

Husson Stock Index

Week Ended June 26, 2020

For the week ended June 26, 2020, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) finished the week down 3.35%, closing at 158.06. In comparison, the S&P 500 finished the week down 2.86%. Year-to-date, the HSI is down 7.86%, whereas the S&P 500 is down 7.13%.¹

Summary

This week the HSI had very mixed performance across individual stocks. Two large increases came from Rite Aid (RAD: NYSE) and Bar Harbor Bankshares (BHB: NYSE), rising 21.6% and 16.47% respectively. RAD posted lower than expected first quarter earnings losses this week citing sales of pandemic materials as the cause of the narrowed \$63.5 million dollar loss, compared to the prior year's first quarter \$99.6 million dollar loss (Sebastian, 2020). RAD intends to continue in a positive direction as they have restructured and eliminated some of their corporate office positions and are reducing capital expenditures throughout 2021. BHB's performance this week appears to have no direct cause. The company is edging closer to the pre-pandemic share price of about 25 dollars per share in January, closing Friday at \$24.61.

The top percentage decreases this week were a 10.83% decrease in Valero Energy Corporation (VLO: NYSE) and a 9.94% decrease in WEX, Inc (WEX: NYSE). VLO is approaching its July 30th earnings date which is expected to show heavy losses compared to the prior year. Zack's Equity Research expects earnings of -\$1.41 per share, which would be "a year-over-year decline of 193.38%". The oil and energy sectors have struggled in the last few months in general and VLO's expected numbers to be reported in July are creating some lack of investor

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

confidence in the stock. WEX's decrease comes after a strong rally in the previous week. The company has adapted many of its initiatives to fare well through the current coronavirus related restrictions on businesses, however rising coronavirus cases as more states reopen their economies caused a 3.3% loss across the DJIA this week (Levisohn, 2020). WEX has a beta of 1.92, meaning the stock is more volatile than the overall market, possibly explaining its above market decline of 9.94% for the week.

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, Caitlin Cushman. 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:	Covetrus, Inc.	Maine-based	Health Care

NASDAQ			
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