HSI Week Ended October 27th 2017

The Husson Stock Index (HSI) decreased 1.24% from week ended October 20th. The HSI on October 20th was 140.36 and is now 138.62. The most significant changed this week were Rite Aid (RAD), Charter Communications (CHTR), and General Dynamic (GD).

Rite Aid (RAD): Rite Aid decreased 11.80% from week ended October 20th. Stock prices for many pharmaceutical companies have been lower this week. CNBC stated this is due to President Trump’s recent speech on opioid crisis, Amazon obtaining wholesale pharmacy licenses in several states and a decrease in generic drug prices.

Charter Communications (CHTR): CHTR decreased 8.84% from week ended October 20th. CHTR third quarter report shows a 105,000 decline in pay-TV subscribers. Subscribers have been “cord-cutting” by moving to other avenues for entertainment such as competitors like Netflix.

General Dynamic (GD): GD decreased 4.15% from week ended October 20th. GD reported high earnings this week and profit margins for the quarter went up significantly. However the overall sales for the quarter were down compared to the past year and GD’s free cash flow was far below the reported net income which has caused investors to sell.

The Husson Stock Index 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 Jennifer Armstrong. The index tracks and analyzes 27 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, number of consumers, and overall presence in the State. This price-weighted index offers a numerical break down of Maine’s economy. The analysis looks into the events of the week and finds the likely reasons the index was up or down. The index and analysis help provide a better understanding of Maine’s economy and offer an explanation of significant changes in the stock prices of the companies that comprise the Husson Stock Index.

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