**Husson Stock Index**

**Week Ended May 2nd, 2025**

For the week ended May 2nd, 2025, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) closed at 235.26. This is an increase from the previous week of 2.72%. This is also a 1.72% increase from the end of the previous year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 41,317.43. This is an increase of 3.00% from the end of the previous week and a decrease of 2.88% from the end of the previous year. The S&P 500 ended the week at 5,686.67, increasing 2.92%. The S&P 500 decreased from the previous year 2.88%.

**Summary**

The top performing stock in the HSI this week was Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. (HLT). HLT had an increase of 9.69%, rising from $219.62 to $240.90. The reason for this increase was likely “exceeded expectations for adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EPS in the first quarter of 2025” (Yahoo Finance). Within the past 2 years they have opened hundreds of new hotels, creating a lot of new revenue streams. The company was also named the best place to work. HLT is one of the best-known names in the hotel industry. Moreover, they are projected to keep growing throughout the year and beat all expectations. The next best performing stock was IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. (IDXX). IDXX had an increase of 7.88%, from $437.44 to $471.90. According to Yahoo Finance, “the company’s Q1 results were not surprising, but the stock’s reaction was a bit stronger than expected”. This company so far this year has been up and down. Despite the constant fluctuations, the stock has been doing well since the 1st quarter reports.

The worst performing stock in the HSI was Northeast Bank (NBN). NBN had a decrease of 8.27%, from $91.10 to $83.57. The reason for this decrease was that “Earnings per share (EPS) missed analyst estimates by 20%” (Yahoo Finance). Revenue exceeded expectations but EPS was still 20 percent under expectations. The next worst performing stock in the HSI was WEX Inc. (WEX). WEX had a decrease of 4.20%, from $129.91 to $124.46. WEX in the first quarter of 2025 achieved higher than expected earnings per share in the face of declining revenue. Overall, the company exceeded their expectations after the first quarter. The only thing that changed was a slight drop in revenue. The company as of right now is seen as undervalued. We are unsure why the stock dropped as much as it did this week.

**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 |