

Husson Stock Index

Week Ended December 31, 2021

For the week ending December 31, 2021, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) finished the week at 244.06, up 1.79% from last week's close of 239.78. In comparison to the HSI, the S&P 500 finished the week at 4,766.18, up 0.85% from last week's close of 4,725.79. Comparing the HSI and S&P year-to-date, the HSI is up 18.15% and the S&P is up 26.89%.

Summary

The best performing stock based on percentage change this past week was Rite Aid Corporation (RAD: NYSE). The stock price increased 5.23%, or \$0.73, from last week, closing at \$14.69. Rite Aid had a decrease of 7.20%, or \$1.14, for 2021. After the company posted better than expected earnings for the fiscal third quarter, CEO Heyward Donigan purchased 14,350 shares of Rite Aid.

The second-best performing stock based on percentage change this past week was Valero Energy Corporation (VLO: NYSE). The stock price increased 4.71%, or \$3.38, from last week, closing at \$75.11. Valero Energy had an increase of 32.77%, or \$18.54, for 2021. The company completed transactions that reduced its long-term debt by approximately \$700 million.

Overview

The HSI was developed by Marie Kenney, while a student at Husson University, in consultation with Associate Professor J. Douglas Wellington. The HSI tracks and analyzes the stocks of 28 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
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