NORDSTROM INC Form 8-K February 24, 2005

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) February 17, 2005

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

WASHINGTON 001-15059 91-0515058

(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION (COMMISSION FILE OF INCORPORATION) 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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ITEM 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On February 17, 2005 the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors of Nordstrom, Inc. (the "Company") approved the following executive compensation payouts to the Company's named executive officers:

| Named Executive Officer | 2002-2005 Performance Share Unit Payout (#) (1) | |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---|
| Blake W. Nordstrom President | 14,787.50 | _ |
| Peter E. Nordstrom Executive Vice President | 8,626.25 | |
| Erik B. Nordstrom Executive Vice President | 4,337.50 | |
| Michael G. Koppel Executive Vice President | 8,010.00 | |
| James R. O'Neal Executive Vice preisdent | 8,010.00 | |

(1) The Nordstrom, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan, as amended (the "Plan"), which was filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 2, 2003, provides for the grant of performance share units which entitle the participant to settle in shares of Company Common Stock or cash in lieu thereof upon the achievement of such performance goals as may be established by the Committee at the time of grant based on any one or combination of certain performance criteria enumerated in the Plan. Performance share units are generally granted in the first quarter of the Company's fiscal year and are earned over a three-year period only when the Company's total shareholder return is positive and outperforms companies in a pre-defined group of retail peers.

On February 17, 2005, the Committee certified that the Company's performance goals had been achieved during the three-year performance cycle that began on February 1, 2002. As a result, those performance share units granted on February 1, 2002 vested at 125% of the original grant amount. Each performance share entitles the holder to the current value of one Common Share as of January 31, 2005 (\$48.25). Attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 is the form of 2002 notice of award of performance share units. Attached hereto as Exhibit 10.2 is the form of 2002 performance share unit award agreement.

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

David L. Mackie

Vice President, Real Estate and Corporate Secretary

Dated: February 24, 2005

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NUMBER DESCRIPTION

| 10.1 | Form of 2002 Notice of Award of Performance Share Units |
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| 10.2 | Form of 2002 Performance Share Unit Award Agreement |
| 10.3 | Nordstrom, Inc. 1997 Stock Option Plan, as Amended, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 2, 2003. |