

Husson Stock Index

Week Ending March 26, 2021

For the week ending March 26th, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) finished at 218.15. It was up 0.97% when compared to last week's close at 216.05. In comparison to the HSI, the S&P 500 closed out the week at 3,974.54 which was up 1.57% compared to the prior week closing at 3,913.10. This year to date, HSI is up 5.86% while the S&P 500 is up 5.82%.

Summary

The two highest performing stocks of the week were Lowe's Companies, Inc (LOW: NYSE) at a 6.75% or \$12.12 increase, and Darden Restaurants, Inc. (DRI: NYSE) at 6.57% or \$9.19 increase. Investor's Business Daily reports that Lowe's is "in buy range" as the renovation boom continues. However, COVID-related costs have put pressure on profits. The percent change for Lowe's is 19.38% for year to date. Darden posted third quarter fiscal earnings of \$0.98 compared to analyst expectations of \$0.70 per share. Additionally, the company gave upbeat guidance for the fourth quarter. Darden is up 25.07% this year to date.

The two lowest performing stocks of the week were Rite Aid Corporation (RAD: NYSE) with a 25.58% or \$6.48 decrease, and ImmuCell Corporation (ICCC: NASDAQ) with a 12.63% or \$1.41 decrease. Rite Aid's revenue and profits have been adversely impacted by a 37% decrease in the fourth quarter in cough, cold and flu-related products due to COVI-related social distancing. Rite Aid has seen a 19.08% increase this year to date. There was no recent news about ImmuCell, which is up 63.87% year to date.

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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