715	\$
462,656	\$
205,943	
Short term	
investments	
54,000	

~~34,000~~
~~Accounts~~
~~receivable,~~
~~net 667,748~~
~~639,558~~
~~626,864~~
~~Investment~~
~~in asset~~
~~backed~~
~~securities~~
~~313,656~~
~~561,136~~
~~509,759~~
~~Merchandise~~
~~inventories~~
~~1,228,230~~
~~955,978~~
~~1,166,471~~
~~Current~~
~~deferred tax~~
~~assets, net~~
~~169,858~~
~~145,470~~
~~149,622~~
~~Prepaid~~
~~expenses and~~
~~other 65,711~~
~~55,359~~
~~53,451~~

~~Total~~
~~current~~
~~assets~~
~~2,653,918~~
~~2,874,157~~
~~2,746,110~~
~~Land,~~
~~buildings~~
~~and~~
~~equipment,~~
~~net~~
~~1,748,395~~
~~1,773,871~~
~~1,778,579~~
~~Goodwill~~
~~51,714~~
~~51,714~~
~~51,714~~
~~Acquired~~
~~tradename~~
~~84,000~~
~~84,000~~
~~84,000 Other~~
~~assets~~
~~170,355~~
~~137,607~~
~~129,130~~

~~Total assets~~
~~\$4,708,382~~
~~\$4,921,349~~
~~\$4,789,533~~

~~Liabilities~~
~~and~~
~~Shareholders'~~
~~Equity~~
~~Current~~
~~liabilities:~~
~~Accounts~~
~~payable~~
~~758,402~~
~~540,019~~
~~683,137~~
~~Accrued~~
~~salaries,~~

wages and
related
benefits
253,440
285,982
235,137
Other
current
liabilities
385,767
409,076
365,872
Income taxes
payable
42,970
81,617
47,850
Current
portion of
long-term
debt 106,572
306,618
306,967

Total
current
liabilities
1,547,151
1,623,312
1,638,963
Long-term
debt, net
624,631
627,776
626,978
Deferred
property
incentives,
net 351,733
364,382
367,511
Other
liabilities
223,262
213,198
206,980

Shareholders'
equity:
Common
stock, no
par value:
1,000,000
shares
authorized,
256,904,
269,549 and
269,690
shares
issued and
outstanding
791,678
685,934
663,810
Unearned
stock
compensation
(327)
(438)
Retained
earnings
1,171,364
1,404,366
1,277,674
Accumulated
other
comprehensive
(loss)
earnings
(1,437)

~~2,708,805~~

~~Total
shareholders'
equity
1,961,605
2,092,681
1,949,101~~

~~Total
liabilities
and
shareholders'
equity
\$4,708,382
\$4,921,349
\$4,789,533~~

NORDSTROM, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(unaudited; amounts in thousands)

Nine Months
Nine Months
ended ended
10/28/06
10/29/05 --

Operating
Activities
Net
earnings
\$445,658
\$360,909
Adjustments
to
reconcile
net
earnings to
net cash
provided by
operating
activities:
Depreciation
and
amortization
of
buildings
and
equipment
205,816
204,496
Amortization
of deferred

property
 incentives
 and other,
 net
 (25,255)
 (24,331)
 Stock based
 compensation
 expense
 25,075
 7,672
 Deferred
 income
 taxes, net
 (49,755)
 1,173 Tax
 benefit of
 stock based
 payments
 29,691
 31,281
 Excess tax
 benefit
 from stock-
 based
 payments
 (25,384)
 Provision
 for bad
 debt
 expense
 10,715
 18,327
 Change in
 operating
 assets and
 liabilities:
 Accounts
 receivable
 (38,652)
 (769)
 Investment
 in asset
 backed
 securities
 242,204
 (86,786)
 Merchandise
 inventories
 (235,623)
 (250,441)
 Prepaid
 expenses
 (10,092)
 855 Other
 assets
 (4,203)
 (6,079)
 Accounts
 payable
 213,294
 190,601
 Accrued
 salaries,
 wages and
 related
 benefits
 (34,861)
 (56,758)
 Other
 current
 liabilities
 (22,559)
 (2,099)
 Income
 taxes
 payable
 (38,647)
 (67,705)
 Deferred
 property

incentives
13,779
41,891
Other
liabilities
11,328
~~14,209~~

Net cash
provided by
operating
activities
712,529
~~376,446~~

Investing
Activities
Capital
expenditures
~~(187,748)~~
~~(205,015)~~
Purchases
of short-
term
investments
~~(109,550)~~
~~(397,500)~~
Sales of
short term
investments
163,550
405,325
Other, net
~~(6,380)~~
~~(6,404)~~

Net cash
used in
investing
activities
~~(140,129)~~
~~(203,594)~~

Financing
Activities
Proceeds
from long-
term
borrowing
~~100,000~~
Principal
payments on
long term
debt
~~(306,465)~~
~~(99,769)~~
(Decrease)
increase in
cash book
overdrafts
~~(21,511)~~
4,720
Proceeds
from
exercise of
stock
options
38,917
61,057
Proceeds
from
employee
stock
purchase
plan 16,300
15,600
Excess tax

benefit
from stock-
based
payments
25,384
Cash
dividends
paid
(83,139)
(64,236)
Repurchase
of common
stock
(595,521)
(246,302)
Other, net
(307) 1,398

Net cash
used in
financing
activities
(826,342)
(327,532)

Net
decrease in
cash and
cash
equivalents
(253,941)
(154,680)
Cash and
cash
equivalents
at
beginning
of period
462,656
360,623

Cash and
cash
equivalents
at end of
period \$
208,715
\$205,943
