**Husson Stock Index**

**Week Ended March 14th, 2025**

 For the week ended March 14th, 2025, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) closed at 229.05. This is a decrease from the previous week of 4.54%. From the previous year ended, this is a decrease of 0.97%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 41,488.19. This is a decrease of 3.07% from the previous week and a 2.48% decrease from the end of the previous year. The S&P 500 ended the week at 5,638.94, going down 2.27% while also being down 4.13% from the previous year.

**Summary**

The top performing stock in the HSI this week was Valero Energy Corporation (VLO). VLO saw a slight increase of 1.81%, from $126.85 to $129.14. The reason for this increase is that “upbeat changes in estimates indicate analysts' favorable outlook on the company's business health and profitability” (Yahoo Finance). Despite this, the company is projected to have lower EPS and revenue for the year. Along with this, major stakeholders have also invested more into the fuel giant. The second-best performer in the HSI was Raytheon Technologies Corporation (RTX). RTX had an increase of 1.24%, going from $128.40 to $129.99. The reason for this increase is that Nvidia “has shipped twice as many RTX 50-series GPUs during the first five weeks of availability” (MSN). Nvidia is a user of a lot of RTX’s technology, particularly their graphic processing units. These are used for things like computers and AI technology. This business has helped boost the company.

 The worst performing stock in the HSI was Lowe’s Company, Inc (LOW). LOW went down 7.51% from $242.66 to $224.44. The reason for this decrease is that “The Washington Supreme Court has ruled that a lawsuit against Lowe’s Home Centers can proceed after a woman was injured by falling merchandise in one of its stores” (Kiro). This incident took place in 2020 but has now reached the Supreme Court. This has been a long and expensive trial. This is also going to hurt the company financially as it is looking like a loss for them in court. The second worst performer was Charter Communications, Inc. (CHTR). CHTR saw a decline of 7.38%, going from $379.52 to $351.50. The reason for this decline is that “Comcast, one of its top competitors, reported soft financial results” (MSN). Along with this, there has been a significant number of customers leaving both of these companies. Almost 2 million customers from the previous year have left. There are no signs of this slowing down either, as more and more people are shying away from things like landlines and cable television.

**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 |