**Husson Stock Index**

**Week Ended May 30th, 2025**

 For the week ended May 30th, 2025, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) closed at 242.14. This is an increase from the previous week of 1.13%. This is also a 4.69% increase from the end of the previous year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 42,270.07. This is an increase of 1.6% from the end of the previous week and a decrease of .64% from the end of the last year. The S&P 500 ended the week at 5,911.69, increasing 1.88% from the previous week and .51% from the previous year end.

**Summary**

 The top-performing stock in the HSI this week was Darden Restaurants, Inc., which had an increase in share price of 4.99% over the previous week. Darden Restaurants' stock rose nearly 5% this week due to strong earnings, strategic expansion, and positive investor sentiment. The company reported Q3 fiscal 2025 earnings, with EPS of $2.80, reflecting a 6.9% increase compared to the same quarter last year. Despite a slight revenue miss, investors responded positively to growth in key segments, including Olive Garden and LongHorn Steakhouse, which saw sales increases of 1.5% and 5.1%, respectively(investing.com).

 The second top-performing stock in the HSI was Raytheon Technologies, which had an increase of 3.14%. Raytheon Technologies (RTX) gained 3.12% this week due to strong Q2 earnings, raised full-year guidance, and robust commercial aerospace demand. The company reported EPS of $1.41, surpassing Wall Street’s estimate of $1.19, and revenue of $19.7 billion, reflecting a 10% year-over-year increase. Investors responded positively to RTX’s revised full-year earnings forecast, now projected between $5.35 and $5.45 per share, up from $5.25 to $5.40. Additionally, RTX’s Pratt & Whitney unit saw strong aftermarket demand, boosting confidence in its long-term growth. The company also appears to have successfully navigated previous issues with its PW1100G-JM engine recall, which had weighed on its stock last year (*The Motley Fool*).

 The worst-performing stock in the HSI was Charter Communications, Inc., which had a loss of 2.48% over the previous week. The loss can be attributed to several operational and market challenges. One significant factor is the loss of 177,000 internet customers reported in its latest quarterly report, exacerbated by the end of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), a government subsidy that previously helped lower-income households afford internet services. Additionally, Charter is facing heightened competition from wireless home internet providers such as Verizon and T-Mobile, which are attracting customers with flexible and cost-effective alternatives. The company’s delayed network upgrades—initially scheduled for completion sooner but now pushed to 2026—have also contributed to investor concerns regarding future service improvements. Moreover, pricing increases for Spectrum’s internet services, combined with programming disputes such as its prior disagreement with Disney, have led to customer frustration and churn. These combined factors have weakened investor confidence, contributing to the recent stock decline.

 The second-worst performing stock in the HSI was Immucell Corporation, which declined 1.84% on the week. The decline was likely influenced by several factors, including its recent product release and broader financial challenges. The company launched an expanded Tri-Shield offering for its First Defense product line, which has seen strong customer demand. However, despite an 11% increase in product sales, ImmuCell has struggled with high production costs, particularly inflationary pressures on labor and raw materials. Additionally, the company has faced profit margin challenges, with its cost of goods sold rising to $4.4 million in the latest quarter While contamination issues that previously affected production have been resolved, ImmuCell is still working to optimize production yields and improve its gross margin, which currently sits at 26%—below its long-term target of 35-40%. These financial pressures, combined with investor concerns over regulatory delays for its Re-Tain product, have contributed to the stock’s recent decline.

**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 Donovan Landry under the supervision of the 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 Husson Stock Index (HSI)

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| Ticker symbol: Exchange | Stock  | Maine Affiliation | Sector |
| BAC: NYSE | Bank of american corp | presence | Fincancials |
| BHB: NYSE | Bar Harbor Bank | Maine-based | Fincancials |
| CAC: NASDAQ | Camden National Corporation | Maine-based | Fincancials |
| CHRT: NASDAQ | Charter Comminucaion, Inc. | presence | Communication 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 | Fincancials |
| GD: NYSE | General Dynamics Corporation | presence | Fincancials |
| HLT: NYSE | Hilton Worldwide Holding, Inc. | presence | Consumer Discretionaries  |
| HD: NYSE | The Home Depot, Inc. | presence | Consumer Discretionaries  |
| ICC: 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 | McDonalds Corporation | presence | Consumer Discretionaries  |
| NBN: NASDAQ | Northeast Bank | Maine-based | Fincancials |
| PENN: NASDAQ | Penn National Gaming, Inc. | presence | Consumer Discretionaries  |
| RTX: NYSE | Raytheon Technologies Corporation | presence | Industrials |
| TD: NYSE | The Toronto-Dominion Bank | presence | Fincancials |
| TMUS: NASDAQ | T-Mobile US, Inc. | presence | Consumer Services |
| UPS: NYSE | United Parcel Service, Inc.  | presence | Industrials |
| UNM: NYSE | UNUM Group | presence | Fincancials |
| VLO: NYSE | Valero Energy Corporation | presence | Energy |
| WMT: NYSE | Walmart, Inc. | presence | Consumer Services |
| WEX: NYSE | WEX, Inc.  | presence | Information Technologies |
| WBA: NASDAQ | Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. | presence | Consumer Staples |