**Husson Stock Index**

**Week Ended April 4th, 2025**

For the week ended April 4th, 2025, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) closed at 217.40. This is a decrease from the previous week of 6.81%. This is also a 6.01% decrease year to date. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 38,314.86. This is a decrease of 7.86% from the end of the previous week and a decrease of 9.94% from the end of the previous year. The S&P 500 ended the week at 5,074.08, decreasing 9.08%. The S&P 500 decreased from the previous year end 13.73%.

**Summary**

The best performing stock in the HSI was ImmuCell Corporation (ICCC). ICCC had an increase of 6.99%, from $5.01 to $5.36. A possible reason for this increase is that it “announced that it is initiating Investigational Product use of Re-Tain” (Yahoo Finance). This product is supposed to be a more natural way to fight disease and infection in animals like cows that will be turned into beef products. This will help eliminate the need to use regular antibiotics. The next best performing stock in the HSI was The Home Depot Inc. (HD). HD actually saw a decrease of 1.19% from $358.15 to $353.90. A reason for this decrease was from “a recent April Fools’ Day prank from a tool review website suggesting that the home improvement giant would start charging parking fees due to inflation” (Yahoo Finance). A lot of people believed this which overall gave the company some bad publicity. Not only this, but trillions of dollars were taken out of the stock market from the poor performance of almost all stocks.

The worst performing stock in the HSI was Valero Energy Corporation (VLO). The company saw a decrease of 20.38% going from $131.48 to $104.69. The reason for this decrease is from “heightened trade tensions causing a global stock sell-off” (Yahoo Finance). A large majority of stocks saw a decrease for similar reasons. The new implementation of tariffs and taxes on imported goods has made investors and companies leery. As stated previously, this has led to a massive sale of shares. The next worst performing stock in the HSI was WEX Inc. (WEX). WEX saw a decrease of 17.88%, going from $154.56 to $126.92. The stock seems to be “undervalued, trading at a P/E ratio of 20x while management has been actively buying back shares” (Investing). A lot of other companies in the technology sector are struggling as well.

**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 |