

Husson Stock Index

Week Ended December 18, 2020

For the week ending December 18, 2020, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) finished the week at 205.31, up 2.46% from last week's close of 200.37. In comparison to the HSI, the S&P 500 finished the week at 3,709.41, up 1.25% from last week's close of 3,663.46. Comparing the HSI and S&P year-to-date, the HSI has increased 19.68% and the S&P 14.49%.¹

Summary

The stock with the largest percentage change for the week was Penn National Gaming, Inc. (PENN: NASDAQ), which increased 23.54% or \$17.52. Investor's Business Daily rated PENN a buy. Even though the company has not demonstrated sustained growth, there is a growing market for online gambling.

The stock with the second-largest percentage change for the week was WEX Inc. (WEX: NYSE) which increased 8.97% or \$16.85. The share price increased after it completed its acquisition of U.K.-based companies eNett and Optal.

Overview

The HSI was developed by Marie Kenney, while a student at Husson University, in consultation with Associate Professor J. Douglas Wellington. The HSI tracks and analyzes the stocks of 29 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

¹ Calculations for week-to-week and year-to-date are calculated using end-of-week totals. The year-to-date percentage increases use the end of December 27, 2019 as the starting point, and not December 31, 2019.

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.

Resources

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Composition of the Husson Stock Index (HSI)

| Ticker Symbol: Exchange | Stock | Maine Affiliation | Sector |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------------|
| AGR: NYSE | Avangrid, Inc. | Presence | Utilities |
| ANCUF: TSX | Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc Class B | Presence | Consumer Staples |
| BAC: NYSE | Bank of America Corporation | Presence | Financials |
| BHB: NYSE | Bar Harbor Bank | Maine- based | Financials |
| CAC: NASDAQ | Camden National Corporation | Maine- based | Financials |
| CHTR: NASDAQ | Charter Communications, Inc. | Presence | Communications Services |
| CL: NYSE | Colgate-Palmolive Company | Maine- based | Consumer Staples |

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| CVET: NASDAQ | Covetrus, Inc. | Maine- based | Health Care |
| DRI: NYSE | Darden Restaurants, Inc. | Presence | Consumer Discretionaries |
| FNLC: NASDAQ | The First Bancorp, Inc. | Maine- based | Financials |
| GD: NYSE | General Dynamics Corporation | Presence | Industrials |
| HLT: NYSE | Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc. | Presence | Consumer Discretionaries |
| HD: NYSE | The Home Depot, Inc. | Presence | Consumer Discretionaries |
| ICCC: NASDAQ | ImmuCell Corporation | Maine- based | Health Care |
| IDXX: NASDAQ | IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. | Maine- based | Health Care |
| LOW: NYSE | Lowe's Companies, Inc. | Presence | Consumer Discretionaries |

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| MCD: NYSE | McDonald's Corporation | Presence | Consumer Discretionaries |
| NBN: NASDAQ | Northeast Bank | Maine- based | Financials |
| PENN: NASDAQ | Penn National Gaming, Inc. | Presence | Consumer Discretionaries |
| RAD: NYSE | Rite Aid Corporation | Presence | Consumer Staples |
| RTX: NYSE | Raytheon Technologies Corporation | Presence | Industrials |
| TD: NYSE | The Toronto-Dominion Bank | Presence | Financials |
| TMUS: NASDAQ | T-Mobile US, Inc. | Presence | Consumer Services |
| UPS; NYSE | United Parcel Service, Inc. | Presence | Industrials |
| UNM: NYSE | Unum Group | Presence | Financials |

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| VLO: NYSE | Valero Energy Corporation | Presence | Energy |
| WMT: NYSE | Walmart Inc. | Presence | Consumer Staples |
| WEX: NYSE | WEX Inc. | Presence | Information Technology |
| WBA: NASDAQ | Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. | Presence | Consumer Staples |