Global Equity Markets Rise as Easing Inflation and Shifting Monetary Policy Expectations Support Investor Sentiment

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	03/07/2026	26/06/2026	% Change
BLOM Stock Index	1,786.45	1,819.66	-1.83%
Average Traded Volume	31,365	8,299	277.94%
Average Traded Value	1,454,398	521,736	178.76%
Market Cap	18,309,549,550	18,649,996,734	

The **BLOM Stock Index (BSI)** compiled by BLOM Invest Bank daily decreased by 1.83% to 1,786.45 points by July 3rd 2026.

On the Beirut Stock Exchange (BSE), the real estate sector dominated trading; accounting for 95.49% of the exchange's total trading value, while the remaining were grasped by the banking sector (4.51%). The most noteworthy trades throughout the mentioned period included:

	03/07/2026	26/06/2026	% Change
Solidere A	73	72.4	0.83%
Solidere B	72.95	72.5	0.62%
Audi Listed	1.47	1.9	-22.63%
Byblos (C)	0.7	0.75	-6.67%
BLOM Listed	6.8	7.49	-9.21%

	03/07/2026	26/06/2026	% 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.

US Stocks

Index	Currency	03/07/2026	26/06/2026	% Change
S&P 500	USD	7,483.24	7,354.02	1.76%
Dow Jones	USD	52,900.07	51,876.11	1.97%
NASDAQ Comp	USD	25,832.67	25,297.62	2.12%

*prices are as of the time of writing this report

US equities closed the week higher, with the NASDAQ Composite rising 2.12%, outperforming the Dow Jones, which gained 1.97%, and the S&P 500, which increased 1.76%. Investor sentiment improved after weaker than expected employment data reduced expectations of additional Federal Reserve rate hikes and supported broader market performance. However, gains were partially limited by continued volatility in semiconductor and AI-related stocks as investors remained cautious over elevated valuations and the sustainability of heavy investment in the sector.

European Stocks

Index	Currency	03/07/2026	26/06/2026	% Change
Deutsche Boerse DAX Index	EUR	25,730.86	24,671.22	4.30%
UK's FTSE 100 Index	GBP	10,655.22	10,508.02	1.40%
France's CAC 40 Index	EUR	8,479.57	8,384.87	1.13%
STOXX Europe 600 Index	EUR	650.04	635.88	2.23%

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European equity markets ended the week on a strong note, led by Germany's DAX, which advanced 4.30%, while the STOXX Europe 600 gained 2.23%, the UK's FTSE 100 rose 1.40%, and France's CAC 40 added 1.13%. Markets were supported by easing inflation in Europe and the United States, while weaker than expected US labor market data reduced expectations of further Federal Reserve rate hikes. Lower oil prices and improving developments surrounding the Strait of Hormuz also eased inflation concerns and strengthened investor confidence, while Germany benefited from domestic economic reforms and strong corporate performance across financial, luxury, pharmaceutical, and defense sectors.

Asian Stocks

Index	Currency	03/07/2026	26/06/2026	% Change
Japan's Nikkei 225 Index	JPY	69,744.07	69,360.88	0.55%
Honk Kong's Hang Seng Index	HKD	23,350.03	22,671.86	2.99%
China's Shanghai SE Composite Index	CNY	4,043.64	4,027.27	0.41%

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Asian markets posted moderate gains during the week, led by Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index, which climbed 2.99%, while Japan's Nikkei and China's Shanghai Composite rose 0.55% and 0.41%, respectively. Softer US jobs data and lower oil prices improved regional sentiment by easing concerns over tighter monetary policy and energy-driven inflation. Nevertheless, technology stocks remained under pressure amid concerns that AI-related valuations had outpaced fundamentals. Hong Kong outperformed as investors favored attractively valued internet stocks, while Japan's gains were moderated by a stronger yen and China's market remained constrained by continued weakness in technology shares despite supportive economic data.

Global Stocks

Index	Currency	03/07/2026	26/06/2026	% Change
MSCI Emerging Market	USD	1,684.18	1,706.40	-1.30%

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The MSCI Emerging Market index fell by 1.30% to reach 1,684.18 by July 3rd 2026. It seems this week was favorable to developed stock markets, not emerging ones.

Arab Stocks

Index	Currency	03/07/2026	26/06/2026	% Change
S&P Pan Arab	USD	1,003.41	1,010.56	-0.71%
EGX30 - Egypt	EGP	50,532.70	51,443.07	-1.77%
KSA's Tadawul Index	SAR	10,826.98	10,933.23	-0.97%
Qatar Exchange General Index	QAR	10,211.16	10,281.81	-0.69%
Abu Dhabi's FTSE Index	AED	9,859.68	9,880.00	-0.21%
Dubai's DFM Index	AED	6,028.29	6,018.35	0.17%

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Arab stock markets recorded mostly weaker performances during the week, with the S&P Pan Arab Index declining by 0.71% as investor sentiment remained cautious despite easing geopolitical tensions and lower oil prices. Egypt's EGX30 recorded the steepest decline, falling by 1.77%, while Saudi Arabia's Tadawul Index lost 0.97% and Qatar's General Index slipped 0.69%. Meanwhile, Gulf markets showed relatively greater resilience, with Abu Dhabi's FTSE Index posting only a marginal decline and Dubai's DFM Index edging up by 0.17%, supported by relatively stable regional market conditions and improving investor confidence.

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