**Husson Stock Index**

**Week Ended March 7th, 2025**

 For the week ended March 7th, 2025, the Husson Stock Index (HSI) closed at 239.94. This is a decrease from the previous week of 1.11%. From the previous year ended, this is an increase of 3.74%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 42,801.72. This is a decrease of 2.37% from the previous week, but a 0.61% increase year to date. The S&P 500 ended the week at 5770.2, going down 3.10%, while being down from the previous year 1.89%.

**Summary**

 The top performing stock was General Dynamics Corporation (GD). GD had an increase of 7.51%, rising from $252.60 to $271.56. A reason for this increase is that “The latest reports show a contract of up to $614 million for General Dynamics” (Marketbeat). This contract would not only ensure work for the company but increase the overall capital of the company. Despite their EPS being slightly lower than expected, they have seen a great amount of growth. One of the biggest reasons for this is the government contract previously mentioned. The second-best performing stock in the HSI was Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. (WBA). WBA had an increase of 6.65%, from $10.68 to $11.39. WBA has struggled this year after suffering multiple lawsuits involving the pharmacy knowingly giving patients the wrong prescription. However, the company has still grown a fair amount on the year. Some of the reason for this growth is because “it has accepted a deal from private equity firm Sycamore Partners to be bought and taken private” (Fast Company). WBA has gone through years of financial problems, so selling the company was for the best.

 The worst performing stock in the HSI this week was PENN Entertainment, Inc. (PENN). PENN had a staggering decrease of 15.02%, from $21.51 to $18.28. The reason for this fall is mainly because “Several institutional investors have recently added to or reduced their stakes in PENN” (Marketbeat). There has been a lot of fluctuation in the sales of shares for the company which has had a negative impact on the overall price. The next worst performance was from Bank of America Corporation (BAC). BAC saw a 10.20% decrease, from $46.10 to $41.40. BAC and a majority of other banks have been suffering in the stock market recently. The main reason behind this is because “As yields drop, banks are under more pressure to cut the interest they charge for mortgages and other loans” (Marketwatch). If banks cannot or have an issue getting people to take out loans because of how high rates are that means less money for them. Along with this the 10-year U.S. Treasury notes yields have been decreasing which also means less money for the banks. These factors have affected not only BAC but a majority of banks.

**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 |