U.S. Trade Policy Uncertainty and Tariff Reinstatement Weigh on Stocks



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	30/05/2025 23/05/20		25% Change	
BLOM Stock Index	2,014.08	1,975.41	1.96%	
Average Traded Volume	58,303	14,083	313.99%	
Average Traded Value	916,952	419,302	118.69%	
Market Cap	20,642,579,169.59	20,246,310,727.39		

The **BLOM Stock Index (BSI)** compiled by BLOM Invest Bank daily increased weekly by 1.96% to 2,014.08 points on May 30th, 2025.

On the Beirut Stock Exchange (BSE), the real estate sector dominated trading; accounting for 74.695% of the exchange's total trading value, while the remaining were grasped by the banking sector (22.418%) and industrial sector (2.887%). The most noteworthy trades throughout the mentioned period included:

	30/05/2025	23/05/2025% Change
Solidere A	83.55	81.8 2.149
Solidere B	82.75	81 2.16%
CB (N)	32	33 -3.03%
Bank Audi listed	2.75	2.74 0.36%
BLOM (GDR)	6.4	5.98 7.02%
Audi (GDR)	2.25	2.4 -6.25%

	30/05/2025	23/05/2025% Change	
BLOM Preferred Shares Index	21.01	21.01	0.00%

As for the BLOM Preferred Shares Index (BPSI), it stabilized at 21.01.

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US Stocks

Index	Currency	30/05/2025	23/05/2025%	Change
S&P 500	USD	5,912.17	5,802.82	1.88%
Dow Jones	USD	42,215.73	41,603.07	1.47%
NASDAQ Comp	USD	19,175.87	18,737.21	2.34%

^{*}prices are as of the time of writing this report

US stocks fluctuated this week as investors navigated conflicting signals from Nvidia's strong earnings, Trump's tariff developments, and economic data. Nvidia's AI-driven surge lifted tech stocks, while the US appeals court's reinstatement of Trump's tariffs added uncertainty to the trade outlook. Retailers like Best Buy and HP issued cautious forecasts. And GDP data confirmed a mild contraction, reinforcing cautious investor sentiment.

European Stocks

Index	Currency	30/05/2025	23/05/2025%	Change
DAX	EUR	24,116.28	23,629.58	2.06%
FTSE 100	GBP	8,766.71	8,717.97	0.56%
CAC 40	EUR	7,797.70	7,734.40	0.82%
STOXX600	EUR	550.46	545.13	0.98%

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European stocks ended the week on a positive note, supported by relief over Trump's delayed tariffs and optimism after a US court ruling blocked some tariff measures. Sentiment was further boosted by strong earnings from Nvidia, which lifted tech stocks, while Europe's luxury, automotive, and defense sectors saw gains. However, trade uncertainties lingered, with caution returned mid-week amid reports of renewed trade talks and concerns over weak US data. Overall, investor optimism outweighed headwinds, driving gains across the region.

Asian Stocks

Index	Currency	30/05/2025	23/05/2025%	Change
NIKKEI	JPY	37,965.10	37,160.47	2.17%
Hang Seng	HKD	23,289.77	23,601.26	-1.32%
Shanghai Comp	CNY	3,347.49	3,348.37	-0.03%

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Asian stock market delivered mix results this week: Japan's Nikkei rose 2.17% on optimism from a US court ruling blocking some of Trump's tariffs and strong tech gains, but cautious sentiment returned later on tariff reinstatements and rising

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inflation, which ruled rate hike speculation. Hong Kong's Hang Seng dipped 1.32% as initial gains from Nvidia's earnings were offset by renewed trade worries, deflation risks, and ongoing EV sector price wars. China's Shanghai Composite slightly decreased, with markets rattled by trade tensions after the US reinstated Tariffs, plus uncertainty over upcoming PMI data and domestic growth concerns.

Global Stocks

Index	Currency	30/05/2025	23/05/2025%	Change
MSCI Emerging Market	USD	1,170.16	1,170.98	-0.07%

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The MSCI Emerging Market index fell this week by 0.07% to 1,170.16.

Arab Stocks

Index	Currency	30/05/2025	23/05/2025%	Change
S&P Pan Arab	USD	980.27	990.10	-0.99%
EGX30 - Egypt	EGP	32,696.79	31,975.63	2.26%
Saudi Stock Exchange	SAR	10,990.41	11,188.74	-1.77%
Qatar Stock Exchange	QAR	10,774.26	10,774.26	0.00%
Abu Dhabi Securities Exchan	ge AED	9,709.85	9,665.34	0.46%
Dubai Financial Market	AED	5,482.50	5,464.16	0.34%

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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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