Husson Stock Index Week Ended May 31, 2019

Introduction

For the week ending May 31, 2019, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) finished down (-2.36%), closing at 151.63. Year-to-date, the HSI has posted a +11.82% increase. In comparison, the S&P 500 finished the week down (-4.08%), and has a YTD increase of $+10.73^{1}$.

Summary

The top performer within the HSI came from Rite Aid Corporation (NYSE: RAD), which finished the week up +4.36%. Rite Aid took a large jump from starting the week out with a stock price of \$7.34 to ending the week at \$7.66. Rite Aid has named Erik Keptner to the "newly created position of senior vice president and chief marketing and merchandising officer, effective June 24, 2019," the drugstore chain said on May 30.

The worst performer of the week was Penn National Gaming, Inc. (NYSE: PENN), which finished down (-10.71%). The company's stock price started the week out at \$21.11 and dropped down to \$18.85 by the end of the week, a decrease of \$2.26 per share. Penn National reported first-quarter 2019 results, wherein both earnings and revenues missed the Zacks Consensus Estimate. Following the quarterly results, the consensus estimates have decreased over 20%.

The second worst performance of the week was Valero Energy Corporation (NYSE: VLO), which finished down (-7.64%). The Maine based company started the week out at a stock price of \$76.22 which dipped down to \$70.40 by the 31th of May, a decrease of \$5.82 per share. The company's revenue for the quarter ended March 31, 2019 decreased from the last quarter, and the stock price is lower than its 20, 50 and 200-day moving averages.

Overview

¹ Calculations for week-to-week and year-to-date are calculated using end-of-week totals. For instance, the year-to-date percentage increases use the end of December 28, 2018 as the starting point, and not December 31, 2018.

The HSI was developed by Marie Kenney, while a student at Husson University, in consultation with Associate Professor J. Douglas Wellington. The index is currently being tracked and analyzed by Husson student Blake Woods. The HSI tracks and analyzes the stocks of 28 companies that are considered to have an effect on the Maine economy. These companies are either based in Maine or have an influence on the Maine economy through employment or consumer spending. This price-weighted index offers a numerical breakdown of Maine's economy. The analysis looks into the events of the week and finds the likely reasons the index went up or down. This index and analysis help provide a better understanding of Maine's economy as well as explain significant changes in stock prices of the companies that comprise the HSI.

Ticker Symbol	Stock	Maine Affiliation	Sector
AGR	Avangrid, Inc.	Presence	Utilities
ANCUF	Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc Class B	Presence	Consumer Staples
BAC	Bank of America Corporation	Presence	Financials
BHB	Bar Harbor Bankshares	Maine-based	Financials
CAC	Camden National Corporation	Maine-based	Financials
CHTR	Charter Communications, Inc.	Presence	Communications Services
CL	Colgate-Palmolive Company	Maine-based	Consumer Staples
DRI	Darden Restaurants, Inc.	Presence	Consumer Discretionaries
FNLC	The First Bancorp, Inc.	Maine-based	Financials
GD	General Dynamics Corporation	Presence	Industrials
HLT	Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc.	Presence	Consumer Discretionaries
HD	The Home Depot, Inc.	Presence	Consumer Discretionaries
ICCC	ImmuCell Corporation	Maine-based	Health Care
IDXX	IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.	Maine-based	Health Care

Composition of the Husson Stock Index (HSI)

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MCD	McDonald's Corporation	Presence	Discretionaries
NBN	Northeast Bancorp	Maine-based	Financials
			Consumer
PENN	Penn National Gaming, Inc.	Presence	Discretionaries
RAD	Rite Aid Corporation	Presence	Consumer Staples
TD	The Toronto-Dominion Bank	Presence	Financials
TMUS	T-Mobile US, Inc.	Presence	Consumer Services
UPS	United Parcel Service, Inc.	Presence	Industrials
UTX	United Technologies Corporation	Presence	Industrials
UNM	Unum Group	Presence	Financials
VLO	Valero Energy Corporation	Presence	Energy
WMT	Walmart Inc.	Presence	Consumer Staples
WEX	WEX Inc.	Presence	Information Technology
WBA	Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.	Presence	Consumer Staples



Husson Stock Index (HSI) vs Standard & Poor (S&P) 500 YTD

Date

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