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	16/05/2025	09/05/2025	% Change
BLOM Stock Index	2,024.96	2,010.01	0.74%
Average Traded Volume	261,813	144,216	81.54%
Average Traded Value	7,408,428	835,181	787.04%
Market Cap	20,754,135,716.19	20,600,935,617.89	

The **BLOM Stock Index (BSI)** compiled by BLOM Invest Bank daily rose weekly by 0.74% to 2,024.96 points on May 16th, 2025.

On the Beirut Stock Exchange (BSE), the real estate sector dominated trading; accounting for 95.837% of the exchange's total trading value, while the remaining 4.163% were grasped by the banking sector. The most noteworthy trades throughout the mentioned period included:

	16/05/2025	09/05/2025	% Change
Solidere A	85.5	83.55	2.33%
Byblos (C)	1.01	0.91	10.99%
BLOM (GDR)	5.99	5.44	10.11%
BLOM Listed	5.17	5.08	1.77%

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BLOM Preferred Shares Index	24.53	24.53	0.00%

As for the BLOM Preferred Shares Index (BPSI), it remained constant at 24.53.

US Stocks

Index	Currency	16/05/2025	09/05/2025	% Change
S&P 500	USD	5,916.93	5,659.91	4.54%
Dow Jones	USD	42,322.75	41,249.38	2.60%
NASDAQ Comp	USD	19,112.32	17,928.92	6.60%

*prices are as of the time of writing this report

Internationally, U.S. stock indices rallied over the course of the week following the trade agreement between the two biggest economies, the United States and China. In the meeting that was held in Switzerland last weekend, both parties agreed to reduce tariffs for a 90 days period. As such, United States reduced tariffs on Chinese goods from 145% to 30% while China reduced tariffs on US goods from 125% to 10%.

Additionally, President Trump's visit to the Gulf region generated new business deals for American companies such as selling more than 18,000 Nvidia's AI chips to Saudi Arabia and an agreement between Qatar Airways and Boeing worth \$96 billion.

European Stocks

Index	Currency	16/05/2025	09/05/2025	% Change
DAX	EUR	23,877.70	23,499.32	1.61%
FTSE 100	GBP	8,672.89	8,554.80	1.38%
CAC 40	EUR	7,901.45	7,743.75	2.04%
STOXX600	EUR	550.51	537.96	2.33%

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Across the Atlantic, major European bourses rose over the course of the week with STOXX 600 and CAC 40 leading the rise after US-China 90-day agreement on reducing bilateral tariffs. This agreement will limit the fears of a global recession.

Asian Stocks

Index	Currency	16/05/2025	09/05/2025	% Change
NIKKEI	JPY	37,753.72	37,503.33	0.67%
Hang Seng	HKD	23,338.91	22,867.74	2.06%
Shanghai Comp	CNY	3,367.46	3,342.00	0.76%

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In Asia, major markets followed global stocks and increased this week, led by Hong Kong's Hang Seng that climbed by 2.06% over the course of the week.

Despite the agreement with the US regarding tariffs reductions, the Shanghai Composite rose marginally by 0.76%. This is attributed to traders' caution as the agreement is not a long-term agreement and they are worried that the tariffs will return to high levels after the end of the 90 days period.

Global Stocks

Index	Currency	16/05/2025	09/05/2025	% Change
MSCI Emerging Market	USD	1,173.53	1,138.40	3.09%

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The MSCI Emerging Market index rose this week by 3.09% to 1,173.53.

Arab Stocks

Index	Currency	16/05/2025	09/05/2025	% Change
S&P Pan Arab	USD	998.77	990.73	0.81%
EGX30 - Egypt	EGP	31,941.15	31,772.04	0.53%
Saudi Stock Exchange	SAR	11,485.05	11,364.11	1.06%
Qatar Stock Exchange	QAR	10,574.59	10,520.04	0.52%
Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange	AED	9,640.74	9,625.97	0.15%
Dubai Financial Market	AED	5,425.22	5,312.55	2.12%

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Likewise, Arab equities tracked global markets' rise this week, affected also by President Trump's visit to the Gulf region and the signing of bilateral agreements with Saudi Arabia, Qatar and United Arab Emirates.

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