

## **Husson Stock Index**

### **Week Ending March 19, 2021**

For the week ended March 19th, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) finished at 216.05. It was down 0.85% when compared to last week's close at 217.91. In comparison to the HSI, the S&P 500 closed out the week at 3,913.10 which was down 0.77% compared to the prior week closing at 3,943.34. This year to date, HSI is up 4.84% while the S&P 500 is up 4.18%.

### **Summary**

The two highest performing stocks of the week were The Home Depot, Inc. (HD: NYSE) with a 5.86% or \$16.00 increase and McDonalds Corporation (MCD: NYSE) with a 4.76% or \$10.10 increase. The Motley Fool believes HD is a buying opportunity, highlighting both its business and current price/earnings valuation. The percent change for HD year to date is 8.84%. Analysts anticipate positive results from MCD's new chicken sandwich and believe that stimulus checks and pent-up demand for dining out will also help the company's results. The percent change for MCD year to date is 3.66%.

The two lowest performing stocks of the week were Valero Energy Corporation (VLO: NYSE) with a 10.58% or \$8.72 decrease, and Penn National Gaming, Inc. (PENN: NASDAQ) with a 10.04% or \$13.10 decrease. VLO's stock price decreased notwithstanding VLO announcing that it and BlackRock Global Energy & Power Infrastructure Fund III are partnering with Navigator Energy Services to develop an industrial scale carbon capture pipeline system. The percent change for VLO year to date is 30.28%. Although Jim Cramer of The Street likes PENN, on March 15 he said

that he would wait for a dip in the stock before buying it. The percent change for PENN year to date is 35.89%.

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### **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, Jesse Rhudick. 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.

### 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