

Husson Stock Index

Week Ended March 12, 2021

For the week ending March 12, 2021, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) finished the week at 217.91, up 3.49% from last week's close of 210.56. In comparison to the HSI, the S&P 500 finished the week at 3,943.34, up 2.64% from last week's close of 3,841.94. Comparing the HSI and S&P year-to-date, the HSI has increased 5.74% and the S&P has increased 4.99%.

Summary

The stock with the largest percentage change for the week was Rite Aid Corporation (RAD: NYSE), which increased 26.49% or \$5.19. Investor's Business Daily increased its Relative Strength Rating on the company from 69 to 76 (on a scale from 1 to 99) and indicated that the company has the No. 1 rank in the Retail-Drug Stores industry group. Year-to-date, the stock has increased 56.54% or \$8.95.

The stock with the second-largest percentage change for the week was Penn National Gaming, Inc. (PENN: NASDAQ), which increased 20.55% or \$22.24. The company's stock hit a record high after its sport betting app began operation in Illinois on Thursday. Additionally, there was an announcement that the company will be added to the S&P 500 as of March 22. Year-to-date, the stock has increased 51.06% or \$44.10.

Overview

The HSI was developed by Marie Kenney, while a student at Husson University, in consultation with Associate Professor J. Douglas Wellington. The HS 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.

Resources

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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