

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) December 4, 2003

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

WASHINGTON	0-6074	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 November 2003 Preliminary Sales Release, dated December 4, 2003.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On December 4, 2003, Nordstrom, Inc. issued a press release announcing its preliminary November 2003 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/ David L. Mackie

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David L. Mackie  
Vice President and  
Corporate Secretary

Dated: December 4, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
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For Immediate Release  
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 December 4, 2003

NORDSTROM REPORTS NOVEMBER SAME-STORE SALES INCREASE OF 7.4%  
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SEATTLE - December 4, 2003 - Nordstrom, Inc. (NYSE: JWN) today reported preliminary sales of \$631.9 million for the four-week period ending November 29, 2003, an increase of 10.2 percent compared to sales of \$573.6 million for the four-week period ending November 30, 2002. Same-store sales increased 7.4 percent.

November same-store sales in full-line stores increased in all geographic regions and all merchandise categories except Women's Bridge and Special Sizes.

Preliminary year-to-date sales of \$5.2 billion increased 7.5 percent compared to year-to-date 2002 sales of \$4.8 billion. Year-to-date same-store sales increased 3.2 percent.

SALES RECORDING

To hear Nordstrom's prerecorded November 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. Sales performance numbers included in this sales release have been calculated on a comparative 4-5-4 basis. The Company believes that adjusting for these differences provides a more comparable basis (4-5-4 vs. 4-5-4) from which to evaluate sales performance. The following reconciliation bridges 2002 GAAP sales to the 4-5-4 comparable sales.

Dollar %	
Change %	
Change Sales	
Reconciliation	
(\$M) November	
2003 November	
2002 Increase	
Total Sales	
Comp Sales --	
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<del>Number of</del>	
<del>Days GAAP 28</del>	
<del>30 GAAP Sales</del>	
<del>\$631.9</del>	<del>\$616.8</del>
<del>\$15.1</del>	<del>2.4%</del>
<del>(0.1%) Less</del>	
<del>Nov. 1-2,</del>	
<del>2002 sales</del>	
<del>(\$43.2)</del>	
<del>Reported 4-5-</del>	
<del>4 sales</del>	
<del>\$631.9</del>	<del>\$573.6</del>
<del>\$58.3</del>	<del>10.2%</del>
<del>7.4%</del>	
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<del>4-</del>	
<del>5-4 Adjusted</del>	
<del>Days 28-28</del>	

Dollar %	
Change %	
Change Sales	
Reconciliation	
(\$M) YTD 2003	
YTD 2002	
Increase	
Total Sales	



International  
Faconnable  
boutiques 31  
~~23~~  
Total 179  
~~166~~ Gross  
square  
footage  
~~19,138,000~~  
~~18,428,000~~

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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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