Costco Wholesale Corporation Reports September Sales Results

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ISSAQUAH, Wash., Oct. 05, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Costco Wholesale Corporation ("Costco" or the "Company") (Nasdaq: COST) today reported net sales of $21.46 billion for the retail month of September, the five weeks ended October 2, 2022, an increase of 10.1 percent from $19.50 billion last year.

Comparable sales were as follows:

	5 Weeks Retail Month
U.S.	11.2%
Canada	5.7%
Other International	-1.9%
Total Company	8.5%
E-commerce	0.7%

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

	5 Weeks Retail Month
U.S.	8.0%
Canada	9.6%
Other International	11.0%
Total Company	8.6%
E-commerce	2.3%

Additional discussion of these results is available in a pre-recorded telephone message. It can be accessed by dialing 1-888-563-6559. This message will be available through 5:00 p.m. (PT) on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

Costco currently operates 839 warehouses, including 578 in the United States and Puerto Rico, 107 in Canada, 40 in Mexico, 31 in Japan, 29 in the United Kingdom, 17 in Korea, 14 in Taiwan, 13 in Australia, four in Spain, two each in France and China, and one each in Iceland and New Zealand. Costco also operates e-commerce sites in the U.S., Canada, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Korea, Taiwan, Japan and Australia.

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