



Costco Wholesale Corporation Reports July Sales Results

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ISSAQUAH, Wash., Aug. 08, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Costco Wholesale Corporation ("Costco" or the "Company") (Nasdaq: COST) today reported net sales of \$10.59 billion for the retail month of July, the four weeks ended August 5, 2018, an increase of 10.1 percent from \$9.62 billion last year. For the first forty-eight weeks of fiscal 2018, the Company reported net sales of \$127.40 billion, an increase of 12.1 percent from \$113.70 billion last year.

Comparable sales were as follows:

	4 Weeks Retail Month	48 Weeks Fiscal Year
U.S.	9.7%	9.4%
Canada	3.2%	9.6%
Other International	6.3%	11.5%
Total Company	8.3%	9.7%
E-commerce	20.9%	34.1%

Comparable sales excluding the impacts from changes in gasoline prices and foreign exchange were as follows:

	4 Weeks Retail Month	48 Weeks Fiscal Year
U.S.	6.6%	7.4%
Canada	5.0%	4.1%
Other International	7.1%	7.3%
Total Company	6.4%	6.8%
E-commerce	21.6%	33.1%

Additional discussion of these results is available in a pre-recorded telephone message. It can be accessed by dialing 1-855-859-2056 (conference ID 73993522). This message will be available through 5:00 p.m. (PT) on Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

Costco currently operates 757 warehouses, including 526 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 99 in Canada, 38 in Mexico, 28 in the United Kingdom, 26 in Japan, 14 in Korea, 13 in Taiwan, nine in Australia, two in Spain, one in Iceland, and one in France. Costco also operates e-commerce sites in the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Korea, and Taiwan.

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