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FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of The
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): November 15, 2005

THE TJX COMPANIES, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

DELAWARE
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

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1-4908
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(Common File Number )

44-2207613
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(I.R.S. employer identification No.)

770 Cochituate Road, Framingham, MA 01701
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)
(508) 390-1000

Registrant's Telephone Number (including area code)
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION
The information contained in this report is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of, or otherwise regarded as filed under, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing:

On November 15, 2005, The TJX Companies, Inc. issued a press release which included financial results for the fiscal quarter ended October 29, 2005. The release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS
(C) EXHIBITS

Exhibit
Number

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

THE TJX COMPANIES, INC.
/s/ Jeffrey G. Naylor
Jeffrey G. Naylor
Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## Exhibit

Number Description
99.1 Press Release, dated November 15, 2005 of The TJX Companies, Inc.

FRAMINGHAM, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 15, 2005--The TJX
Companies, Inc. (NYSE: TJX), the leading off-price retailer of apparel and home fashions in the U.S. and worldwide, today announced sales and earnings results for the third quarter ended October 29, 2005. Net sales for the third quarter were $\$ 4.0$ billion, a $6 \%$ increase over last year and consolidated comparable store sales were flat versus last year. Net income was $\$ 171$ million and diluted earnings per share were \$.36, compared with $\$ .40$ per share in the prior year.

For the first nine months of fiscal 2006, net sales were $\$ 11.3$ billion, a $7 \%$ increase over last year, and year-to-date consolidated comparable store sales increased $1 \%$ over the prior year. Net income was $\$ 444$ million and diluted earnings per share were $\$ .91$, versus $\$ .95$ per share in the prior year.

Results for the third quarter and year-to-date periods include a one-time gain of approximately $\$ 9$ million pre-tax, or $\$ .01$ per share, from the Company's portion of the recent Visa/Mastercard antitrust litigation settlement. Additionally, results for both periods reflect the negative impact of one-time items previously disclosed: approximately $\$ .01$ per share related to the recent hurricanes (detailed below); exit costs and operating losses of approximately $\$ .015$ per share associated with the Company's e-commerce business, and; costs of $\$ .01$ per share associated with the resignation agreement between TJX and its former CEO.

Ben Cammarata, Chairman and Acting Chief Executive Officer of The TJX Companies, Inc., stated, "We were disappointed with our sales and earnings results in the third quarter, particularly with the performance of women's sportswear across all divisions. While business was hurt by unseasonably warm weather across much of the U.S., Canada and the U.K., we believe that there are areas of our off-price buying strategies in which better execution would benefit us. That said, we maintained healthy merchandise margins during the quarter, through disciplined inventory management, and expenses were well controlled. As we enter the holiday selling season, we remain focused on profitably growing sales across all of our businesses."

Sales by Business Segment
The Company's comparable store sales and net sales by division, in the third quarter, were as follows:

(a) Combination of T.J. Maxx and Marshalls

## Margins

During the third quarter, the Company's gross margin rate was $24.2 \%$ of sales and the selling, general and administrative expenses rate was $17.0 \%$. Both of these rates were unfavorable compared with last year, due to the de-levering effect of flat comparable store
sales, combined with the negative impact of the one-time items mentioned above. However, despite softer comparable store sales, merchandise margins in the third quarter were up slightly over last year. Additionally, selling, general and administrative expenses on a dollar basis were favorable to the Company's plan. The Company's pre-tax income was $6.9 \%$ of sales, down compared to the third quarter of last year.

## Inventory

Total inventories as of October 29, 2005, were $\$ 2.9$ billion compared with $\$ 2.8$ billion at the same time last year. Consolidated inventories, on a per-store basis, including the warehouses, were down 6\% from the prior year. At the Marmaxx division, average per store inventories, including the warehouses, were essentially in line with last year's levels. Including merchandise on order, Marmaxx's total inventory commitment was down on a per-store basis.

## Share Repurchases

During the third quarter, the Company spent a total of \$125 million, retiring 5.8 million shares of TJX stock. Year-to-date, the Company has spent a total of $\$ 515$ million in repurchases of TJX stock and has retired a total of 22.2 million shares. As previously announced, during the third quarter, the Company's Board of Directors approved a new stock repurchase program that authorizes the repurchase of up to $\$ 1$ billion of TJX common stock from time to time. At current prices, this would represent approximately $10 \%$ of the Company's outstanding common shares. It remains the Company's plan to repurchase a total of $\$ 600$ million of TJX stock in fiscal 2006.

## Impact of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma

The Company's third quarter results were negatively impacted by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. Combined, these hurricanes negatively impacted earnings per share by approximately \$.01, including lost sales, the self-insured portion of property damage, and costs incurred to assist the Company's employees. As a result of the hurricanes, a total of 130 stores were closed for various periods of time during the third quarter.

## 2005 Outlook

For the fourth quarter, the Company continues to expect earnings per share in the range of $\$ .41$ to $\$ .43$ with a comparable store sales increase of $1 \%$ to $2 \%$ both on a consolidated basis and at Marmaxx. Based on its fourth quarter guidance, the Company now expects earnings per share for the full fiscal 2006 year to be in the range of $\$ 1.32$ to $\$ 1.34$. This estimate does not reflect the impact of expensing stock options, which the Company is required to implement in the first quarter of fiscal 2007.

Stores by Concept
During the quarter, the Company netted a total of 89 stores. Year-to-date, the Company has netted 147 stores. As of the end of the quarter, the Company had increased square footage by $9 \%$ over the same period, last year.

|  | Store Locations Third Quarter |  | Square Feet Third Quarter (in millions) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Beginning | End | Beginning | End |
| T.J. Maxx | 777 | 795 | 23.1 | 23.7 |
| Marshalls | 700 | 718 | 22.0 | 22.7 |
| Winners | 167 | 172 | 4.9 | 5.1 |
| HomeSense | 47 | 57 | 1.1 | 1.4 |
| HomeGoods | 230 | 244 | 5.7 | 6.1 |
| T.K. Maxx | 184 | 197 | 5.3 | 5.9 |
| A.J. Wright | 143 | 152 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| Bob's Stores | 34 | 36 | 1.5 | 1.6 |

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TJX 2,282 2,371 67.4 70.3
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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 795 T.J. Maxx, 718 Marshalls, 244 HomeGoods, and 152 A.J. Wright stores, as well as 36 Bob's Stores, in the United States. In Canada, the Company operates 172 Winners and 57 HomeSense stores, and in Europe, 197 T.K. Maxx stores. TJX's press releases and financial information are also available on the Internet at www.tjx.com.

Third Quarter Fiscal 2006 Earnings Conference Call
At 11:00 a.m. ET today, Ben Cammarata, Chairman and Acting CEO of TJX, and Carol Meyrowitz, President of TJX, will hold a conference call with stock analysts to discuss third quarter results, operations and business trends for the Company and its divisions. 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 (888) 667-5780 through Tuesday, November 22, 2005.

November 2005 Sales Recording
Additionally, the Company expects to release its November 2005 sales on Thursday, December 1, 2005, at approximately 8:15 a.m. ET. Concurrent with that press release, a recorded message with more detailed information regarding TJX's November sales results, operations and business trends will be available via the Internet at www.tjx.com, or by calling (703) 736-7248 through Thursday, December 8, 2005.

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.

## Forward-looking Statements

SAFE HARBOR STATEMENTS UNDER THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995: Various statements made in this release are forward-looking and involve a number of risks and uncertainties. All statements that address activities, events or developments that we intend, expect or believe may occur in the future, including projections of earnings per share and same store sales, are forward-looking statements. The following are some of the factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements: our ability to continue successful expansion of our store base; risks of expansion; our ability to successfully implement our opportunistic inventory strategies and to effectively manage our inventories; consumer confidence, demand, spending habits and buying preferences; effects of unseasonable weather; competitive factors; factors affecting availability of store and distribution center locations on suitable terms; factors affecting our recruitment and employment of associates; factors affecting expenses; success of our acquisition and divestiture activities; our ability to successfully implement technologies and systems and protect data; our ability to continue to generate adequate cash flows; general economic conditions, including gasoline prices; potential disruptions due to wars, natural disasters and other events beyond our control; changes in currency and exchange rates; import risks; adverse outcomes for any significant litigation; changes in laws and regulations and accounting rules and principles; effectiveness of internal controls; and other factors that may be described in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We do not undertake to publicly update or revise our forward-looking statements even if experience or future changes make it clear that any projected results expressed or implied in such statements will not be realized.

THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES FINANCIAL SUMMARY
(Unaudited)
(Dollars In Thousands Except Per Share Amounts)


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THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(In Millions)

|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { October } 29, \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { October } 30, \\ 2004 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS |  |  |
| Current assets: |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 201.0 | \$ 143.4 |
| Accounts receivable and other current assets | 401.7 | 338.5 |
| Merchandise inventories (See Note 2) | 2,913.5 | 2,777.4 |


| Property and capital leases, net of depreciation | 1,988.8 | 1,739.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other assets | 117.7 | 111.9 |
| Goodwill and tradename, net of amortization | 183.5 | 183.6 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$5,806.2 | \$5,293.8 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |
| Current liabilities: |  |  |
| Short-term debt | \$ 449.7 | \$ |
| Current installments of long-term debt | - | 100.0 |
| Accounts payable (See Note 2) | 1,473.8 | 1,570.0 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 1,083.3 | 921.7 |
| Total current liabilities | 3,006.8 | 2,591.7 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 537.8 | 403.6 |
| Non-current deferred income taxes, net | 154.2 | 176.3 |
| Long-term debt | 576.0 | 571.7 |
| Shareholders' equity | 1,531.4 | 1,550.5 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' |  |  |
| EQUITY | \$5,806. 2 | \$5,293.8 |

THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

|  | Thirty-Nine | Weeks Ended |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { October } 29, \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { October } 30, \\ 2004 \end{array}$ |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |
| Net income | \$ 443.6 | \$ 487.2 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 232.9 | 205.1 |
| Deferred income tax provision | (4.3) | 54.6 |
| (Increase) in accounts receivable and other current assets | (143.4) | (75.5) |
| (Increase) in merchandise inventories (See Note 2) | (562.7) | (814.5) |
| Increase in accounts payable (See Note 2) | 198.9 | 598.7 |
| Increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities | 298.4 | 201.1 |
| Other, net | 43.2 | 37.9 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 506.6 | 694.6 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |
| Property additions | (401.5) | (286.4) |
| Other | . 5 | . 5 |
| Net cash (used in) investing activities | (401.0) | (285.9) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |
| Proceeds from borrowings of short-term debt | 449.7 | - |
| Principal payments on long-term debt | (100.0) | (5.0) |
| Payments for repurchase of common stock | (517.3) | (490.9) |
| Cash dividends paid | (77.8) | (61.7) |
| Other | 31.6 | 47.4 |
| Net cash (used in) financing activities | (213.8) | (510.2) |


| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | 2.0 | (1.5) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (106.2) | (103.0) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 307.2 | 246.4 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 201.0 | \$ 143.4 |

THE TJX COMPANIES, INC. AND CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES
SELECTED INFORMATION BY MAJOR BUSINESS SEGMENT
(Unaudited)
(In Thousands)

| Net sales: | Thirteen Weeks | eks Ended |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { October } 29, \\ 2005 \end{array}$ | October 30, |
| Marmaxx | \$2,727,759 | \$2,671, 889 |
| Winners and HomeSense | 398, 081 | 351, 347 |
| T.K. Maxx | 385, 069 | 335,828 |
| HomeGoods | 292,315 | 248,738 |
| A.J. Wright | 158,582 | 128,688 |
| Bob's Stores | 80,106 | 80,860 |
|  | \$4, 041,912 | \$3,817,350 |
| Segment profit or (loss): |  |  |
| Marmaxx | \$ 251,104 | \$ 284,329 |
| Winners and HomeSense | 52,237 | 39, 002 |
| T.K. Maxx | 22,679 | 29,828 |
| HomeGoods | 8,053 | 11,753 |
| A.J. Wright | $(2,466)$ | $(5,773)$ |
| Bob's Stores | $(6,736)$ | $(2,392)$ |
|  | 324,871 | 356,747 |
| General corporate expense | 35,408 | 22,489 |
| Interest expense, net | 10,119 | 7,134 |
| Income before provision for income taxes | \$ 279,344 | \$ 327,124 |
| Stores in operation end of period: |  |  |
| T.J. Maxx | 795 | 767 |
| Marshalls | 718 | 695 |
| Winners | 172 | 167 |
| HomeGoods | 244 | 206 |
| T.K. Maxx | 197 | 160 |
| A.J. Wright | 152 | 121 |
| HomeSense | 57 | 39 |
| Bob's Stores | 36 | 33 |
| Total | 2,371 | 2,188 |

[^0]Net sales:
Marmaxx
Winners and HomeSense
T.K. Maxx

HomeGoods
A.J. Wright


| --------- | ---------- |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\$ 11,341,608$ | $\$ 10,584,374$ |

Segment profit or (loss):
Marmaxx
Winners and HomeSense
T.K. Maxx
HomeGoods
A.J. Wright
Bob's Stores
General corporate expense
Interest expense, net
Income before provision for income taxes

| Stores in operation end of period: |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
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|  | ---- | 33 |
| Total | 2,371 | ---- |
|  | $=====$ | 2,188 |
|  | $====$ |  |

The TJX Companies, Inc.
and Consolidated Subsidiaries

| \$ | 730,345 | \$ | 758,825 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 85,148 |  | 84,496 |
|  | 32,822 |  | 41,304 |
|  | 4,976 |  | 16,288 |
|  | $(7,013)$ |  | $(11,965)$ |
|  | $(22,002)$ |  | $(9,373)$ |
|  | 824,276 |  | 879,575 |
|  | 77,651 |  | 64,071 |
|  | 24,072 |  | 20,710 |

\$ 722,553 \$ 794,794 =========== ==========

1. In our fourth quarter reporting period ended January 29, 2005, we began to calculate diluted earnings per share in accordance with EITF Issue No. 04-08, "The Effect of Contingently Convertible Debt on Diluted Earnings per Share." This accounting pronouncement impacts the company's treatment for earnings per share purposes, of its $\$ 517.5$ million zero coupon convertible subordinated notes issued in February 2001. These notes are convertible into 16.9 million shares of common stock of TJX if the sale price of our stock reaches certain levels or other contingencies are met. EITF Issue No. 04-08 requires that shares associated with contingently convertible debt be included in diluted earnings per share computations regardless of whether contingent conversion conditions have been met. EITF Issue No. 04-08 also requires that diluted earnings per share for all prior periods be restated to reflect this change. As a result, diluted earnings per share reflect the assumed conversion of our convertible subordinated notes. This change reduces diluted earnings per share by $\$ .01$ per share for the third quarters ended October 29, 2005 and October 30, 2004 and by $\$ .02$ and $\$ .03$ for the nine months ended October 29, 2005 and October 30, 2004, respectively.
2. Effective with the third quarter ended October 30, 2004, we began to accrue for inventory purchase obligations at the time the inventory is shipped rather than when received and accepted by TJX. As a result, at October 29, 2005 and at October 30, 2004 we recorded increases of $\$ 293$ million and $\$ 202$ million, respectively, to merchandise inventory on our balance sheet, to reflect this in-transit inventory, as well as an equal increase to accounts payable at those dates. Periods prior to October, 2004 have not been adjusted for this change. This accrual for inventory in transit affects only the reported levels of inventory and accounts payable on the balance sheet, and has no impact on our operating results, cash flows, liquidity or shareholders' equity.
3. During the nine months ended October 29, 2005, TJX repurchased 22.2 million shares of its common stock at a cost of $\$ 514.7$ million. During the third quarter ended October 29, 2005, TJX repurchased 5.8 million shares of its common stock, at a cost of $\$ 125.0$ million. Through October 29, 2005, under its current $\$ 1$ billion multi-year stock repurchase program, TJX has repurchased 39.9 million shares of its common stock at a cost of $\$ 921.3$ million. In October, 2005, TJX announced that its Board of Directors had
approved a new multi-year program for the repurchase of an additional $\$ 1$ billion of TJX common stock.

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    (Unaudited)
    (In Thousands)

