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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

NORDSTROM, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Washington
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

1617 Sixth Avenue, 6th Floor
Seattle, Washington 98101

91-0515058
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices,
including zip code)

(Name, address and telephone number, including
area code, of agent for service)

Nordstrom Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (2011 Restatement)

(Full Title of Plan)

Copies to:

D. Wayne Gittinger

Michael E. Morgan

Brian B. DeFoe

Lane Powell PC

1420 Fifth Avenue, Suite 4100

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☒

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐

Smaller reporting company ☐

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities To Be Registered	Amount To Be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2)	Amount of Registration Fee
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(1) The number of shares being registered represents 3,200,000 shares of Common Stock which may be issued pursuant to the Nordstrom, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (2011 Restatement). Pursuant to Rule 416(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), this registration statement also covers any additional securities that may be offered or issued to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends, or similar transactions in accordance with the terms of the plan.

(2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and 457(h) under the Securities Act, based on the average of the high and low sales prices of the Company's Common Stock, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on May 17, 2011.

PART I

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN
THE SECTION 10(A) PROSPECTUS**

Item 1. Plan Information.

The information required by Item 1 is included in documents sent or given to participants in the plan covered by this registration statement pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act).

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.

The written statement required by Item 2 is included in documents sent or given to participants in the plan covered by this registration statement pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act.

PART II

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN
THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, which have been filed with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), are hereby incorporated by reference and shall be deemed to be a part of, this Registration Statement:

- (a) The Registrant's latest Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 29, 2011, filed with the Commission on March 18, 2011;

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(b) The Registrant's Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A related to the Registrant's Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on May 11, 2011, filed on March 31, 2011.

(c) All other reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Annual Report on Form 10-K referred to in (a) above, including the Registrant's definitive proxy statement filed with the Commission on March 31, 2011 and the Registrant's current reports on Form 8-K, provided, however, that any material furnished to the Commission on such current reports on Form 8-K pursuant to Items 2.02, 7.01 or 9.01 thereof shall not be deemed incorporated by this reference; and

(d) The description of the Registrant's Common Stock contained in any registration statement or report that the Registrant has filed under the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment, which indicates that all securities offered have been sold, or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents, except as to any portion of any future annual or quarterly report to shareholders or document or current report furnished under Items 2.02, 7.01 and 9.01 of Form 8-K that is not deemed filed under such provisions.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

The Common Stock being registered hereunder has been registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Certain legal matters relating to the securities being registered will be passed upon for the Registrant by Lane Powell PC, Seattle, Washington. As of May 18, 2011, D. Wayne Gittinger, a shareholder at Lane Powell PC, was the beneficial owner of 15,470,626 shares of Nordstrom common stock, including 66,984 owned by him individually; 13,844,460 shares owned by his wife individually; 3,982 shares held by his wife in the Company 401(k) Plan and Profit Sharing; and 1,555,200 held by a trust of which his wife is a trustee and beneficiary.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Sections 23B.08.500 through 23B.08.600 of the Washington Business Corporation Act authorize a court to award, or a corporation's board of directors to grant, indemnification to directors and officers on terms sufficiently broad to permit indemnification under certain circumstances for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Section 23B.08.320 of the Washington Business Corporation Act authorizes a corporation to limit a director's liability to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for acts or omissions as a director, except in certain circumstances involving intentional misconduct, self-dealing or illegal corporate loans or distributions, or in any transactions from which the director personally receives a benefit in money, property or services to which the director is not legally entitled.

Article IX of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant eliminates any personal liability of a director to the Registrant or its shareholders for monetary damages for conduct as a director, except for any liability for any acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct by a director or a knowing violation of law by a director, for conduct violating RCW 23B.08.310, for any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property or services to which the director is not legally entitled, or for any act or omission occurring prior to the date when Article IX of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant became effective. If the Washington Business Corporation Act is subsequently amended to change in a manner affecting the Registrant's power to eliminate or limit the liability of a director to the Registrant, then, upon the effective date of the amendment and without further act: (i) if the amendment permits further elimination or limitation of liability, the liability of a director shall be additionally eliminated and limited to such further extent, or (ii) if the amendment changes the power to eliminate the liability of a director in any other respect, the liability of a director shall be eliminated and limited with respect to acts or omissions occurring after the effective date of the amendment to the fullest extent permitted by the Washington Business Corporation Act as so amended. Article IX of the Registrant's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation also contains a provision that no amendment or repeal of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant shall adversely affect any right or any elimination or limitation of liability of a director existing immediately prior to the amendment or repeal.

Article XI of the Registrant's Bylaws provide for, among other things, the indemnification by the Registrant of its directors and officers and the advancement of expenses. The Registrant's Bylaws also permit the purchase and maintenance of insurance, the creation of trust funds, the grant of security interests and the use of other means to secure the Registrant's indemnification obligations. The Registrant has also entered into certain indemnification agreements with its directors, the form of which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to its Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 3, 2009. The indemnification agreements provide the Registrant's directors with indemnification to the full extent permitted by law.

Officers and directors of the Registrant are covered by insurance (with certain exceptions and limitations) that indemnifies them against certain losses and liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. The effect of this insurance is to indemnify any officer or director of the Registrant against liability and expenses incurred by such officer or director upon a determination that such person acted in good faith.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
4.1	Nordstrom, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (2011 Restatement) (filed herewith)
5.1	Opinion of Lane Powell PC (filed herewith)
23.1	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
23.2	Consent of Lane Powell PC (included in Exhibit 5.1)
24.1	Power of Attorney (see signature page)

Item 9. Undertakings.

A. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the matters stated above, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of the securities offered would not exceed the value registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in a form of prospectus filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement.

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Provided, however, that paragraphs A(1)(i) and A(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15 of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

B. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange

Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be a the initial bona fide offering thereof.

C. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer, or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Seattle, State of Washington, on the 19th day of May 2011.

NORDSTROM, INC.

/s/ Robert B. Sari

By:

Robert B. Sari

Its:

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose individual signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Michael G. Koppel, Robert Sari and Robert Campbell, and each of them, as such person's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and re-substitution, to do any and all acts and things and execute any and all instruments which said attorneys and agents, or any of them, may deem necessary or advisable or which said attorneys and agents, or any of them, may deem necessary or advisable or which may be required to enable the Company to comply with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any rules, regulations or requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission in respect thereof, in connection with the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 relating to the Nordstrom, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (2011 Restatement) and shares of Common Stock issuable thereunder, including specifically but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the power and authority to sign in the name and on behalf of the undersigned, in his or her capacity as a director and/or officer of the Company, any such Form S-8 and any and all amendments and supplements thereto and any other instruments or documents filed as a part of or in connection therewith, and each of the undersigned does hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents or any of them, may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated below on the 19th of May 2011:

/s/ Blake W. Nordstrom
Blake W. Nordstrom

President and Director

(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Michael G. Koppel
Michael G. Koppel

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ James A. Howell
James A. Howell

Vice President of Finance

(Principal Accounting Officer)

/s/ Phyllis J. Campbell
Phyllis J. Campbell

Director

/s/ Michelle M. Ebanks
Michelle M. Ebanks

Director

/s/ Enrique Hernandez, Jr.
Enrique Hernandez, Jr.

Chairman and Director

/s/ Robert G. Miller
Robert G. Miller

Director

/s/ Erik B. Nordstrom
Erik B. Nordstrom

Executive Vice President, President, Stores and Director

/s/ Peter E. Nordstrom
Peter E. Nordstrom

Executive Vice President, President, Merchandising and Director

/s/ Philip G. Satre
Philip G. Satre

Director

/s/ Felicia D. Thornton
Felicia D. Thornton

Director

/s/ B. Kevin Turner
B. Kevin Turner

Director

/s/ Robert D. Walter
Robert D. Walter

Director

/s/ Alison A. Winter
Alison A. Winter

Director

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