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	23/05/2025	16/05/2025	% Change
BLOM Stock Index	1,975.41	2,024.96	-2.45%
Average Traded Volume	14,083	261,813	-94.62%
Average Traded Value	419,302	7,408,428	-94.34%
Market Cap	20,246,310,727.39	20,754,135,716.19	

The **BLOM Stock Index (BSI)** compiled by BLOM Invest Bank daily decreased weekly by 2.45% to 1,975.41 points on May 23rd, 2025.

On the Beirut Stock Exchange (BSE), the real estate sector dominated trading; accounting for 88.215% of the exchange's total trading value, while the remaining were grasped by the banking sector (11.183%), and industrial sector (0.602%). The most noteworthy trades throughout the mentioned period included:

	23/05/2025	16/05/2025	% Change
Solidere A	81.8	85.5	-4.33%
Solidere B	81	84	-3.57%
HOLCIM Liban (prev.SCL)	74.2	75.1	-1.20%
Audi Listed	2.74	2.52	8.73%
Byblos (C)	0.91	1.01	-9.90%
BLOM (GDR)	5.98	5.99	-0.17%
Bank of Beirut Pref. H	15	25	-40.00%
Bank of Beirut Pref. J	15	25	-40.00%
Bank of Beirut Preferred K	15	25	-40.00%

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BLOM Preferred Shares Index	21.01	24.53	-14.35%

As for the BLOM Preferred Shares Index (BPSI), it fell to reach 21.01.

US Stocks

Index	Currency	23/05/2025	16/05/2025	% Change
S&P 500	USD	5,842.01	5,958.38	-1.95%
Dow Jones	USD	41,859.09	42,654.74	-1.87%
NASDAQ Comp	USD	18,925.73	19,211.10	-1.49%

*prices are as of the time of writing this report

Internationally, U.S. markets declined this week, driven by investor concerns over President Trump's newly passed tax and spending bill, which is projected to add nearly \$3 trillion to national debt. This triggered a decline in US credit rating by Moody's. Energy and utility sectors were hit hardest, especially solar stocks, as the bill accelerates the phase out of clean energy incentives.

European Stocks

Index	Currency	23/05/2025	16/05/2025	% Change
DAX	EUR	24,126.84	23,767.43	1.51%
FTSE 100	GBP	8,771.79	8,684.56	1.00%
CAC 40	EUR	7,867.67	7,886.69	-0.24%
STOXX600	EUR	551.91	549.26	0.48%

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European stocks had a generally positive week, supported by strong corporate earnings, improving sentiment in Germany, and expectations of policy easing from the ECB. Germany's DAX led gains as investors morale improved and Infineon surged on an AI related partnership with Nvidia. The UK's FTSE 100 rose slightly, lifted by solid earnings from firms like Marks 7 Spencer and Vodafone. France's CAC 40 edged lower due to persistent weakness in the services sector and broad-based declines luxury stocks. Meanwhile, the broader Euro Area benefited from strength in tech shares and hopes of ECB rate cuts, despite weak PMI data.

Asian Stocks

Index	Currency	23/05/2025	16/05/2025	% Change
NIKKEI	JPY	37,160.47	37,753.72	-1.57%
Hang Seng	HKD	23,601.26	23,345.05	1.10%
Shanghai Comp	CNY	3,348.37	3,367.46	-0.57%

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Asian markets had mixed performance this week, however, the overall weakness was driven by rising U.S. Treasury yields and renewed concerns over U.S. fiscal instability, which triggered risk off sentiment across the region. Japan's exports declined, especially to the U.S., while Chinese markets were weighted down by weak retail sales and lingering trade uncertainty. Although China's central bank cut key lending rates and boosted liquidity, it wasn't enough to offset economic concerns. In contrast, Hong Kong stocks benefited from strong earnings, upbeat momentum in the tech sector, and improved US-China diplomatic engagement.

Global Stocks

Index	Currency	23/05/2025	16/05/2025	% Change
MSCI Emerging Market	USD	1,165.38	1,172.38	-0.60%

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The MSCI Emerging Market index fell this week by 0.60% to 1,165.38.

Arab Stocks

Index	Currency	23/05/2025	16/05/2025	% Change
S&P Pan Arab	USD	989.41	1,000.30	-1.09%
EGX30 - Egypt	EGP	31,975.63	31,941.15	0.11%
Saudi Stock Exchange	SAR	11,188.74	11,485.05	-2.58%
Qatar Stock Exchange	QAR	10,774.26	10,592.39	1.72%
Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange	AED	9,669.77	9,654.22	0.16%
Dubai Financial Market	AED	5,461.35	5,455.41	0.11%

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As for Arab equities, Egypt, Qatar, Abu Dhabi, and Dubai equities increased while Pan Arab and Saudi equities decreased.

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