

Husson Stock Index

Week Ending April 2, 2021

For the week ending April 2nd, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) finished at 218.03. It was down 0.05% when compared to last week's close at 218.15. In comparison to the HSI, the S&P 500 closed out the week at 4019.87 which was up 1.14% compared to the prior week closing at 3,974.54. This year to date, HSI is up 5.80% while the S&P 500 is up 7.02%.

Summary

The two highest performing stocks of the week were Rite Aid Corporation (RAD: NYSE) at an 11.09% or \$2.09 increase, and Walgreens Boot Alliance, Inc (WBA: NASDAQ) at 5.23% or \$2.72. Rite Aid saw a raise in price this week, but Motley Fools' Chris Hill discusses worry over a lack of flu cases in the year. However, Bill Barker believes capitalizing on COVID vaccines could be their best hope, with reimbursement rates increasing to \$40 per dose and customers perhaps buying other products when they get their vaccination shot. Rite Aid is up 32.28% this year to date. Walgreens second quarter profits declined 7.5% from last year's second quarter but were \$0.29 over analysts' estimates. Sales increased 4.6% over the comparable quarter.

Walgreens Boot Alliance is up 37.29% this year to date.

The two lowest performing stocks of the week were Charter Communications, Inc. (CHTR: NASDAQ) with a 3.67% or \$23.17 decrease, and Darden Restaurants, Inc (DRI: NYSE) with a 3.15% or \$4.70 decrease. On April 1, Charter's price crossed below its 200-day moving average of \$611.73. Charter is down 8.01% this year to date.

According to Zacks Equity Research, Darden Restaurants looks to have good potential.

Earnings for the current quarter are expected to be 235.48% higher than last year's number, resulting in a #2 type ranking amongst the website's scale, which translates to a buy. Darden is up 21.12% 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