

## **Husson Stock Index**

### **Week Ended February 21, 2020**

For the week ended February 21, 2020, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) finished the week down 0.51%, closing at 180.85. In comparison, the S&P 500 finished the week down 1.25%. For the year-to-date, the HSI is up 5.42% whereas the S&P 500 is up 3.02%.<sup>1</sup>

### **Summary**

The largest percentage change in the Husson Stock Index belonged to Rite Aid Corporation (NYSE: RAD), which had a 9.71% increase. It started the week at \$14.62 and ended at \$16.04. According to InvestorPlace, Rite Aid Corporation's fiscal 2020 third quarter results indicated "positive revenue growth for the first time in a year, and profit margin expansion for the first time in several years". Rite Aid is a Zacks Rank #1 (Strong Buy) in the Retail - Pharmacies and Drug Stores industry and has a VGM [Value, Growth, Momentum] score of A.

The second largest percentage change was Covetrus, Inc. (NASDAQ: CVET) which started the week at \$12.73 and ended at \$12.00, a decrease of 5.73%. Zacks Equity Research has ranked CVET as #2, as a "buy" and a VGM score of A.

The largest dollar change in the Husson Stock Index was IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. (NASDAQ: IDXX) which began the week at \$288.78 and finished at \$278.11, a \$10.67 decrease. IDEXX Laboratories' fourth-quarter 2019 adjusted EPS of \$1.04 beat the Zacks Consensus Estimate of \$0.91. According to the Zacks Rank, on a year-to-date basis, IDXX has moved about 5.08% while "the Medical sector has returned an average of 3.04%".

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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, 2018 as the starting point, and not December 31, 2018.

## **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 Jennifer Le. 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.

### 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
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
UTX: NYSE	United Technologies Corporation	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

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