

## **Husson Stock Index**

### **Week Ended April 10, 2020**

For the week ended April 10, 2020, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) finished the week up 12.10%, closing at 140.95. In comparison, the S&P 500 also finished the week up 12.10%. For the year-to-date, the HSI is down 17.83%, whereas the S&P 500 is down 13.89%.<sup>1</sup>

### **Summary**

The largest percentage change in the Husson Stock Index belonged to Penn National Gaming, Inc. (NASDAQ: PENN) which increased by 42.37%. PENN started the week at \$9.77 and ended at \$13.91, an increase of \$4.14. Shares of casino stocks increased on April 7th with new confirmed cases of COVID-19 down for the first time. However, COVID-19 has halted travel and “may impact the economy into next year.”

The second largest percentage change in the Husson Stock Index belonged to Darden Restaurants, Inc. (NYSE: DRI) which had an increase of 41.47%. DRI began the week at \$45.48 and ended at \$64.34, a difference of \$18.86. DRI’s same-restaurant sales were down 39.1%, for the fourth quarter to date through Apr 5. The company announced on April 07, 2020 it has entered into a \$270 million term loan credit agreement to improve liquidity in the current crisis. Currently, DRI has a Zacks Rank #5 (Strong Sell).

The largest dollar change in the Husson Stock Index was Charter Communications, Inc. (NASDAQ: CHTR) which had an increase of \$32.84. CHTR began the week at \$433.80 and finished at \$466.64. CHTR has “...topped estimates by 19.81%, on average, in the last two quarters.” With this earnings history, the Zacks Earnings ESP (Expected Surprise Prediction) for the company is positive.

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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.

MoffettNathanson, an independent research firm, has stated that CHTR is in a better position than most during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **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.

## References

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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
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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