

NORDSTROM

Nordstrom October Same-Store Sales Increase 6.4 Percent

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SEATTLE, Nov. 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$556.2 million for the four-week period ending October 29, 2005, an increase of 8.7 percent compared to sales of \$511.9 million for the four-week period ending October 30, 2004. Same-store sales increased 6.4 percent(1).

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Preliminary third quarter sales of \$1.7 billion increased 8.0 percent compared to sales of \$1.5 billion in 2004. Third quarter same-store sales increased 5.9 percent.

Preliminary year-to-date sales of \$5.4 billion increased 7.9 percent compared to sales of \$5.0 billion in 2004. Year-to-date same-store sales increased 6.1 percent.

On November 11th Nordstrom will open its 98th full-line store in Dallas, Texas at NorthPark Center.

SALES RECORDING

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

SALES SUMMARY	Total Sales		Same-store Sales(1)			
(unaudited; \$ in millions)	Fiscal 2005	Fiscal 2004	Percent Increase	Total Retail	Full-line Stores	Rack Stores
October	\$556.2	\$511.9	8.7%	6.4%	7.3%	11.4%
Third Quarter	\$1,666.0	\$1,542.1	8.0%	5.9%	6.1%	10.9%
Year-to-date	\$5,426.9	\$5,031.0	7.9%	6.1%	5.3%	14.8%

Number of stores

Full-line	97	93
Rack and other	57	56
International		
Faconnable boutiques	32	31
Total	186	180
Gross square footage	19,858,000	19,289,000

FUTURE REPORTING DATES

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

Third Quarter Earnings	Thurs., Nov. 17, 2005
November Sales Release	Thurs., Dec. 1, 2005
December Sales Release	Thurs., Jan. 5, 2006
January Sales Release	Thurs., Feb. 2, 2006

Nordstrom, Inc. is one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, with 154 US stores located in 27 states. Founded in 1901 as a shoe store in Seattle, today Nordstrom operates 97 full-line stores, 49 Nordstrom Racks, five Faconnable boutiques, one free-standing shoe store, and two clearance stores. Nordstrom also operates 32 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.

(1) Effective February 2005, Nordstrom Direct sales, which include catalog and Internet, are included in Total Retail same-store sales. To serve as a basis for comparison, as this was not the case last year, a presentation of 2004 monthly, quarterly and full-year same-store sales that includes Nordstrom Direct is available on the Investor Relations homepage of our website under Recent Reports.

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