

Stocks Advances Worldwide as Earnings Outshine Trade Tariff Concerns



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	08/08/2025	01/08/2025	% Change
BLOM Stock Index	2,013.15	1,983.91	1.47%
Average Traded Volume	78,884	22,295	253.82%
Average Traded Value	1,212,396	1,611,604	-24.77%
Market Cap	20,633,031,732.98	20,333,351,588.79	

The **BLOM Stock Index (BSI)** compiled by BLOM Invest Bank daily increased weekly by 1.47% to 2,013.15 points on August 8th, 2025.

On the Beirut Stock Exchange (BSE), the real estate sector dominated trading; accounting for 86.399% of the exchange's total trading value, while the remaining were grasped by the banking sector (13.601%). The most noteworthy trades throughout the mentioned period included:

	08/08/2025	01/08/2025	% Change
Solidere A	83.05	80.5	3.17%
Solidere B	82.3	83.95	-1.97%
Audi Listed	3	2.75	9.09%
Audi (GDR)	2.39	2.35	1.70%

	08/08/2025	01/08/2025	% Change
BLOM Preferred Shares Index	20.22	20.22	0.00%

As for the BLOM Preferred Shares Index (BPSI), it stabilized at 20.22.

US Stocks

Index	Currency	08/08/2025	01/08/2025	% Change
S&P 500	USD	6,340.00	6,238.01	1.63%
Dow Jones	USD	43,968.64	43,588.58	0.87%
NASDAQ Comp	USD	21,242.70	20,650.13	2.87%

*prices are as of the time of writing this report

US equities advanced as investors balanced fresh tariff announcements, mixed corporate earnings, and expectations for a Federal Reserve rate cut in September. President Trump's sweeping trade measures, including a 100% semiconductor import tariff with exemptions for domestic producers, drove strength in chipmakers like Nvidia and AMD. Sentiment was further lifted by Apple's plans for significant US manufacturing investments. However, weaker performances from companies such as Eli Lilly and Intel, along with caution over the scale of tariffs, tempered some of the week's gains.

European Stocks

Index	Currency	08/08/2025	01/08/2025	% Change
DAX	EUR	24,120.79	23,425.97	2.97%
FTSE 100	GBP	9,104.53	9,068.58	0.40%
CAC 40	EUR	7,720.84	7,546.16	2.31%
STOXX600	EUR	546.88	535.79	2.07%

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European markets ended the week higher, supported by robust corporate earnings across financial, industrial, and travel sectors, alongside optimism over potential progress in the Ukraine–Russia conflict. The new US tariffs—15% on EU goods and 100% on imported semiconductors excluding US-based production—had only a limited drag, as investors focused on strong results from companies such as Allianz, Maersk, and Accor. Gains in these sectors outweighed pressure on defense and telecom stocks, with names like Thales and Deutsche Telekom slipping on sector-specific concerns despite the broader rally.

Asian Stocks

Index	Currency	08/08/2025	01/08/2025	% Change
NIKKEI	JPY	41,820.48	40,799.60	2.50%
Hang Seng	HKD	24,858.82	24,507.81	1.43%
Shanghai Comp	CNY	3,635.13	3,559.95	2.11%

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Asian markets finished the week in positive territory, with momentum in Japan driven by strong earnings from Sony, SoftBank, and other domestic firms, pushing the Topix to record highs despite tariff-related weakness in chipmakers. In China, upbeat July trade data - highlighting the fastest import growth in a year and accelerated exports ahead of the US tariff deadline - combined with optimism over extending the US-China trade truce to bolster sentiment. Hong Kong followed mainland gains, supported by strength in technology, gaming, and property shares, though caution lingered ahead of inflation data and amid a drop in local forex reserves.

Global Stocks

Index	Currency	08/08/2025	01/08/2025	% Change
MSCI Emerging Market	USD	1,260.46	1,226.18	2.80%

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The MSCI Emerging Market index rose this week by 2.80% to reach 1,260.46.

Arab Stocks

Index	Currency	08/08/2025	01/08/2025	% Change
S&P Pan Arab	USD	1,027.98	1,025.11	0.28%
EGX30 - Egypt	EGP	35,809.36	34,198.00	4.71%
Saudi Stock Exchange	SAR	10,930.30	10,920.27	0.09%
Qatar Stock Exchange	QAR	11,363.71	11,261.62	0.91%
Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange	AED	10,305.62	10,316.65	-0.11%
Dubai Financial Market	AED	6,139.45	6,111.97	0.45%

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Arab markets ended the week mixed, with modest gains in most exchanges. Egypt's EGX30 outperformed the region, supported by strong buying activity and

investor confidence, while the S&P Pan Arab, Saudi, Qatar, and Dubai markets posted slight advances. Abu Dhabi was the only market to edge lower, reflecting mild profit-taking after recent gains. Overall sentiment remained steady, with trading largely driven by localized factors rather than broad regional trends.

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