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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form S-3
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)

91-0515058
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

1617 Sixth Avenue

Seattle, Washington 98101

(206) 628-2111

(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. ☐

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. ☒

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. ☐

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Large accelerated filer ☒

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐ (do not check if smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company ☐

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)	Amount of registration fee \$ (2)
Common Stock; debt securities		

(1)

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An indeterminate amount of securities of each identified class as from time to time may be offered at indeterminate prices is being registered pursuant to this Registration Statement. The securities may be offered and sold by the registrant and/or may be offered and sold from time to time by one or more selling security holders to be identified in the future.

- (2) In reliance on and in accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the registrant is deferring payment of all the registration fees

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Common Stock

Debt Securities

This prospectus describes securities which Nordstrom, Inc. or any selling security holder may offer and sell at various times. A more detailed description of the securities is contained in this prospectus under **Description of Capital Stock**, and **Description of Debt Securities**.

We will determine the terms of each series of securities (including, as applicable, the specific designation, aggregate principal amount, interest rates, dividend rates, maturity, redemption provisions, ranking and other terms) at the time of sale, and we will describe those terms in a prospectus supplement which we will deliver together with this prospectus at the time of the sale.

We or any selling security holder may sell securities directly to investors or to or through underwriters, dealers or agents. More information about the manner of distribution of the securities is under the heading **Plan of Distribution**. Information about the underwriters or agents who will participate in any particular sale of securities will be in the prospectus supplement relating to those securities.

The principal executive offices of Nordstrom, Inc. are located at 1617 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101, and the telephone number is (206) 628-2111.

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol **JWN**.

Investing in our securities involves risks. See the information referred to under the heading Risk Factors on page 7 of this prospectus, and any similar section contained in the applicable prospectus supplement, concerning factors you should consider before investing in our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, as well as the information contained in any document incorporated by reference, is accurate as of the date of each such document only, unless the information specifically indicates that another date applies.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

The distribution of this prospectus may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. You should inform yourself about and observe any of these restrictions. This prospectus does not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer or solicitation by anyone in any jurisdiction in which the offer or solicitation is not authorized, or in which the person making the offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so, or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation.

Unless the context otherwise indicates, the terms Nordstrom, we, us and our mean Nordstrom, Inc. (the Company) its consolidated subsidiaries.

This prospectus is part of an automatic shelf registration statement that we filed with the SEC, as a well-known seasoned issuer as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act, using a shelf registration process. Under this process, we or any selling security holder may sell common stock or debt securities. This prospectus only provides you with a general description of the securities that may be offered. Each time we or any selling security holder sell securities, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the terms of the securities. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read both this

prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus prepared by us or on our behalf, together with the additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" in this prospectus.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov> or from Nordstrom's website at <http://www.nordstrom.com>. You may also read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room located at 100 F Street, N.E., room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You can call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information about the operation of the Public Reference Room.

Our common stock is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange. We will refer to the New York Stock Exchange as the "NYSE" in this prospectus. You may also inspect the information we file with the SEC at the NYSE, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference into this prospectus the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update this prospectus. In other words, in the case of a conflict or inconsistency between information set forth in this prospectus and information incorporated by reference into this prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in the document that was filed later. You should review these filings as they may disclose a change in our business, prospects, financial condition or other affairs after the date of this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, which we have already filed with the SEC, and any future filings we will make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") between the date of this prospectus and the date of the closing of each offering:

- (1) our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 1, 2014;
- (2) our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended May 3, 2014;
- (3) our current reports on Form 8-K dated May 12, 2014, May 20, 2014, June 18, 2014, July 31, 2014, August 22, 2014 and August 25, 2014 and our amended current report on Form 8-K/A filed May 13, 2014; and
- (4) our proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed on March 27, 2014.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, information furnished under Items 2.02 and 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K, including the related exhibits under Item 9.01, is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

You may request a copy of these filings (excluding exhibits), at no cost, by writing or calling our Treasurer and Vice President Investor Relations at the following address or telephone number:

Robert E. Campbell

Treasurer and Vice President Investor Relations

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You should read and rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS RELATING TO FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

Certain statements in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any prospectus supplement contain or may suggest forward-looking information (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995) that involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to: successful execution of our customer strategy, including expansion into new markets, acquisitions, investments in our stores and online, our ability to realize the anticipated benefits from growth initiatives, and the timely completion of construction associated with newly planned stores, relocations and remodels, all of which may be impacted by the financial health of third parties; our ability to manage the transformation of our business/financial model as we increase our investments in growth opportunities, including our online business and our ability to manage related organizational changes; our ability to maintain relationships with our employees and to effectively attract, develop and retain our future leaders; effective inventory management, disruptions in our supply chain and our ability to control costs; the impact of any systems failures, cybersecurity and/or security breaches, including any security breach of our systems or those of a third-party provider that results in the theft, transfer or unauthorized disclosure of customer, employee or company information or compliance with information security and privacy laws and regulations in the event of such an incident; successful execution of our information technology strategy; our ability to effectively utilize data in strategic planning and decision-making; efficient and proper allocation of our capital resources; reviewing of options and structure for a financial partner in regards to a potential transaction related to our credit card receivables; our ability to safeguard our reputation and maintain our vendor relationships; the impact of economic and market conditions and the resultant impact on consumer spending patterns; our ability to respond to the business environment, fashion trends and consumer preferences, including changing expectations of service and experience in stores and online; the effectiveness of planned advertising, marketing and promotional campaigns in the highly competitive retail industry; weather conditions, natural disasters, health hazards, national security or other market disruptions, or the prospects of these events and the impact on consumer spending patterns; our compliance with applicable banking-related laws and regulations impacting our ability to extend credit to our customers, employment laws and regulations, certain international laws and regulations, other laws and regulations applicable to us, including the outcome of claims and litigation and resolution of tax matters, and ethical standards; impact of the current regulatory environment and financial system and health care reforms; compliance with debt covenants, availability and cost of credit, changes in interest rates, and trends in debt repayment patterns, personal bankruptcies and bad debt write-offs; and the timing and amounts of share repurchases by the company, if any, or any share issuances by the company, including issuances associated with option exercises or other matters. These and other factors, including those factors described in Item 1A: Risk Factors in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, could affect our financial results and cause actual results to differ materially from any forward-looking information we may provide. We undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events, new information or future circumstances.

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THE COMPANY

DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Founded in 1901 as a retail shoe business in Seattle, Nordstrom later incorporated in Washington State in 1946 and went on to become one of the leading fashion specialty retailers based in the U.S. We operate 271 U.S. stores located in 36 states as of August 2, 2014, as well as a robust e-commerce business through Nordstrom.com, Nordstromrack.com and HauteLook. The west and east coasts of the United States are the areas in which we have the largest presence. We have two reportable segments: Retail and Credit.

As of August 2, 2014, the Retail segment includes our 117 Nordstrom branded full-line stores and online store at Nordstrom.com (Direct), 151 off-price Nordstrom Rack stores, one clearance store that operates under the name Last Chance and other retail channels including the recently developed ecommerce site Nordstromrack.com, our online private sale subsidiary HauteLook and our two Jeffrey boutiques. Through these multiple retail channels, we strive to deliver the best customer experience possible. We offer a wide selection of high-quality brand name and private label merchandise focused on apparel, shoes, cosmetics and accessories. Our integrated Nordstrom full-line stores and online store allow us to provide our customers with a seamless shopping experience. In-store purchases are primarily fulfilled from that store's inventory, but when inventory is unavailable at that store it may also be shipped to our customers from our fulfillment center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, or from other Nordstrom full-line stores. Online purchases are primarily shipped to our customers from our Cedar Rapids fulfillment center, but may also be shipped from our Nordstrom full-line stores. Our customers can also pick up online orders in our Nordstrom full-line stores if inventory is available at one of our locations. These capabilities allow us to better serve customers across various channels and improve sales. Nordstrom Rack stores purchase high-quality brand name merchandise primarily from the same vendors carried in Nordstrom full-line stores and also serve as outlets for clearance merchandise from our Nordstrom stores. Our online private sale retailer, HauteLook, offers limited time sale events on fashion and lifestyle brands, as well as a persistent selection of off-price high-quality brand name merchandise.

Our Credit segment includes our wholly owned federal savings bank, Nordstrom fsb, through which we provide a private label credit card, two Nordstrom VISA credit cards and a debit card. The credit and debit cards feature a shopping-based loyalty program designed to increase customer visits and spending. Although the primary purposes of our Credit business are to foster greater customer loyalty and drive more sales, we also generate revenues from finance charges and other fees on these cards and save on interchange fees that the Retail Segment would incur if our customers used third-party cards.

FISCAL YEAR

We operate on a 52/53-week fiscal year ending on the Saturday closest to January 31st. References to 2014 and all years except 2012 within this document are based on a 52-week fiscal year, while 2012 is based on a 53-week fiscal year.

TRADEMARKS

We have 155 trademarks, each of which is the subject of one or more trademark registrations and/or trademark applications. Our most notable trademarks include Nordstrom, Nordstrom Rack, HauteLook, Halogen, BP. and Zella. Each of our trademarks is renewable indefinitely, provided that it is still used in commerce at the time of the renewal.

RETURN POLICY

We have a liberal approach to returns as part of our objective to provide high-quality customer service. We do not have a formal return policy at our Nordstrom full-line stores or online at Nordstrom.com. Our goal is to take care of our customers, which includes making returns and exchanges easy, whether in stores or online, where we

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offer free shipping and free returns. Our Nordstrom Rack stores generally accept returns up to 90 days from the date of purchase with the original price tag and sales receipt, and also accept returns of HauteLook merchandise. HauteLook generally accepts returns of apparel, footwear and accessories within 30 days from the date of shipment.

SEASONALITY

Due to our Anniversary Sale in July, the holidays in December and the Half-Yearly sales that normally occur in the second and fourth quarters, our sales are typically higher in the second and fourth quarters of the fiscal year than in the first and third quarters.

COMPETITIVE CONDITIONS

We operate in a highly competitive business environment. We compete with other national, regional and local retailers that may carry similar lines of merchandise, including department stores, specialty stores, off-price stores, boutiques and Internet businesses. Our specific competitors vary from market to market. We believe the keys to competing in our industry are providing great customer service and customer experiences in store and online, which includes compelling price and value, fashion newness, quality of products, selection, convenience, technology, product fulfillment, personalization and appealing and relevant store environments in top locations.

INVENTORY

We plan our merchandise purchases and receipts to coincide with expected sales trends. For instance, our merchandise purchases and receipts increase prior to our Anniversary Sale, which has historically extended over the last two weeks of July. We also purchase and receive a larger amount of merchandise in the fall as we prepare for the holiday shopping season (from late November through December). Beginning in 2012, we increased our investment in pack and hold inventory at Nordstrom Rack, which involves the acquisition of merchandise from some of our full-line stores top brands in advance of the upcoming selling seasons to take advantage of strategic buying opportunities. This inventory is typically held for six months on average and has contributed to the growth in our Nordstrom Rack business. We pay for our merchandise purchases under the terms established with our vendors.

In order to offer merchandise that our customers want, we purchase from a wide variety of high-quality suppliers, including domestic and foreign businesses. We also have arrangements with agents and contract manufacturers to produce our private label merchandise. We expect our suppliers to meet our Nordstrom Partnership Guidelines, which address our corporate social responsibility standards for matters such as legal and regulatory compliance, labor, health and safety and the environment, and are available on our website at Nordstrom.com.

EMPLOYEES

During 2014, we employed approximately 64,000 employees on a full- or part-time basis. Due to the seasonal nature of our business, employment was approximately 66,000 in December 2013 and increased to approximately 68,000 employees in July 2014. Almost all of our employees are non-union. We believe our relationship with our employees is good.

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RISK FACTORS

Investment in any securities offered pursuant to this prospectus involves risks. Prior to making a decision about whether to invest in our securities, you should carefully consider the risks described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in any prospectus supplement and the risks described in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference into this prospectus, in each case as these risk factors are amended or supplemented by our future filings with the SEC, including subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC and incorporated by reference into this prospectus. The occurrence of any of the potential events described in these risk factors could materially adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition.

The risks and uncertainties we describe are not the only ones facing the Company. Any adverse effect on our business, financial condition or operating results could result in a decline in the value of our securities, and the loss of all or part of your investment.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless we indicate a different use in the applicable prospectus supplement, the net proceeds from the sale of the securities will be added to our general funds and will be used for general corporate purposes, which may include capital expenditures and working capital needs, and to finance repurchases of shares of our common stock.

Until we apply the proceeds from the sale of the securities, we may temporarily invest any proceeds that are not immediately applied to the above purposes in U.S. government or agency obligations, commercial paper, money market accounts, short-term marketable securities, bank deposits or certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. government or agency obligations or other short-term investments.

Except as may otherwise be specified in the prospectus supplement, we will not receive any proceeds from any sale of securities by a selling security holder.

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We may register securities covered by this prospectus for re-offers and resales by any selling security holders to be named in a prospectus supplement. Because we are a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act, we may add secondary sales of securities by any selling security holders by filing a prospectus supplement with the SEC. We may register these securities to permit selling security holders to resell their securities when they deem appropriate. A selling security holder may resell all, a portion or none of such security holder's securities at any time and from time to time. Selling security holders may also sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of some or all of their securities in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. We do not know when or in what amounts any selling security holders may offer securities for sale under this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. We may pay some or all expenses incurred with respect to the registration of the securities owned by the selling security holders. We will provide a prospectus supplement naming any selling security holders, the amount of securities to be registered and sold and any other terms of securities being sold by each selling security holder.

RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table shows Nordstrom's historical ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the twenty-six weeks ended August 2, 2014 and each of the previous five fiscal years. Nordstrom's ratio of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods set forth below has been computed on a consolidated basis and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, including the notes to those financial statements, and other information set forth in the reports filed by Nordstrom with the SEC.

For purposes of determining the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, earnings consist of income from continuing operations before income tax plus fixed charges, amortization of capitalized interest, less interest capitalized during the period. Fixed charges represent interest and amortization of deferred financing fees, and the portion of rental expenses on operating leases deemed to be the equivalent of interest.

	Fiscal Year Ended				
26 Weeks Ended	February 1,	February 2,	January 28,	January 29,	January 30,
August 2, 2014	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
6.10x	6.19x	6.80x	7.79x	7.43x	5.23x

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THE SECURITIES THAT MAY BE OFFERED

We or any selling security holder may sell common stock or debt securities from time to time in one or more offerings. The summaries of certain provisions of the securities contained in this prospectus are not complete. You should refer to all the provisions of the securities and applicable indentures for a complete description of the securities.

The particular terms of the securities offered at any time will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to those securities. If indicated in a prospectus supplement, the terms of any particular securities may differ from the terms we summarize below. The prospectus supplement will also contain information, where applicable, about material United States federal income tax considerations relating to the securities, and the securities exchange, if any, on which the securities will be listed.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following summary does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, our Articles of Incorporation as amended and Bylaws. The Articles of Incorporation as amended and Bylaws are incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

The total amount of the authorized capital stock of Nordstrom consists of 1,000,000,000 shares, no par value, of common stock, of which 188,595,665 shares of common stock were issued and outstanding as of August 2, 2014.

The holders of outstanding shares of common stock are entitled to receive dividends at such times and in such amounts as our Board of Directors may from time to time determine. The shares of common stock are neither redeemable nor convertible, and the holders of common stock have no preemptive or subscription rights to purchase any additional Nordstrom securities. Each outstanding share of common stock is entitled to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of shareholders. There is no cumulative voting.

Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of Nordstrom, whether voluntary or involuntary, remaining net assets, if any, of Nordstrom will be distributed pro rata to the holders of the common stock.

Our common stock is registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is BNY Mellon Shareowner Services.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description of the debt securities sets forth the material terms and provisions of the debt securities to which any prospectus supplement may relate. The debt securities are to be issued under an Indenture (the "Indenture") between Nordstrom and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Trustee (the "Trustee"). The Indenture is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and may be supplemented from time to time. The particular terms of the debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement (the "Offered Debt Securities") and the extent, if any, to which the general provisions may apply to the Offered Debt Securities, will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to the Offered Debt Securities. For a complete description of the terms applicable to a particular issuance of debt securities, you should read both this prospectus and the prospectus supplement relating to those securities.

The following summaries of the material provisions of the Indenture and the debt securities do not purport to be complete and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the Indenture, including the definitions of some of the terms in the Indenture and the debt securities. Wherever

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particular articles, sections or defined terms of the Indenture are referred to, it is intended that such articles, sections or defined terms shall be incorporated by reference, and the statement in connection with such reference is made is qualified in its entirety by such reference. You should review the Indenture that is filed as an exhibit to registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part for additional information.

References to Nordstrom, we, us and our in this section are only to Nordstrom, Inc. and not to its subsidiaries.

GENERAL

The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of debt securities which may be issued and provides that debt securities may be issued from time to time in one or more series. (Section 3.1) The Indenture does not limit the amount of other indebtedness or debt securities, other than some secured indebtedness as described below, which may be issued by Nordstrom or its subsidiaries.

Unless otherwise provided in a prospectus supplement, the debt securities will be unsecured obligations of Nordstrom and will rank on parity with all other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness of Nordstrom.

The prospectus supplement relating to the particular debt securities offered will describe the following terms of the Offered Debt Securities:

- (1) the title of the Offered Debt Securities and the series in which the Offered Debt Securities shall be included, which may include medium-term notes;
- (2) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Offered Debt Securities;
- (3) the date or dates, or the method or methods, if any, by which the date or dates on which the principal of the Offered Debt Securities will be payable shall be determined;
- (4) the rate or rates at which the Offered Debt Securities will bear interest, if any, which rate may be zero in the case of some debt securities issued at an issue price representing a discount from the principal amount payable at maturity, or the method by which the rate or rates will be determined (including, if applicable, any remarketing option or similar method), and the date or dates from which the interest, if any, will accrue or the method by which the date or dates will be determined;
- (5) the date or dates on which the interest, if any, on the Offered Debt Securities will be payable and any regular record dates applicable to the date or dates on which interest will be so payable;
- (6) whether and under what circumstances additional amounts on the Offered Debt Securities or any of them will be payable and, if so, whether and on what terms Nordstrom will have the option to redeem the Offered Debt Securities in lieu of paying the additional amounts (and the terms of the option);
- (7) the place or places where the principal of, any premium or interest on or any additional amounts with respect to the Offered Debt Securities will be payable, any of the Offered Debt Securities that are registered securities may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, and any Offered Debt Securities may be surrendered for conversion or exchange;
- (8) whether any of the Offered Debt Securities are to be redeemable at the option of Nordstrom and, if so, the date or dates on which, the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the other terms and conditions

upon which the Offered Debt Securities may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of Nordstrom;

(9) whether Nordstrom will be obligated to redeem or purchase any of the Offered Debt Securities pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provision or at the option of any holder of the Offered Debt Securities and, if

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so, the date or dates on which, the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the other terms and conditions upon which the Offered Debt Securities will be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to the obligation, and any provisions for the remarketing of the Offered Debt securities so redeemed or purchased;

(10) if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000, the denominations in which any registered securities will be issuable and, if other than a denomination of \$5,000, the denominations in which any bearer securities will be issuable;

(11) if other than the principal amount, the portion of the principal amount (or the method by which such portion will be determined) of the Offered Debt Securities that will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity;

(12) if other than United States dollars, the currency of payment, including composite currencies, of the principal of, any premium or interest on or any additional amounts with respect to any of the Offered Debt Securities;

(13) whether the principal of, any premium or interest on or any additional amounts with respect to the Offered Debt Securities will be payable, at the election of Nordstrom or a holder, in a currency other than that in which the Offered Debt Securities are stated to be payable and the date or dates on which, the period or periods within which, and the other terms and conditions upon which, the election may be made;

(14) any index, formula or other method used to determine the amount of payments of principal of, any premium or interest on or any additional amounts with respect to Offered Debt Securities;

(15) whether the Offered Debt Securities are to be issued in the form of one or more global securities and, if so, the identity of the depositary for the global security or securities;

(16) any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the events of default or covenants of Nordstrom with respect to the Offered Debt Securities;

(17) whether some of the provisions relating to the discharge, defeasance and covenant defeasance described below under Discharge, Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance will be applicable to the Offered Debt Securities; and

(18) any other terms of the Offered Debt Securities and any other deletions from or modifications or additions to the Indenture in respect of the Offered Debt Securities. (Section 3.1)

Unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement relating to any Offered Debt Securities, the principal, premium, interest and additional amounts, if any, will be payable at the office or agency maintained by Nordstrom (initially the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee); provided that payment of interest on registered securities may be made by check mailed to the payee at the addresses of the persons appearing on the security register or by transfer to an account maintained by the payee with a bank located in the United States. In the case of registered securities, interest on the debt securities will be payable on any interest payment date to the persons in whose names the debt securities are registered at the close of business on the regular record date with respect to the interest payment date. All paying agents initially designated by Nordstrom for the Offered Debt Securities will be named in the prospectus supplement relating to the Offered Debt Securities. Nordstrom may at any time designate additional paying agents or rescind the designation of any paying agent or approve a change in the office through which any paying agent acts, except that Nordstrom will not be required to maintain a paying agent in each place of payment for the Offered Debt Securities. (Sections 3.7 and 10.2)

Unless otherwise provided in the prospectus supplement relating to any Offered Debt Securities, the Offered Debt Securities may be presented for transfer (duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer,

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if so required by Nordstrom or the security registrar) or exchanged for other debt securities of the same series (containing identical terms and provisions, in any authorized denominations, and of a like aggregate principal amount) at the office or agency maintained by Nordstrom (initially the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee). The transfer or exchange shall be made without service charge, but Nordstrom may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge and any other expenses payable in connection with any tax or other governmental charge. Nordstrom will not be required to (1) issue, register the transfer of, or exchange, Offered Debt Securities during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the mailing of a notice of redemption of any of the Offered Debt Securities and ending at the close of business on the day of the mailing of the notice of redemption or (2) register the transfer of or exchange any Offered Debt Security so selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Offered Debt Security being redeemed in part. (Section 3.5). Nordstrom has appointed the Trustee as security registrar. Any transfer agent (in addition to the security registrar) initially designated by Nordstrom for any Offered Debt Securities will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. Nordstrom may at any time designate additional transfer agents or rescind the designation of any transfer agent or approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts, except that Nordstrom will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for the Offered Debt Securities. (Section 10.2)

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the Offered Debt Securities will be issued only in fully registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000. (Section 3.2) The Offered Debt Securities may be represented in whole or in part by one or more global debt securities registered in the name of a depository or its nominee and, if so represented, interests in the global debt security will be shown on, and transfers will be effected only through, records maintained by the designated depository and its participants as described below. Where Offered Debt Securities of any series are issued in bearer form, the special restrictions and considerations, including special offering restrictions and special U.S. Federal income tax considerations, applicable to the Offered Debt Securities and to payment on and transfer and exchange of the Offered Debt Securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The debt securities may be issued as original issue discount securities (bearing no interest or bearing interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates) to be sold for an amount less than their principal amount. Any applicable special U.S. Federal income tax or other considerations will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

If the purchase price of any Offered Debt Securities is payable in one or more foreign currencies or currency units or if any Offered Debt Securities are denominated in one or more foreign currencies or currency units or if the principal of, or any premium or interest on, or any additional amounts with respect to, any Offered Debt Securities is payable in one or more foreign currencies or currency units, the restrictions, elections, particular U.S. Federal income tax considerations, specific terms and other information with respect to the Offered Debt Securities and the foreign currency or currency units will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Nordstrom will comply with Section 14(c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and any other tender offer rules within the Exchange Act, which may then be applicable, in connection with any obligation of Nordstrom to purchase Offered Debt Securities at the option of the holders of the securities. Any obligation applicable to a series of debt securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Unless otherwise described in a prospectus supplement relating to any Offered Debt Securities, other than as described below under Limitation on Liens, the Indenture does not contain any provisions that would limit the ability of Nordstrom to incur indebtedness or that would afford holders of debt securities protection in the event of a sudden and significant decline in the credit quality of Nordstrom or a takeover, recapitalization or highly leveraged or similar transaction involving Nordstrom. Accordingly, Nordstrom could in the future enter into transactions that could

increase the amount of indebtedness outstanding at that time or otherwise affect Nordstrom's capital structure or credit rating. Reference is made to the prospectus supplement relating to the

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particular series of debt securities being offered for information with respect to any deletions from, modifications or additions to the events of default described below or covenants of Nordstrom contained in the Indenture, including any addition of a covenant or other provisions providing event risk or similar protection.

CONVERSION AND EXCHANGE

The terms, if any, on which the debt securities of any series are convertible into or exchangeable for property or cash, or a combination of the foregoing, will be set forth in the prospectus supplement covering the debt securities.

GLOBAL SECURITIES

The debt securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global debt securities (each a Global Security) that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depositary identified in the prospectus supplement relating to that particular series.

The specific terms of a depositary arrangement with respect to a series of debt securities will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that particular series. Nordstrom anticipates that the following provisions will apply to all depositary arrangements.

Upon the issuance of a Global Security, the depositary for the Global Security or its nominee will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of the debt securities represented by the Global Security. These accounts shall be designated by the underwriters or agents with respect to such debt securities or by Nordstrom if the debt securities are offered and sold directly by Nordstrom. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Security will be limited to persons that may hold interests through participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in such a Global Security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only through, records maintained by the depositary or its nominee (with respect to interests of participants) for such Global Security and on the records of participants (with respect to interests of persons other than participants). The laws of some states require that some purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. These limits and laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a Global Security.

So long as the depositary for a Global Security, or its nominee, is the registered owner of the Global Security, such depositary or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the debt securities represented by the Global Security for all purposes under the Indenture governing these debt securities. Except as provided below, owners of beneficial interests in a Global Security will not be entitled to have debt securities of the series represented by the Global Security registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of debt securities of a series in definitive form and will not be considered the owners or holders of the debt securities under the Indenture.

Principal of, any premium and interest on, and any additional amounts with respect to debt securities registered in the name of a depositary or its nominee will be made to the depositary or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner of the Global Security representing the debt securities. Neither Nordstrom, the Trustee, the paying agent nor the security registrar will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests of the Global Security for the debt securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to the beneficial ownership interests.

Nordstrom expects that the depositary for a series of debt securities or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, or additional amounts with respect to debt securities, will immediately credit participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interest in the

principal amount of the Global Security for the debt securities as shown on the records of the depositary or its nominee. Nordstrom also expects that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests

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in the Global Security held through the participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in street name, and will be the responsibility of the participants.

The Indenture provides that if (1) the depositary for a series of debt securities notifies Nordstrom that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary or if the depositary ceases to be eligible under the Indenture and a successor depositary is not appointed by Nordstrom within 90 days of written notice, (2) Nordstrom determines that the debt securities of a particular series shall no longer be represented by Global Securities and executes and delivers to the Trustee a company order to that effect or (3) an event of default with respect to a series of debt securities shall have occurred and be continuing, the Global Securities will be exchanged for debt securities of a series in definitive form of like tenor and of an equal aggregate principal amount, in authorized denominations. The definitive debt securities shall be registered in such name or names as the depositary shall instruct the Trustee. (Section 3.5) It is expected that these instructions may be based upon directions received by the depositary from participants with respect to ownership of beneficial interests in Global Securities.

LIMITATION ON LIENS

Under the Indenture, Nordstrom covenants that, so long as any debt securities are outstanding, it will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary (as defined below) to create, incur, issue, assume or guarantee any indebtedness for money borrowed (Debt) secured by a Mortgage (as defined below) upon any Operating Property (as defined below), or upon shares of capital stock or Debt issued by any Restricted Subsidiary and owned by Nordstrom or any Restricted Subsidiary, whether owned at the date of the Indenture or thereafter acquired, without effectively providing concurrently that the outstanding debt securities (together with, if Nordstrom shall so determine, any other Debt of Nordstrom or the Restricted Subsidiary then existing or thereafter created which is not subordinate to the debt securities) are secured equally and ratably with or, at the option of Nordstrom, prior to the Debt so long as the Debt shall be so secured. (Section 10.5)

The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to, and shall be excluded from Debt in any computation under the foregoing restrictions, Debt secured by (1) Mortgages on any property existing at the time of the acquisition thereof; (2) Mortgages on property of a corporation existing at the time the corporation is merged into or consolidated with Nordstrom or a Restricted Subsidiary or at the time of a sale, lease or other disposition of the properties of the corporation (or a division of the corporation) as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to Nordstrom or a Restricted Subsidiary, provided that the Mortgage does not extend to any property owned by Nordstrom or any Restricted Subsidiary immediately prior to a merger, consolidation, sale, lease or disposition; (3) Mortgages on property of a corporation existing at the time the corporation becomes a Restricted Subsidiary; (4) Mortgages in favor of Nordstrom or a Restricted Subsidiary; (5) Mortgages to secure all or part of the cost of acquisition, construction, development or improvement of the underlying property, or to secure Debt incurred to provide funds for any of these purposes, provided that the commitment of the creditor to extend the credit secured by the Mortgage shall have been obtained not later than 365 days after the later of (a) the completion of the acquisition, construction, development or improvement of the property, or (b) the placing in operation of the property; (6) Mortgages in favor of the United States of America or any State, or any department, agency or instrumentality or political subdivision of the United States of America or any State, to secure partial, progress, advance or other payments; and (7) Mortgages existing on the date of the Indenture or any extension, renewal, replacement or refunding of any Debt secured by a Mortgage existing on the date of the Indenture or referred to in clauses (1) to (3) or (5), provided that the principal amount of the Debt secured by the Mortgage and not otherwise authorized by clauses (1) to (3) or (5) shall not exceed the principal amount of Debt, plus any premium or fee payable in connection with any extension, renewal, replacement or refunding, so secured at the time of extension, renewal, replacement or refunding. (Section 10.5)

Notwithstanding the restrictions described above, Nordstrom and its Restricted Subsidiaries may create, incur, issue, assume or guarantee Debt secured by Mortgages without equally and ratably securing the debt securities if, at the time of the creation, incurrence, issuance, assumption or guarantee of the Debt secured by the Mortgages,

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after giving effect thereto and to the retirement of the Debt which is concurrently being retired, the aggregate amount of all outstanding Debt secured by Mortgages which would otherwise be subject to these restrictions (other than any Debt secured by Mortgages permitted as described in clauses (1) through (7) of the immediately preceding paragraph, together with all Attributable Debt (as defined below) with respect to Sale and Leaseback Transactions (as defined below) other than certain Sale and Leaseback Transactions that are permitted under paragraph (b) under the caption Limitation on Sale and Leaseback below) does not exceed the greater of (a) 15% of Consolidated Net Assets (as defined below) and (b) \$150 million. (Section 10.5)

Consolidated Net Assets means the aggregate amount of assets (less applicable reserves and other properly deductible items) after deducting therefrom (1) all current liabilities (excluding any indebtedness for money borrowed having a maturity of less than 12 months from the date of the most recent consolidated balance sheet of Nordstrom but which by its terms is renewable or extendable beyond 12 months from such date at the option of the borrower), and (2) all investments in Subsidiaries other than Restricted Subsidiaries, all as set forth on the most recent consolidated balance sheet of Nordstrom and computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Mortgage means, with respect to any property or assets, any mortgage, or deed of trust, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, security interest, lien, encumbrance, or other security arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever on or with respect to such property or assets (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing).

Operating Property means any real property or equipment located within the United States and owned by, or leased to, Nordstrom or any of its Subsidiaries that has a net book value (after deduction of accumulated depreciation) in excess of 1.0% of Consolidated Net Assets.

Restricted Subsidiary means any Subsidiary of Nordstrom that owns any Operating Property.

Subsidiary means any corporation of which at least a majority of the outstanding stock having by the terms thereof ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the directors, managers or trustees of such corporation, irrespective of whether or not at the time stock of any other class or classes of such corporation shall have or might have voting power by reason of the happening of any contingency, is at the time, directly or indirectly, owned or controlled by Nordstrom or by one or more Subsidiaries thereof, or by Nordstrom and one or more Subsidiaries thereof. (Section 1.1)

LIMITATION ON SALE AND LEASEBACK

(a) Under the Indenture, Nordstrom covenants that, it will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, enter into any arrangement with any person providing for the leasing by Nordstrom or any Restricted Subsidiary of any Operating Property that has been or is to be sold or transferred by Nordstrom or such Restricted Subsidiary to such person with the intention of taking back a lease of such property (a Sale and Leaseback Transaction), without equally and ratably securing the debt securities (and, if Nordstrom shall so determine, any other Debt ranking equally with the debt securities), unless the terms of such sale or transfer have been determined by the board of directors to be fair and arms-length and either:

within 180 days after the receipt of the proceeds of the sale or transfer, Nordstrom or any Restricted Subsidiary applies an amount equal to the greater of the net proceeds of the sale or transfer or the fair value of such Operating Property at the time of such sale or transfer to the prepayment or retirement (other than

any mandatory prepayment or retirement) of Senior Funded Debt (as defined below); or

Nordstrom or such Restricted Subsidiary would be entitled, at the effective date of the sale or transfer, to incur Debt secured by a Mortgage on such Operating Property, in an amount at least equal to the Attributable Debt (as defined below) in respect of the Sale and Leaseback Transaction, without equally and ratably securing the debt securities pursuant to the covenant described under Limitation on Liens above. (Section 10.6)

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(b) The foregoing restriction in paragraph (a) above will not apply to any Sale and Leaseback Transaction (i) for a term of not more than three years including renewals; or (ii) between Nordstrom and a Restricted Subsidiary or between Restricted Subsidiaries, provided that the lessor shall be Nordstrom or a wholly owned Restricted Subsidiary. (Section 10.6)

Attributable Debt in respect of a Sale and Leaseback Transaction means, at the time of determination, the present value (discounted at the imputed rate of interest of such transaction determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles) of the obligation of the lessee for net rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such Sale and Leaseback Transaction (including any period for which such lease has been extended or may, at the option of the lessor, be extended).

Funded Debt means Debt which matures more than one year from the date of creation, or which is extendable or renewable at the sole option of the obligor so that it may become payable more than one year from such date or which is classified, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, as long-term debt on the consolidated balance sheet for the most-recently ended fiscal quarter (or if incurred subsequent to the date of such balance sheet, would have been so classified) of the person for which the determination is being made. Funded Debt does not include (1) obligations created pursuant to leases, (2) any Debt or portion thereof maturing by its terms within one year from the time of any computation of the amount of outstanding Funded Debt unless such debt shall be extendable or renewable at the sole option of the obligor in such manner that it may become payable more than one year from such time, or (3) any Debt for the payment or redemption of which money in the necessary amount shall have been deposited in trust either at or before the maturity date thereof.

Senior Funded Debt means all Funded Debt of Nordstrom or any person (except Funded Debt, the payment of which is subordinated to the payment of the debt securities). (Section 1.1)

CONSOLIDATION, AMALGAMATION, MERGER AND SALE OF ASSETS

The Indenture provides that Nordstrom may not (1) consolidate or amalgamate with or merge into any Person or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to any Person, or (2) permit any Person to consolidate or amalgamate with or merge into Nordstrom, or convey, transfer or lease its properties and assets as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to Nordstrom, unless (a) in the case of (1) above, the Person is organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, any State or the District of Columbia, and shall expressly assume, by supplemental indenture satisfactory in form to the Trustee, the due and punctual payment of the principal of and premium, if any, interest on, and additional amounts, if any, all of the issued debt securities, and the performance of Nordstrom's obligations under the Indenture and the debt securities issued; (b) immediately after giving effect to the transaction and treating any indebtedness which becomes an obligation of Nordstrom or a Subsidiary as a result of the transaction as having been incurred by Nordstrom or such Subsidiary at the time of the transaction, no event of default, and no event which after notice or lapse of time or both would become an event of default, shall have happened and be continuing; and (c) a number of other conditions are met.

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

Each of the following events will constitute an event of default under the Indenture with respect to any series of debt securities issued (whatever the reason for an event of default and whether it shall be voluntary or involuntary or be effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree or order of any court or any order, rule or regulation of any administrative or governmental body): (1) default in the payment of any interest on any debt security of the series, or any additional amounts payable, when interest becomes or additional amounts become due and payable, and continuance of default for a period of 30 days; (2) default in the payment of the principal of or any premium on any

debt security of the series, or any additional amounts payable, when principal or premium becomes or additional amounts become due and payable either at maturity, upon any redemption, by declaration of acceleration or otherwise; (3) default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment,

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when and as due by the terms of any debt security of the series; (4) default in the performance, or breach, of any covenant or warranty of Nordstrom contained in the Indenture for the benefit of the series or in the debt securities of the series, and the continuance of default or breach for a period of 60 days after there has been given written notice as provided in the Indenture; (5) if any event of default as defined in any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued, or by which there may be secured or evidenced, any Debt of Nordstrom (including any event of default under any other series of debt securities), whether such Debt now exists or shall hereafter be created or incurred, shall happen and shall consist of default in the payment of more than \$100 million in principal amount of such Debt at the maturity thereof (after giving effect to any applicable grace period) or shall result in such Debt in principal amount in excess of \$100 million becoming or being declared due and payable prior to the date on which it would otherwise become due and payable; (6) Nordstrom shall fail within 60 days to pay, bond or otherwise discharge any uninsured judgment or court order for the payment of money in excess of \$100 million, which is not stayed on appeal or is not otherwise being appropriately contested in good faith; (7) particular events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of Nordstrom; and (8) any other event of default provided in or pursuant to the Indenture with respect to debt securities of the series. (Section 5.1)

If an event of default with respect to the debt securities of any series (other than an event of default described in (7) of the preceding paragraph) occurs and is continuing, either the Trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the series by written notice as provided in the Indenture may declare the principal amount (or a lesser amount as may be provided for in the debt securities of the series) of all outstanding debt securities of the series to be due and payable immediately. At any time after a declaration of acceleration has been made, but before a judgment or decree for payment of money has been obtained by the Trustee, and subject to applicable law and particular other provisions of the Indenture, the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities may, under some circumstances, rescind and annul acceleration. An event of default described in (7) of the immediately preceding paragraph shall cause the principal amount and accrued interest (or a lesser amount as provided for in the debt securities of the series) to become immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act by the Trustee or any holder. (Section 5.2)

The Indenture provides that, within 90 days after the occurrence of any event which is, or after notice or lapse of time or both would become, an event of default with respect to the debt securities of any series (a default), the Trustee shall transmit, in the manner set forth in the Indenture, notice of default to the holders of the debt securities of the series unless the default has been cured or waived; provided, however, that except in the case of a default in the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest, if any, on, or additional amounts or any sinking fund or purchase fund installment with respect to, any debt security of the series, the Trustee may withhold notice if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or responsible officers of the Trustee in good faith determine that the withholding of the notice is in the best interest of the holders of debt securities of the series; provided, further, that in the case of any default of the character specified in clause (4) of the first paragraph above, with respect to debt securities of such series, no such notice to holders will be given until at least 60 days after the occurrence thereof. (Section 6.2)

If an event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to the debt securities of any series, the Trustee may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the holders of debt securities of the series by all appropriate judicial proceedings. (Section 5.3) The Indenture provides that, subject to the duty of the Trustee during any default to act with the required standard of care, the Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the Indenture at the written request or direction of the holders of the debt securities, unless the holders shall have offered to the Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to it. (Section 6.1) Subject to the provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee, and subject to applicable law and particular other provisions of the Indenture, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or

exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the debt securities of the series. (Section 5.12)

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MODIFICATION AND WAIVER

The Indenture may be modified or amended by Nordstrom and the Trustee with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected by the modification or amendment; provided, however, that no modification or amendment may, without the consent of the holder of each outstanding debt security affected by the modification or amendment, (a) change the stated maturity of the principal of, or any premium or installment of interest on, or any additional amounts with respect to, any debt security, (b) reduce the principal amount of, or the rate (or modify the calculation of the rate) of interest on, or any additional amounts with respect to, or any premium payable upon the redemption of any debt security, (c) change the obligation of Nordstrom to pay additional amounts with respect to any debt security or reduce the amount of the principal of an original issue discount security that would be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity or the amount provable in bankruptcy, (d) change the redemption provisions of any debt security or adversely affect the right of repayment at the option of any holder of any debt security, (e) change the place of payment or the coin or currency in which the principal of, any premium or interest on or any additional amounts with respect to any debt security is payable, (f) impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any payment on or after the stated maturity of any debt security (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date or, in the case of repayment at the option of any holder, on or after the date for repayment), (g) reduce the percentage in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities, the consent of whose holders is required in order to take some actions, (h) reduce the requirements for quorum or voting by holders of debt securities in Section 15.4 of the Indenture, (i) modify any of the provisions in the Indenture regarding the waiver of past defaults and the waiver of some covenants by the holders of debt securities except to increase any percentage vote required or to provide that some other provisions of the Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the holder of each debt security affected, (j) make any change that adversely affects the right to convert or exchange any debt security into or for shares of common stock of Nordstrom or other debt securities in accordance with its terms, or (k) modify any of the above provisions. (Section 9.2)

The holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of any series may, on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of the series, waive compliance by Nordstrom with a number of restrictive provisions of the Indenture. (Section 10.8) The holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may, on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of the series, waive any past default and its consequences under the Indenture with respect to the debt securities of the series, except a default (a) in the payment of principal of (or premium, if any), any interest on or any additional amounts with respect to debt securities of the series or (b) in respect of a covenant or provision of the Indenture that cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the holder of each debt security of any series. (Section 5.13)

Under the Indenture, Nordstrom is required annually to furnish to the Trustee a statement as to performance by Nordstrom of some of its obligations under the Indenture and as to any default in such performance. Nordstrom is also required to deliver to the Trustee a written notice within five days following any event of default or any event which after notice or lapse of time or both would constitute an event of default. (Section 10.9)

DISCHARGE, DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

Nordstrom may discharge some obligations to holders of any series of debt securities that have not already been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation and that either have become due and payable or will become due and payable within one year (or scheduled for redemption within one year) by depositing with the Trustee, in trust, funds in U.S. dollars or in the foreign currency in which the debt securities are payable in an amount sufficient to pay the entire indebtedness on the debt securities with respect to principal (and premium, if any) and interest to the date of deposit (if the debt securities have become due and payable) or to the maturity, as the case may be. (Section 4.1)

The Indenture provides that, unless the provisions of Section 4.2 of the Indenture are made inapplicable to the debt securities of or within any series pursuant to Section 3.1 of the Indenture, Nordstrom may elect either (a) to

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defeasance and be discharged from any and all obligations with respect to the debt securities (except for, among other things, the obligation to pay additional amounts, if any, upon the occurrence of particular events of taxation, assessment or governmental charge with respect to payments on the debt securities and other obligations to register the transfer or exchange of the debt securities, to replace temporary or mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen debt securities, to maintain an office or agency with respect to the debt securities and to hold moneys for payment in trust) (defeasance) or (b) to be released from its obligations with respect to the debt securities under certain covenants as described in the applicable prospectus supplement, and any omission to comply with these obligations shall not constitute a default or an event of default with respect to the debt securities (covenant defeasance). Defeasance or covenant defeasance, as the case may be, shall be conditioned upon the irrevocable deposit by Nordstrom with the Trustee, in trust, of an amount in U.S. dollars or in the foreign currency in which the debt securities are payable at stated maturity, or Government Obligations (as defined below), or both, applicable to the debt securities which through the scheduled payment of principal and interest in accordance with their terms will provide money in an amount sufficient, in the opinion of an independent firm of certified public accountants, to pay the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the debt securities on the scheduled due dates. (Section 4.2)

Such a trust may only be established if, among other things, (1) the applicable defeasance or covenant defeasance does not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, the Indenture or any other material agreement or instrument to which Nordstrom is a party or by which it is bound, (2) no event of default or event which with notice or lapse of time or both would become an event of default with respect to the debt securities to be defeased shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of establishment of the trust and, with respect to defeasance only, at any time during the period ending on the 123rd day after such date and (3) Nordstrom has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel (as specified in the Indenture) to the effect that the holders of the debt securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. Federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance or covenant defeasance and will be subject to U.S. Federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such defeasance or covenant defeasance had not occurred, and such Opinion of Counsel, in the case of defeasance, must refer to and be based upon a letter ruling of the Internal Revenue Service received by Nordstrom, a Revenue Ruling published by the Internal Revenue Service or a change in applicable U.S. Federal income tax law occurring after the date of the Indenture. (Section 4.2)

Foreign Currency means any currency, currency unit or composite currency, including, without limitation, the Euro, issued by the government of one or more countries other than the United States of America or by any recognized confederation or association of such governments. (Section 1.1)

Government Obligations means securities which are (1) direct obligations of the United States of America or the government or the governments in the confederation which issued the Foreign Currency in which the debt securities of a particular series are payable, for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged, or (2) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America or the government or governments which issued the Foreign Currency in which the debt securities of such series are payable, the timely payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America or other government or governments, which, in the case of clauses (1) and (2), are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer or issuers, and shall also include a depositary receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of or any other amount with respect to any Government Obligation held by the custodian for the account of the holder of the depositary receipt, provided that (except as required by law) the custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of the depositary receipt from any amount received by the custodian with respect to the Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of or any other amount with respect to the Government Obligation evidenced by the depositary receipt. (Section 1.1)

If after Nordstrom has deposited funds and/or Government Obligations to effect defeasance or covenant defeasance with respect to debt securities of any series, (a) the holder of a debt security of the series is entitled to,

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and does, elect pursuant to Section 3.1 of the Indenture or the terms of the debt security to receive payment in a currency other than that in which the deposit has been made in respect of the debt security, or (b) a Conversion Event (as defined below) occurs in respect of the Foreign Currency in which the deposit has been made, the indebtedness represented by the debt security shall be deemed to have been, and will be, fully discharged and satisfied through the payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest, if any, on the debt security as the debt security becomes due out of the proceeds yielded by converting the amount or other properties so deposited in respect of the debt security into the currency in which the debt security becomes payable as a result of such election or such Conversion Event based on (x) in the case of payments made pursuant to clause (a) above, the applicable market exchange rate for the currency in effect on the second business day prior to the payment date, or (y) with respect to a Conversion Event, the applicable market exchange rate for the Foreign Currency in effect (as nearly as feasible) at the time of the Conversion Event. (Section 4.2)

Conversion Event means the cessation of use of (1) a Foreign Currency both by the government of the country or the confederation which issued the Foreign Currency and for the settlement of transactions by a central bank or other public institutions of or within the international banking community or (2) any currency unit or composite currency for the purposes for which it was established. (Section 1.1)

In the event that Nordstrom effects covenant defeasance with respect to any debt securities and the debt securities are declared due and payable because of the occurrence of any event of default other than an event of default with respect to any covenant as to which there has been covenant defeasance, the amount in the Foreign Currency in which the debt securities are payable, and Government Obligations on deposit with the Trustee, will be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities at the time of the stated maturity but may not be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities at the time of the acceleration resulting from the event of default. However, Nordstrom would remain liable to make payment of the amounts due at the time of acceleration.

GOVERNING LAW

The Indenture and the debt securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York applicable to agreements made or instruments entered into and, in each case performed in, said state. (Section 1.13)

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TRUSTEE

The Trustee under the Indenture, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, also acts as trustee in connection with one other Nordstrom indenture. This indenture is dated March 11, 1998 relating to \$300,000,000 6.95% Senior Debentures due March 15, 2028. In addition, the Trustee is also the trustee under two indentures covering medium-term notes of Nordstrom Credit, Inc., a subsidiary of Nordstrom. In addition, one of our directors, Mr. Enrique Hernandez, Jr., is also a director of Wells Fargo & Company, an affiliate of the Trustee.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We or any selling security holder may offer or sell securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or through a combination of any of these methods, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. We will describe the details of any such offering and the plan of distribution for any securities offering by us or any selling security holder in a supplement to this prospectus.

In order to comply with the securities laws of some states, if applicable, the common stock may be sold in these jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in some states the common stock may not be sold unless it has been registered or qualified for sale or an exemption from registration or qualification requirements is available and is complied with.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters relating to the Securities offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for Nordstrom by Lane Powell PC, Seattle, Washington.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from Nordstrom, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K and the effectiveness of Nordstrom, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their reports, which are incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the reports of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

Table of Contents**PART II****Item 14. *Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.***

The following table sets forth those expenses to be incurred by Nordstrom in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered, other than underwriting discounts and commissions. All of the amounts shown are estimates.

SEC registration fee	(1)
Rating agency fees	(2)
Printing, engraving and postage expenses	(2)
Legal fees (including blue sky fees and expenses)	(2)
Accounting fees and expenses	(2)
Trustee's fees and expenses	(2)
Miscellaneous expenses	(2)
Total	(2)

- (1) To be deferred pursuant to Rule 456(b) and calculated in connection with the offering of securities under this registration statement pursuant to Rule 457(r).
- (2) The aggregate amount of these expenses will be reflected in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Item 15. *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 Company eliminates any personal liability of a director to the Company or its shareholders for monetary damages for conduct as a director, except for any liability for acts or omissions that involved 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 became effective. If the Washington Business Corporation Act is subsequently amended to change in a manner affecting the Company's power to eliminate or limit the liability of a director the Company, 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 Company'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 Company 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 Company's Bylaws provides for, among other things, the indemnification by the Company of its directors and officers and the advancement of expenses. The Company's Bylaws also permit the purchase and

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maintenance of insurance, the creation of trust funds, the grant of security interests and the use of other means to secure the Company's indemnification obligations. The Company 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 Company's directors with indemnification to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Officers and directors of the Company 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 Company against liability and expenses incurred by such officer or director upon a determination that such person acted in good faith.

Item 16. Exhibits

- 1.1* Underwriting Agreement.
- 3.1 Articles of Incorporation as amended and restated on May 25, 2005 (Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 31, 2005, Exhibit 3.1).
- 3.2 Bylaws, as amended and restated on May 7, 2014 (Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Amended Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed on May 13, 2014, Exhibit 3.2).
- 4.1 Indenture dated December 3, 2007 between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, (Incorporated by reference from the registrant's Amended Registration Statement on Form S-4/A filed on April 29, 2014, Exhibit 4.1)
- 4.2* Forms of Global Notes.
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* To be filed, if necessary, by an amendment or as an exhibit to a report filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 17. 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 of 1933;

(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; 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), (a)(1)(ii), and (a)(1)(iii) above do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3 or Form S-8 and 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 SEC by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is a part of this registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, 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.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of 314 securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of securities:

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

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(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference into 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 the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted for directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the provisions described in Item 15 above, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange 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 their counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(d) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act (the "Act") in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the SEC under Section 305(b)(2) of the Act.

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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-3 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 August 27, 2014.

NORDSTROM, INC.

By: /s/ ROBERT B. SARI
Robert B. Sari
*Executive Vice President, General
Counsel and Secretary*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement on Form S-3 has been signed below by the following persons on August 27, 2014.

/s/ BLAKE W. NORDSTROM

Blake W. Nordstrom

President and Director

(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ JAMES A. HOWELL

James A. Howell

Vice President, Finance

(Principal Accounting Officer)

/s/ *

Michelle M. Ebanks

Director

/s/ *

Robert G. Miller

Director

/s/ MICHAEL G. KOPPEL

Michael G. Koppel

*Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)*

/s/ *

Phyllis J. Campbell

Director

/s/ *

Enrique Hernandez, Jr.

Chairman and Director

/s/ ERIK B. NORDSTROM

Erik B. Nordstrom

Director

/s/ PETER E. NORDSTROM

Peter E. Nordstrom

Director

/s/ *

Brad D. Smith

Director

/s/ *

Robert D. Walter

Director

/s/ *

Philip G. Satre

Director

/s/ *

B. Kevin Turner

Director

/s/ *

Alison A. Winter

Director

* The undersigned, by signing his name hereto, signs and executes this registration statement pursuant to the Powers of Attorney executed by the above-named officers and directors and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

By: /s/ ROBERT B. SARI
Robert B. Sari

Attorney-in-Fact

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