Husson Stock Index Week Ended June 7, 2019

Introduction

For the week ending June 7, 2019, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) finished up (+4.73%), closing at 158.81. Year-to-date, the HSI has posted a +17.11% increase. In comparison, the S&P 500 finished the week up (+4.76%), and has a YTD increase of $+16.00^{1}$.

Summary

The top performer within the HSI came from ImmuCell Corporation (NYSE: ICCC), which finished the week up +12.38%. ImmuCell took a large jump from starting the week out with a stock price of \$6.06 to ending the week at \$6.81. Investor sentiment increased to 1.2 in the first quarter of 2019 from 0.67 in the fourth quarter of 2018, although short interest increased to 4,700 shares.

The second-best performance of the week was General Dynamic Corporation, (NYSE: GD), which finished the week up +8.18%. The stock started the week out at \$160.82 and ended at \$173.97, an increase of \$13.15. General Dynamics Corporation's business unit, Land Systems, recently secured a \$25.6-million contract for the production of the MK 46 MOD 2 Gun Weapon System, awarded by the Naval Sea Systems Command, Washington, DC. Zacks Equity Research notes that rising geo-political tensions should result in a growth of the company.

The worst performer of the week was The First Bancorp, Inc.. (NYSE: FNLC), which finished down (-2.06%). The company's stock price started the week out at \$25.28 and dropped down to \$24.76 by the end of the week, a decrease of \$0.52 per share. The only news is that Director Katherine M.

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.

Boyd sold 1,697 shares of the company's stock in a transaction dated Monday, May 13th for \$43,646.84.

The second worst performance of the week was Bar Harbor Bankshares (NYSE:BHB), which finished down (-1.69%). The Maine based company started the week out at a stock price of \$23.63 which dipped down to \$23.23 by the 7th of June, a decrease of \$0.40 per share. There was no financial news, although the bank noted a couple of promotions and one hire. Nichole Lee has been promoted to Branch Relationship Manager II. With this promotion comes the added responsibility of managing two branch locations in Rockland and South China. Emily Ricard has been promoted to Assistant Vice President, Treasury Services Officer. Steve Richardson has joined the bank as Vice President, mortgage loan originator.

Overview

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
LOW	Lowe's Companies, Inc.	Presence	Consumer Discretionaries
MCD	McDonald's Corporation	Presence	Consumer Discretionaries
NBN	Northeast Bancorp	Maine-based	Financials
PENN	Penn National Gaming, Inc.	Presence	Consumer 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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