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Nordstrom, Inc.

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Dear Shareholders:

We conducted our Annual Meeting on May 25th as scheduled, but adjourned it before taking the vote on the four proposals included in the proxy statement previously sent to you. We adjourned the meeting in order to give you the corrected information described below and an opportunity to change your vote, if you so desire.

The day before the Annual Meeting, we discovered an error in the Option Exercises table contained at the bottom of page 38 of our proxy statement. That page is reprinted on the back of this letter, with the corrected numbers in boldface. As you can see, for three of the named executives, we reported some of their numbers incorrectly. Simply put, the figures in the columns entitled "Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise" and "Dollar Value Realized" are supposed to represent all stock options exercised by the named executives during the 2003 fiscal year. In contrast, the numbers we published in the original proxy statement only included the number and value of options where the named executive continued to hold the underlying stock after exercise. In other words, it excluded the typical exercise/sell transaction where the underlying stock is sold at the time the option is exercised. All of these option-related transactions were correctly reported in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, but those totals do not match the totals shown in the original proxy statement.

If you have already voted your shares and do not wish to change your vote, no further action is necessary. If you have not voted, or would like to change your vote based on this corrected information, you may use the proxy card provided with these materials. The polls will remain open until the Annual Meeting is reconvened. Any prior proxy card that you sent will automatically be replaced by the latest proxy card sent, **so**

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again, if you are not changing your vote, you do not need to send a new proxy card.

We will reconvene the adjourned Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 22, 2004 at 11:00 a.m., Pacific Daylight Time in Conference Room 7H, Downtown Seattle Nordstrom, 1617 Sixth Avenue, 7th Floor, Seattle, Washington 98101-1742. Please note that since the Annual Meeting program was conducted on May 25th as scheduled, the reconvened meeting will consist of no more than presenting the proposals included in the proxy statement and announcing the results of the vote. We will also report the results of that vote in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the second quarter of fiscal 2004. Should you have any questions please call our Corporate Secretary at (206) 303-4401.

Sincerely,

Blake W. Nordstrom
President

1700 Seventh Avenue, Suite 1000, Seattle, WA 98101-4407 (206) 303-4416 Fax (206) 303-4419
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Option Grants The following table reports information concerning option grants during the fiscal year ended January 31, 2004 to the Named Executive Officers:

| Name | Number of Options Granted(a) | Percent of Total Options Granted to Employees in Fiscal Year | Exercise or Base Price Per Share | Expiration Date | Potential Realizable Value at Assumed Annual Rates of Stock Price Appreciation for Option Terms | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------|---|-------------|
| | | | | | 5% | 10% |
| Blake W. Nordstrom | 43,750(b) | 1.61% | \$17.70 | 3/5/2013 | \$487,000 | \$1,234,154 |
| Peter E. Nordstrom | 46,722 | 1.72% | \$17.70 | 2/18/2013 | \$520,083 | \$1,317,992 |
| Erik B. Nordstrom | 46,722 | 1.72% | \$17.70 | 2/18/2013 | \$520,083 | \$1,317,992 |
| Michael G. Koppel | 43,607 | 1.61% | \$17.70 | 2/18/2013 | \$485,408 | \$1,230,120 |
| James R. O'Neal | 33,721 | 1.24% | \$17.70 | 2/18/2013 | \$375,363 | \$951,244 |

(a) Options were granted at the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on February 18, 2003, the date of the grant. These options vest and become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning one year from the date of grant. To the extent not already exercisable, options generally become exercisable upon a sale of the Company or substantially all of its assets.

(b) Option was granted at the higher of the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on February 18, 2003 (the day of the Company's annual grant) or March 5, 2003 (the date of the President's grant).

Option Exercises and Year End Value Table The following table sets forth information concerning option exercises and the value of options held at January 31, 2004, by the Named Executive Officers:

| Number of Unexercised Options Held at January 31, 2004 | Dollar Value of Unexercised, In-the-Money Options held at January 31, 2004(b) |
|--|---|
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| Name | Number of Shares | Dollar Value Realized(a) | Exercisable | Unexercisable | Exercisable | Unexercisable |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Acquired on Exercise | | | | | |
| Blake W. Nordstrom | 2,732 | \$8,578 | 175,852 | 166,644 | \$2,144,070 | \$2,802,304 |
| Peter E. Nordstrom | 36,710 | \$472,578 | 114,188 | 131,681 | \$964,854 | \$2,204,996 |
| Erik B. Nordstrom | 3,704 | \$16,810 | 129,618 | 109,800 | \$1,281,302 | \$1,834,448 |
| Michael G. Koppel | 0 | \$0 | 41,911 | 100,071 | \$753,168 | \$1,858,022 |
| James R. O'Neal | 17,850 | \$263,237 | 65,510 | 78,831 | \$709,198 | \$1,403,067 |

(a) Dollar value is based on the market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date of exercise minus the exercise price.

(b) Dollar value is based on the market value of the Company's Common Stock on January 31, 2004, minus the exercise price.

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NORDSTROM, INC.
C/O CORPORATE SECRETARY
1700 SEVENTH AVENUE - 7TH FLOOR
SEATTLE, WA 98101

VOTE BY INTERNET - www.proxyvote.com

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time on May 24, 2004. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time on May 24, 2004. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

VOTE BY MAIL

Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we've provided or return to Nordstrom, Inc., c/o ADP, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

Please allow sufficient time for the postal service to deliver your voted proxy card to ADP by May 24, 2004.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

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KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS
 DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION ONLY

THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.

NORDSTROM, INC.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote
FOR all nominees

| Vote On Directors | For | Withhold | For All | To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, mark For All Except and write the Nominee's number on the line Below. |
|---|-----|----------|---------|---|
| PROPOSAL 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS | All | All | Except | |
| Nominees: | | | | |
| 01) D. W. Gittinger 05) J. N. Nordstrom | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 02) E. Hernandez, Jr. 06) A. E. Osborne, Jr., Ph.D. | | | | |
| 03) J. P. Jackson 07) W. D. Ruckelshaus | | | | |
| 04) B. A. Nordstrom 08) A. A. Winter | | | | |

Vote On Proposals

For Against Abstain

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Proposals 2, 3 and 4.

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|---|---|---|---|
| PROPOSAL 2. APPROVAL OF THE NORDSTROM, INC. 2004 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PROPOSAL 3. APPROVAL OF THE NORDSTROM, INC. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT GROUP BONUS PLAN | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PROPOSAL 4. RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS | 0 | 0 | 0 |

IN THEIR DISCRETION, THE PROXIES ARE AUTHORIZED TO VOTE UPON SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING. The Board of Directors at present knows of no other matters to be brought before the meeting.

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN
Date
BOX]

Signature (Joint Owners)

Date

Nordstrom introduces

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PROXY

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NORDSTROM, INC.

1617 SIXTH AVENUE, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101-1742

By signing this Proxy, the Shareholder appoints D. Wayne Gittinger and David L. Mackie, or either of them, with full power of substitution, proxies to vote all shares of stock of the undersigned entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Nordstrom, Inc. to be held May 25, 2004, at 11:00 a.m., Pacific Daylight Time, in the John W. Nordstrom Room, Downtown Seattle Nordstrom, 1617 Sixth Avenue, 5th Floor, Seattle, Washington, 98101-1742, and any adjournment thereof, with all power the Shareholder would possess if personally present. This Proxy will be voted in accordance with the instructions given. Unless revoked or otherwise instructed, the shares represented by this Proxy will be voted for proposals 1, 2, 3 and 4, and will be voted in accordance with the discretion of the proxies upon all other matters that may come before the meeting and any adjournment thereof.

Notwithstanding the above, if there are shares allocated to the Shareholder's account in the Nordstrom Profit Sharing and 401(k) Plan (the Plan), the undersigned hereby confidentially directs the Plan's Trustee (Putnam Fiduciary Trust Company) to vote all shares as indicated on the reverse side of this card. If this Proxy is signed and returned without specific instructions for voting, the shares will be voted by the Plan's Trustee as provided in the paragraph above. If the Shareholder does not vote the shares held by the Plan (by returning this Proxy), they will be voted in the discretion of the Plan's fiduciary, as provided by the Plan.

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