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	24/04/2026	17/04/2026	% Change	YTD Change
BLOM Stock Index	1,831.63	1,827.11	0.25%	-6.83%
Average Traded Volume	18,590.80	29,688.50	-37.38%	
Average Traded Value	1,252,635.60	837,211.00	49.62%	
Market Cap	18,772,653,823	18,726,306,148		

The **BLOM Stock Index (BSI)** compiled by BLOMINVEST Bank daily increased by 0.25% to 1,831.63 points by April 24th 2026.

On the Beirut Stock Exchange (BSE), the real estate sector dominated trading; accounting for 99.7% of the exchange’s total trading value, while the remaining were grasped by the banking sector (0.24%) and the industrial sector (0.06%). The most noteworthy trades throughout the mentioned period included:

	24/04/2026	17/04/2026	% Change
Solidere A	74.90	74.80	0.13%
Solidere B	73.00	72.95	0.07%
CB (N)	36.50	37.40	-2.41%
Audi (C)	2.05	1.98	3.54%

	24/04/2026	17/04/2026	% Change
BLOM Preferred Shares Index	19.35	19.35	0.00%

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

US Stocks

Index	Currency	24/04/2026	17/04/2026	% Change
S&P 500	USD	7,108.40	7,126.06	-0.25%
Dow Jones	USD	49,310.32	49,447.43	-0.28%
NASDAQ Comp	USD	24,438.50	24,468.48	-0.12%

*prices are as of the time of writing this report

US stocks edged lower this week, with all three major indices posting modest declines. The **S&P 500** slipped by 0.25% to 7,108.4 points, the **Dow Jones** fell by 0.28% to 49,310.32 points, and the **NASDAQ Composite** declined by 0.12% to 24,438.5 points. As U.S. President Donald Trump extended the ceasefire with Iran indefinitely, the Nasdaq and S&P reached record highs on Thursday, prompting profit-taking. Even with modest weekly losses, US markets significantly outperformed European peers, supported by stronger tech earnings, AI momentum, and less direct exposure to the energy shock.

European Stocks

Index	Currency	24/04/2026	17/04/2026	% Change
DAX	EUR	24,032.84	24,702.24	-2.71%
FTSE 100	GBP	10,368.89	10,667.63	-2.80%
CAC 40	EUR	8,127.71	8,425.13	-3.53%
STOXX600	EUR	608.11	626.58	-2.95%

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European equities fell this week under the combined weight of soaring energy costs, collapsing business sentiment, and weaker-than-expected PMI data. France's **CAC 40** led losses with a 3.53% drop on services sector weakness, while Germany's **DAX** fell 2.71% amid its worst business outlook in years. The UK's **FTSE 100** declined 2.8% on broad sector weakness and earnings warnings, and the **STOXX 600** shed 2.95% as automakers, miners, and industrials came under pressure. Despite the U.S.-Iran ceasefire extension, persistent tensions and trade disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz weighed heavily on risk appetite, leaving Europe more exposed than other regions due to its heavy industrial base, energy dependence, and deteriorating economic data.

Asia Stocks

Index	Currency	24/04/2026	17/04/2026	% Change
NIKKEI	JPY	59,716.18	58,475.90	2.12%
Hang Seng	HKD	25,978.07	26,160.33	-0.70%
Shanghai Comp	CNY	4,079.90	4,051.43	0.70%

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Asian equities delivered mixed results this week. Japan's **Nikkei** led gains, climbing by 2.12% to 59,716 points, driven by Intel's blockbuster earnings and contained inflation data that eased fears of Bank of Japan rate hikes.

China's **Shanghai Composite** rose 0.7% to 4,080 points, supported by optimism in the chip sector after DeepSeek unveiled a new model, though upside was capped by a 2.5% annual drop in fiscal spending last month—the steepest decline since October—as authorities pulled back support despite war-related disruptions.

In contrast, Hong Kong's **Hang Seng** slipped 0.7% to 25,978 points, pressured by risk aversion, disappointing corporate earnings from China Telecom and Eoptolink, and weakness across the tech sector.

Index	Currency	24/04/2026	17/04/2026	% Change
MSCI Emerging 1	USD	1,599.31	1,597.13	0.14%

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The **MSCI Emerging Market index** rose by 0.14% this week to reach 1,599.31 on April 24th 2026.

Arab Stocks

Index	Currency	24/04/2026	17/04/2026	% Change
S&P Pan Arab	USD	3,489.61	3,594.07	-2.91%
Bourse Kuwait	KWD	9,444.34	9,513.34	-0.73%
Saudi Stock Exchange	SAR	11,109.59	11,554.16	-3.85%
Qatar Stock Exchange	QAR	10,662.42	10,714.65	-0.49%
Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange	AED	9,746.70	9,920.94	-1.76%
Dubai Financial Market	AED	5,832.53	5,987.42	-2.59%

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Arab equities broadly declined this week, with all major indices closing lower. The **S&P Pan Arab** fell 2.91% to 3,489.61 points, while Kuwait's **Bourse** slipped 0.73% to 9,444.34 points. The **Saudi Stock Exchange** led losses with a 3.85% drop to 11,109.59 points. The **Dubai Financial Market** decreased 2.59% to 5,832.53 points and the **Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange** declined 1.76% to 9,746.7 points. Qatar's market also fell 0.49% to 10,662.42 points, reflecting regional risk aversion as geopolitical tensions and energy disruptions weighed on sentiment.

Gulf stocks slipped despite the U.S.-Iran ceasefire extension and the Lebanese-Israeli truce being prolonged for another three weeks. Fragile truces, repeated breaches, stalled U.S.–Iran peace talks, and ongoing trade restrictions through the Strait of Hormuz weighed heavily on investor sentiment.

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