

## **Husson Stock Index**

### **Week Ended December 10, 2021**

For the week ending December 10, 2021, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) finished the week at 235.24, up 1.31% from last week's close of 232.21. In comparison to the HSI, the S&P 500 finished the week at 4,712.02, up 3.82% from last week's close of 4,538.43. Comparing the HSI and S&P year-to-date, the HSI is up 13.88% and the S&P is up 25.45%.

### **Summary**

The best performing stock based on percentage change this past week was Covetrus, Inc. (CVET: NASDAQ). Covetrus, Inc. improved 8.04%, or \$1.35, from last week, closing at \$18.14. Covetrus Inc. has a year-to-date decrease of 36.90%, or \$10.61. There was no news to report on this company to indicate why the stock was up this week.

The second-best performing stock based on the percentage change this past week was Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. Class B (ANCUF: TSX). Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. Class B improved 7.93%, or 2.94, from last week, closing at 40. Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. Class B has a year-to-date of 16.96%, or 5.80. According to Simply Wall St., "investors feel the potential for a deterioration in earnings isn't great enough to justify a lower P/E ratio. If recent medium-term earnings trends continue, it's hard to see the share price falling strongly in the near future under these circumstances" (Simply Wall St, 2021).

The worst performing stock based on percentage change this past week was Charter Communications, Inc. (CHTR: NASDAQ). Charter Communications, Inc. dropped 10.07%, or \$68.41, from last week, closing at \$610.89. Charter Communications, Inc. has a year-to-date decrease of 7.66%, or \$50.66. Zacks Equity Research shows that "shares of Charter

Communications have lost -0.8% in the last six months against the Zacks Cable TV industry's loss of -5.7%" (Zacks Equity Research, 2021). Notwithstanding this finding, Zacks "believes that the expanding customer base of residential and commercial Internet plus small & medium business (SMB) as well as the new 5G service offerings bode well for Charter. CHTR continues to witness strong spike in Internet usage due to the coronavirus-induced work-from-home and online-learning wave" (Zacks Equity Research, 2021).

The second-worst performing stock based on percentage change this past week was ImmuCell Corporation (ICCC: NASDAQ). ImmuCell Corporation dropped 4.56%, or \$0.41, from last week, closing at \$8.59. ImmuCell Corporation has a year-to-date increase of 44.37%, or \$2.64. There was no news to report on this company to indicate why the stock was down this 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 Kyle Derosier. The HSI tracks and analyzes the stocks of 29 companies that are considered to affect 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