



Costco Wholesale Corporation Reports October Sales Results

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ISSAQUAH, Wash., Nov. 01, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Costco Wholesale Corporation ("Costco" or the "Company") (Nasdaq:COST) today reported net sales of \$10.02 billion for the month of October, the four weeks ended October 29, 2017, an increase of 10.1 percent from \$9.11 billion during the similar period last year.

For the first eight weeks of fiscal year 2018 ended October 29, 2017, the Company reported net sales of \$19.87 billion, an increase of 11.3 percent from \$17.85 billion for the first eight weeks of fiscal 2017 ended October 23, 2016.

Comparable sales for the four week retail month and for the first eight weeks of our 2018 fiscal year, both ended October 29, 2017, were as follows:

	4 Weeks Retail Month	8 Weeks Fiscal Year
U.S.	7.0%	8.1%
Canada	9.0%	9.0%
Other International	8.2%	8.9%
Total Company	7.5%	8.3%
E-commerce	31.0%	32.2%

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

	4 Weeks Retail Month	8 Weeks Fiscal Year
U.S.	5.9%	6.6%*
Canada	2.8%	1.7%
Other International	7.4%	8.0%
Total Company	5.6%	6.0%

*The U.S. comparable sales figure excluding the impacts from changes in gasoline prices and foreign exchange for the eight week YTD period was initially reported incorrectly as 8.1%.

Additional discussion of these results is available in a pre-recorded telephone message. The recording can be accessed by dialing 1-855-859-2056 (conference ID 92708228). This message will be available today through 5:00 p.m. (PT) on Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

Costco currently operates 744 warehouses, including 517 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 97 in Canada, 37 in Mexico, 28 in the United Kingdom, 26 in Japan, 13 in Korea, 13 in Taiwan, nine in Australia, two in Spain, one in Iceland and one in France. Costco also operates electronic commerce web sites in the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Korea and Taiwan.

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other risks identified from time to time in the Company's public statements and reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and the Company does not undertake to update these statements, except as required by law.

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