

## **Husson Stock Index Week Ended April 12, 2019**

### **Introduction**

For the week ending April 12, 2019, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) posted a 1.07% gain, closing at 156.59. Year-to-Date (YTD) the index has posted an increase of 17.23%. This marks the 5th straight week that the index has experienced positive gains. Year-to-date, the HSI is up 18.48%. In comparison, the S&P 500 finished the week up 0.51% and has a YTD increase of 16.96%<sup>1</sup>.

### **Summary**

The top performer of the week was Immucell Corporation (NYSE:ICCC), which closed up 11.80%. There was no substantial news during the week that would help explain this sudden jump in price. However, the stock did experience sharp declines in price during the two previous weeks, suggesting that this week's jump in price could be nothing more than a bounce back from an overcorrection. Year-to-date Immucell Corporation stock is down (-7.66%).

The second best performer was Unum Group (NYSE:UNM), which closed up 6.21%. Its most recent financial report reported an EPS of \$1.30. Wall Street analysts have posted a consensus stock price of \$38.09, which is 2.62% higher than Friday's close of \$37.08 (Amelie). Year-to-date, UNM is up 27.86%.

The worst performer of the week was Rite-Aid (NYSE:RAD), which closed the week down (-13.79%). The company reported narrower than expected loss of earnings for the 2018 fourth quarter. However, total sales fell below expectations (Rite-Aid). Year-to-date, the drugstore's stock is down (-27.53%).

The second worst performer of the week was Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc., which closed down (-2.27%). The company's most recent earnings reported \$1.64, missing the Zacks' consensus of \$1.70. Revenues of \$34.52 billion in the same quarter was below the expected \$34.57 billion. Year-to-date WBA stock is down (-21.45%).

### **Conclusion**

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 David Giles. 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 helps provide a better understanding of Maine's economy as well as explain significant changes in stock prices of the companies that comprise the HSI.

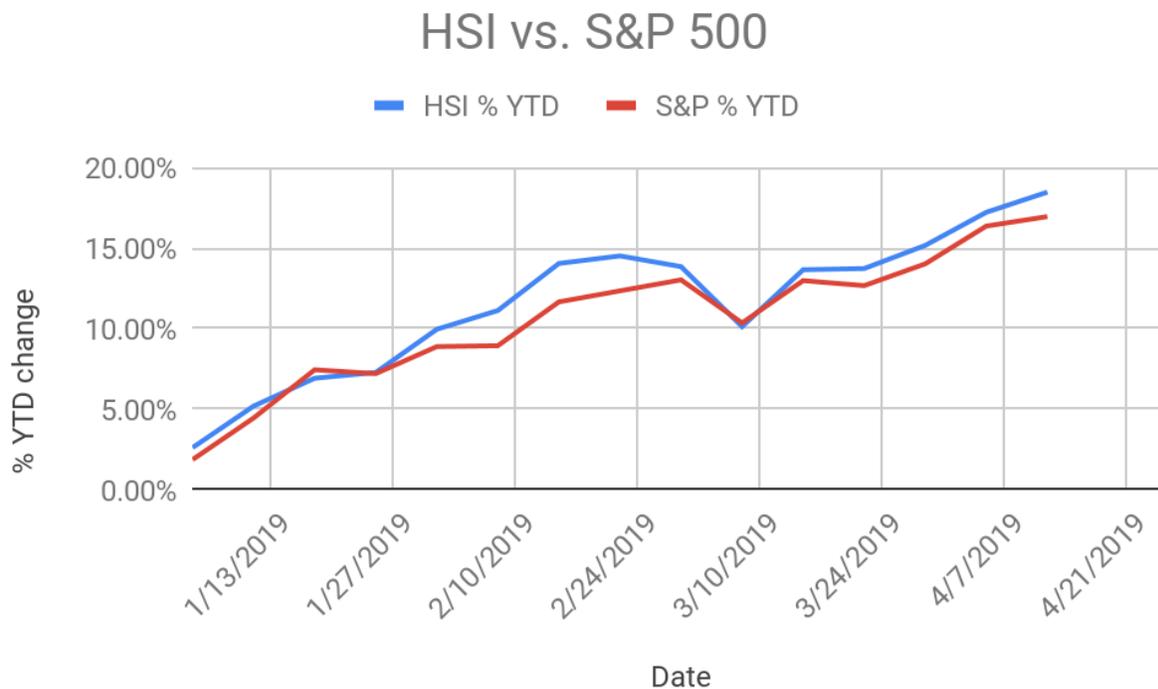
*<sup>1</sup> Calculations for week-to-week and year-to-date are calculated using end-of-week totals. For instance, the year-to-date percentage increases use the end of December 28, 2018 as the starting point, and not December 31, 2018.*

### Composition of the Husson Stock Index (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 Husson Stock Index by Sector



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