Regional Equity Markets Mixed as Investors Assess Economic and Corporate Developments

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	17/07/2026	10/07/2026	% Change
BLOM Stock Index	1,767.96	1,796.99	-1.62%
Average Traded Volume	6,139	11,969	-48.71%
Average Traded Value	426,891	564,623	-24.39%
Market Cap	18,120,081,956	18,417,581,956	

The **BLOM Stock Index (BSI)** compiled by BLOM Invest Bank daily decreased by 1.62% to 1,767.96 points by July 17th 2026.

On the Beirut Stock Exchange (BSE), the real estate sector dominated trading; accounting for 98.74% of the exchange's total trading value, while the remaining were grasped by the banking sector (1.26%). The most noteworthy trades throughout the mentioned period included:

	17/07/2026	10/07/2026	% Change
Solidere A	72	74	-2.70%
Solidere B	71	72.5	-2.07%

	17/07/2026	10/07/2026	% 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	17/07/2026	10/07/2026	% Change
S&P 500	USD	7,533.77	7,575.39	-0.55%
Dow Jones	USD	52,552.97	52,637.01	-0.16%
NASDAQ Comp	USD	25,881.95	26,281.61	-1.52%

*prices are as of the time of writing this report

US equity markets ended the week lower, with technology shares leading the decline. The NASDAQ Composite posted the largest weekly loss, falling by 1.52%, while the S&P 500 declined by 0.55% and the Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped by 0.16%. Market sentiment remained influenced by investor caution despite continued resilience in the broader economy. Profit-taking in major technology stocks weighed on performance, while expectations surrounding monetary policy and the upcoming earnings season encouraged investors to adopt a more defensive stance. As a result, US equities experienced a broad pullback after recent gains, with growth-oriented sectors facing the greatest pressure.

European Stocks

Index	Currency	17/07/2026	10/07/2026	% Change
Deutsche Boerse DAX Index	EUR	24,778.52	25,067.09	-1.15%
UK's FTSE 100 Index	GBP	10,600.66	10,497.29	0.98%
France's CAC 40 Index	EUR	8,327.35	8,338.97	-0.14%
STOXX Europe 600 Index	EUR	640.75	641.10	-0.05%

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European equity markets delivered mixed performances over the week, reflecting diverging investor sentiment across the region. Germany’s DAX recorded the sharpest decline, falling by 1.15%, as investors remained cautious despite earlier optimism surrounding corporate earnings and trade developments. France’s CAC 40 and the broader STOXX Europe 600 also edged lower, suggesting that gains from improving trade sentiment were offset by continued uncertainty over the global economic outlook. In contrast, the UK’s FTSE 100 advanced by 0.98%, outperforming its European peers as the index continued to benefit from the resilience of defensive sectors and investor confidence in large-cap companies. Overall, European markets remained driven by a balance between optimism over trade-related developments and persistent concerns regarding global growth prospects.

Asian Stocks

Index	Currency	17/07/2026	10/07/2026	% Change
Japan's Nikkei 225 Index	JPY	64,141.12	68,557.73	-6.44%
Honk Kong's Hang Seng Index	HKD	24,562.24	24,175.12	1.60%
China's Shanghai SE Composite Index	CNY	3,764.16	3,996.16	-5.81%

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Asian markets recorded mixed performances, with Japan and China experiencing notable declines while Hong Kong advanced. Japan’s Nikkei 225 fell by 6.44%, the weakest performance among the region’s major indices, as technology-related stocks came under pressure following weaker global semiconductor sentiment. Similarly, China’s Shanghai Composite declined by 5.81%, reflecting continued investor caution despite ongoing policy support aimed at strengthening economic activity. In contrast, Hong Kong’s Hang Seng Index gained 1.60%, supported by renewed buying interest in technology and consumer-related shares. Overall, Asian markets continued to reflect differing domestic conditions, with policy expectations and sector-specific developments driving performance across the region.

Global Stocks

Index	Currency	17/07/2026	10/07/2026	% Change
MSCI Emerging Market	USD	1,664.01	1,690.70	-1.58%

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The MSCI Emerging Market index fell by 1.58% to reach 1,664.01 by July 17th 2026.

Arab Stocks

Index	Currency	17/07/2026	10/07/2026	% Change
S&P Pan Arab	USD	993.88	1,004.54	-1.06%
EGX30 - Egypt	EGP	52,928.06	52,311.51	1.18%
KSA's Tadawul Index	SAR	10,720.28	10,808.43	-0.82%
Qatar Exchange General Index	QAR	10,103.22	10,090.57	0.13%
Abu Dhabi's FTSE Index	AED	9,773.51	9,936.08	-1.64%
Dubai's DFM Index	AED	5,846.54	6,042.55	-3.24%

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Arab equity markets recorded mixed performances during the week, reflecting varying domestic market conditions across the region. The S&P Pan Arab Index declined by 1.06%, weighed down by losses in several Gulf markets. Dubai’s DFM Index posted the sharpest decline, falling 3.24%, while Abu Dhabi’s FTSE Index also retreated by 1.64%, as investors took profits following recent gains and adopted a more cautious stance. Saudi Arabia’s Tadawul Index slipped by 0.82%, reflecting softer investor sentiment despite ongoing economic diversification efforts. In contrast, Egypt’s EGX30 outperformed the region, rising 1.18% on the back of continued investor confidence, while Qatar’s General Index edged up 0.13%, supported by the resilience of key listed companies. Overall, Arab markets reflected cautious regional sentiment, with selective gains in Egypt and Qatar partially offsetting broader weakness across the Gulf markets.

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