**Husson Stock Index**

**Week Ended April 25th, 2025**

 For the week ended April 25th, 2025, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) closed at 229.03. This is an increase from the previous week of 1.82%. This is also a 0.98% decrease from the end of the previous year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 40,113.50. This is an increase of 2.48% from the end of the previous week and a decrease of 5.71% from the end of the previous year. The S&P 500 ended the week at 5,525.21, increasing 4.59% this week. The S&P 500 decreased year to date 6.06%.

**Summary**

 The top performing stock in the HSI this week was PENN Entertainment, Inc. PENN had an increase of 12.62%, from $14.34 to $16.15. One reason for this increase was “an announcement that it would invest up to $200 million to transition its Ameristar Casino Hotel Council Bluffs riverboat in Iowa into a new land-based facility” (Yahoo Finance). This new facility will bring in a great amount of new development into the local area. The project just got approved and will begin construction in the near future. The casino also paired with local racing groups to institute gambling. It’s a 15-year contract. The next best performing stock was Charter Communications, Inc (CHTR). CHTR had an increase of 10.23%, from $338.96 to $373.65. The reason for this increase was that “the company topped Wall Street’s revenue estimates and added more mobile customers than expected” (Barrons). The company has not been performing well this year. The number of new consumers and customers in the past week has exceeded all expectations.

 The worst performing stock in the HSI was T-Mobile US, Inc. (TMUS). TMUS had a decrease of 11.17%, from $262.04 to $232.77. The reason for this decrease was that “T-Mobile added fewer new phone customers than anticipated in the first quarter, sending shares lower” (Yahoo Finance). The weak reports and first quarter have hurt the stock recently. The tariffs and talks of tariffs have made people think the price of cell phones are going to increase, also hurting the stock. The next worst performing stock in the HSI was Raytheon Technologies Corporation (RTX). RTX had a decrease of 2.85%, from $128.89 to $125.22. The reason for this decrease was that “the company reported weak first-quarter 2025 results and gave underwhelming guidance” (Yahoo Finance). The tariffs and other political factors have hurt the company. Other competitors and companies had similar results. The defense sector has been struggling this year and is looking like it will continue to struggle.

**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 Bode DayCoombs under the supervision of Associate

Professor of Finance Dr. Jia Liu. The HSI currently tracks and analyzes the stocks of 25 companies that are considered to affect 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 investigates 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.

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 **Composition of the Husson Stock Index (HSI)**

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| **Ticker****Symbol:****Exchange** | **Stock** | **Maine****Affiliation** | **Sector** |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |