

## **Husson Stock Index**

### **Week Ended December 4, 2020**

For the week ending December 4, 2020, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) finished the week at 202.42, up 1.24% from last week's close at 197.44. In comparison to the HSI, the S&P 500 finished the week at 3,699.35, up 1.67% from last week's close of 3,638.35. Comparing the HSI and S&P year-to-date, the HSI has increased 17.99% and the S&P 14.17%.<sup>1</sup>

### **Summary**

The best performing stock this past week was Rite Aid Corporation (RAD: NYSE) gaining 18.26% or \$2.41 from last week to end the week at \$15.61. Year-to-date Rite Aid has lost 23.10% or \$4.69 in value. Rite Aid is currently rated as overvalued by analysts followed by Yahoo! Finance. (Yahoo! Finance) In recent news, Texanna Reeves has joined Rite Aid team. Reeves is known as a leader in inclusion and diversity efforts within the corporate world. She will head Rite Aids effort to implement the company's culture strategy. (Businesswire) Also last Thursday Rite Aid announced quarter three financials will be released on the 17<sup>th</sup> of this month. (Businesswire)

The second-best performing stock this past week was Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. (WBA: NASDAQ) increasing 11.31% or \$4.41 from last week, to end the week at \$43.41. Walgreens year-to-date has lost 26.45% or \$15.61. The stock is currently rated as overvalued by analysts Yahoo! Finance follows. (Yahoo! Finance) Walgreens will be one of the first distributors of the COVID-19 vaccine along with CVS Health. They companies were assigned to give out the vaccine to 3 million plus nursing home residents in the next week or so. (Levey, N)

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

The worst performing stock this past week was The Home Depot Inc. (HD: NYSE) losing 4.35% or \$12.00 from last week, to close at \$263.99. Year-to-date Home Depot has increased 20.01% or \$44.02. The Home Depot is rated as overvalued by analysts that Yahoo! Finance follows. (Yahoo! Finance) There was no news regarding Home Depot's decline this week. However, Motley Fool has stated that Home Depot "could be a great stock for your portfolio". (Withers, B.)

The second-worst performing stock this past week was McDonald's Corporation (MCD: NYSE) decreasing 3.48% or \$7.59 from last week, to end the week at \$210.74. Year-to-date McDonald's has increased 6.34% or \$12.57. Analysts followed by Yahoo! Finance currently rate this stock as overvalued. (Yahoo! Finance) In recent news, the company will be having franchisees cover more costs this coming year. Expenses such as technology investments and career training programs will now be the franchisees' responsibility. (Hunt, R)

### **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, Gannon Therrien. 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 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.

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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

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

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

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