

## Global equity markets adjust amid policy developments and mixed regional signals



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	16/01/2026	09/01/2026	% Change
<b>BLOM Stock Index</b>	1,792.88	1,850.88	-3.13%
<b>Average Traded Volume</b>	104,384	12,336	746.19%
<b>Average Traded Value</b>	5,239,421	683,547	666.50%
<b>Market Cap</b>	18,375,448,143	18,969,936,957	

The **BLOM Stock Index (BSI)** compiled by BLOM Invest Bank daily decreased by 3.13% to 1,792.88 points by January 16<sup>th</sup> 2026. It is interesting to note that the Year-To-Date (YTD) decreased by 8.80%.

On the Beirut Stock Exchange (BSE), the industrial sector dominated trading; accounting for 80.220% of the exchange's total trading value, while the remaining were grasped by the real estate sector (18.788%), and the banking sector (0.992%). The most noteworthy trades throughout the mentioned period included:

	16/01/2026	09/01/2026	% Change
<b>Solidere A</b>	74.45	76	-2.04%
<b>Solidere B</b>	72.2	75	-3.73%
<b>Audi Listed</b>	1.5	1.91	-21.47%
<b>Byblos (C)</b>	0.49	0.54	-9.26%
<b>BLOM (GDR)</b>	6.6	6	10.00%
<b>BLOM Listed</b>	6.71	6.86	-2.19%

	16/01/2026	09/01/2026	% Change
<b>BLOM Preferred Shares Index</b>	19.35	19.35	0.00%

As for the BLOM Preferred Shares Index (BPSI), it stabilized at 19.35.

### US Stocks

Index	Currency	16/01/2026	09/01/2026	% Change
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	USD	6,944.47	6,966.28	-0.31%
<b>Dow Jones</b>	USD	49,442.44	49,504.07	-0.12%
<b>NASDAQ Comp</b>	USD	23,530.02	23,671.35	-0.60%

\*prices are as of the time of writing this report

US equities ended the week lower overall, reflecting earlier weakness in technology and financial shares amid concerns over chip restrictions, regulatory pressure on banks, and policy uncertainty. While sentiment improved later in the week following strong bank earnings and a rally in semiconductor stocks driven by upbeat results and investment plans from Taiwan Semiconductor, these gains were not enough to fully offset earlier declines. Ongoing geopolitical risks and concerns over the Federal Reserve's independence continued to weigh on investor confidence, keeping markets under pressure on a weekly basis.

### European Stocks

Index	Currency	16/01/2026	09/01/2026	% Change
<b>DAX</b>	EUR	25,294.96	25,261.64	0.13%
<b>FTSE 100</b>	GBP	10,233.26	10,124.60	1.07%
<b>CAC 40</b>	EUR	8,274.90	8,362.09	-1.04%
<b>STOXX600</b>	EUR	613.57	609.67	0.64%

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European equities posted a mixed performance over the week, with strength in the UK and the broader Euro Area partly offset by weakness in France, while Germany saw only slight gains. The FTSE 100 outperformed, supported by strong advances in financial and asset-management stocks following better than expected UK economic data, which lifted confidence in growth prospects. In contrast, French equities underperformed as profit-taking weighed on luxury and industrial names, while a low inflation environment offered limited upside catalysts. Meanwhile, gains in the STOXX 600 were underpinned by technology and AI-related stocks after strong global semiconductor earnings, although geopolitical uncertainty surrounding Iran and Greenland continued to temper sentiment.

### Asian Stocks

Index	Currency	16/01/2026	09/01/2026	% Change
<b>NIKKEI</b>	JPY	53,936.17	51,939.89	3.84%
<b>Hang Seng</b>	HKD	26,844.96	26,231.79	2.34%
<b>Shanghai Comp</b>	CNY	4,101.91	4,120.43	-0.45%

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Asian markets showed divergent trends, with strong gains in Japan and Hong Kong contrasting with declines in mainland China. Japanese equities outperformed on robust technology-sector momentum, optimism surrounding artificial intelligence, and expectations of expansionary fiscal policies, while currency dynamics supported exporters. Hong Kong stocks advanced on expectations of further policy easing by China's central bank and improved sentiment toward AI investment and trade developments. By contrast, mainland Chinese equities slipped as tighter margin requirements triggered profit-taking in high-flying sectors, despite continued support from strong trading volumes and expectations of future policy backing.

### Global Stocks

Index	Currency	16/01/2026	09/01/2026	% Change
<b>MSCI Emerging Market</b>	USD	1,478.25	1,452.35	1.78%

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The MSCI Emerging Market index rose by 1.78% to reach 1,478.25 by January 16<sup>th</sup> 2026.

### Arab Stocks

Index	Currency	16/01/2026	09/01/2026	% Change
<b>S&amp;P Pan Arab</b>	USD	1,024.61	1,005.72	1.88%
<b>EGX30 - Egypt</b>	EGP	43,346.87	41,856.76	3.56%
<b>Saudi Stock Exchange</b>	SAR	10,818.32	10,473.23	3.29%
<b>Qatar Stock Exchange</b>	QAR	11,067.64	10,969.33	0.90%
<b>Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange</b>	AED	10,092.65	10,009.62	0.83%
<b>Dubai Financial Market</b>	AED	6,302.91	6,225.94	1.24%

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Arab equity markets recorded broad-based gains over the week, reflecting generally positive regional sentiment, despite the upheavals in neighboring Iran. The strongest

advances were seen in Egypt and Saudi Arabia, indicating robust buying interest and stronger momentum in these larger markets. Gulf markets posted more moderate but consistent increases, with Qatar, Abu Dhabi, and Dubai all ending the week higher, pointing to steady investor confidence rather than aggressive risk-taking. Overall, the positive performance across all listed indices suggests a supportive regional backdrop, with gains led by markets showing higher momentum while others advanced at a more measured pace.

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