

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To Prospectus dated May 24, 2001)

\$517,500,000

THE TJX COMPANIES, INC.

Liquid Yield Option(TM) Notes due 2021
(Zero Coupon - Subordinated)
and
Common Stock Issuable Upon Conversion of the LYONS

This document supplements the Prospectus dated May 24, 2001 relating to the resale by the holders of Liquid Yield Option(TM) Notes (Zero Coupon - Subordinated) due 2021 (the "LYONS") and the shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of the LYONS.

This Prospectus Supplement is incorporated by reference into, and should be read in conjunction with, the Prospectus dated May 24, 2001.

The following sets forth information as of the date of this Prospectus Supplement about the principal amount at maturity of LYONS and the underlying common stock beneficially owned by each selling securityholder that may be offered using this Prospectus. All information concerning beneficial ownership has been provided by the selling securityholders.

SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS (5)

The table below sets forth updated or corrected information regarding the selling securityholders listed below.

| Name and Address ----- | Principal Amount at Maturity of LYONS Beneficially Owned That May Be Sold ----- | Percentage of LYONS Outstanding ----- | Number of Shares of Common Stock That May Be Sold (1) ----- | Percentage of Common Stock Outstanding (2) ----- |
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| Lehman Brothers, Inc. 101 Hudson Street Jersey City, NJ 07301 | \$15,000,000 | 2.9% | 245,002 | * |

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* Less than 1%.

- (1) Assumes conversion of all of the holder's LYONS at a conversion rate of 16.3335 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount at maturity of the LYONS. However, this conversion rate will be subject to adjustment as described under "Description of LYONS - Conversion Rights." As a result, the amount of common stock issuable upon conversion of the LYONS may increase or decrease in the future.
- (2) Calculated based on 278,811,087 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2001. In calculating this amount, we treated as outstanding that number of shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of all of a particular holder's LYONS. However, we did not assume the conversion of any other holder's LYONS.
- (5) Total principal amount of selling securityholders listed is more than \$517,500,000 because certain of the selling securityholders may have transferred LYONS pursuant to Rule 144A or otherwise reduced their position prior to selling pursuant to this Registration Statement. The maximum principal amount of LYONS that may be sold under this prospectus will not exceed \$517,500,000.

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NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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The date of this Prospectus Supplement is January 29, 2002.

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