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Levi Strauss Associates Inc. , the closely held owner of Levi Strauss & Co. , said its fiscal third-quarter earnings jumped to \$ 128.6 million from \$ 31.3 million a year earlier , aided by a \$ 69.8 million gain from the sale of stock in a Japanese subsidiary .

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The apparel holding company had sales in the quarter ended Aug. 27 of \$ 1 billion , up 12 % from \$ 908.8 million a year ago .

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The company said its quarterly results are now being publicly filed as the result of the formation earlier this year of employee stock investment plans .