



The TJX Companies, Inc. Reports Strong April 2012 Sales; Further Raises First Quarter and Full Year EPS Guidance

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FRAMINGHAM, Mass., May 03, 2012 (BUSINESS WIRE) --The TJX Companies, Inc. (NYSE: TJX) today reported April 2012 sales results. Sales for the four-week period ended April 28, 2012, were \$1.8 billion, up 7% over the \$1.7 billion achieved during the four-week period ended April 30, 2011. For the 13-week period ended April 28, 2012, sales reached \$5.8 billion, an 11% increase over the \$5.2 billion achieved in the same period last year. Consolidated comparable store sales for the four-week period ended April 28, 2012 increased 6% over a 5% increase last year. For the 13-week, year-to-date period, consolidated comparable store sales increased 8%.

Carol Meyrowitz, Chief Executive Officer of The TJX Companies, Inc., stated, "We are very pleased that our strong trends continued in April. Both our consolidated comparable store sales increase for the month of 6% and our first quarter increase of 8% were well ahead of our expectations. It's great to see our strength be so broad-based, as our U.S., Canadian and European businesses continue to outperform. Comp sales were once again driven by significant increases in customer traffic, which indicates that our values and offerings of current fashions and great brands are attracting and resonating with consumers. With above-plan sales in April and strong flow-through to the bottom line, we now expect first quarter earnings per share to be approximately \$.54 and full year fiscal 2013 EPS to be in the range of \$2.26-\$2.36, both of which are above our recently raised guidance and up substantially over last year. We remain extremely well positioned to take advantage of buying opportunities in the marketplace and offer consumers ever-changing, compelling selections at excellent values."

About The TJX Companies, Inc.

The TJX Companies, Inc. is the leading off-price retailer of apparel and home fashions in the U.S. and worldwide. The Company operates 990 T.J. Maxx, 888 Marshalls, and 383 HomeGoods stores in the United States; 220 Winners, 86 HomeSense, and 12 Marshalls stores in Canada; and 335 T.K. Maxx and 24 HomeSense stores in Europe. TJX's press releases and financial information are also available at www.tjx.com.

April and May 2012 Sales Recorded Calls

A recorded message with more detailed information regarding TJX's April 2012 sales, operations and business trends is available at www.tjx.com, or by calling (703) 736-7248 through Thursday, May 10, 2012. The Company expects to release its May 2012 sales on Thursday, May 31, 2012, at approximately 8:15 a.m. ET. Concurrent with that press release, a recorded message with more detailed information regarding TJX's May sales, operations and business trends will be available at www.tjx.com, or by calling (703) 736-7248 through Thursday, June 7, 2012.

First Quarter Fiscal 2013 Conference Call

Additionally, the Company expects to release its first quarter earnings on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, before 9:30 a.m. ET. At 11:00 a.m. ET that day, Carol Meyrowitz, TJX's Chief Executive Officer, will hold a conference call with stock analysts to discuss the Company's first quarter Fiscal 2013 results, operations and business trends. A real-time webcast of the call will be available at www.tjx.com. A replay of the call will also be available at www.tjx.com or by dialing (866) 367-5577 through Tuesday, May 22, 2012.

Important Information at Website

Archived versions of the Company's recorded messages and conference calls are available at www.tjx.com after they are no longer available by telephone. The Company routinely posts information that may be important to investors in the Investor Information section at www.tjx.com. The Company encourages investors to consult that section of its website regularly.

Forward-looking Statement

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