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	07/03/2025	28/02/2025	% Change
BLOM Stock Index	2,451.52	2,386.04	2.74%
Average Traded Volume	114016.6	58983	93.30%
Average Traded Value	987,134.20	925,099.00	6.71%
Market Cap	25,125,974,081	24,454,867,760	

The **BLOM Stock Index (BSI)** compiled by BLOM Invest Bank daily rose weekly by 2.74% to 2,451.52 points on March 7th, 2025.

On the Beirut Stock Exchange (BSE), the real estate sector dominated trading, accounting for 71.6% of the exchange' s total trading value, while the remaining were by the banking sector (28.23%) and industrial sector (0.17%). The most noteworthy trades throughout the mentioned period included:

	07/03/2025	28/02/2025	% Change
Solidere A	105.70	103.30	2.32%
Solidere B	106.30	104.10	2.11%
HOLCIM Liban (prev.SCL)	86.00	78.90	9.00%
CB (N)	39.90	39.50	1.01%
Audi (C)	2.75	2.53	8.70%
BYBLOS	1.01	1.10	-8.18%
BLOM (GDR)	6.31	6.40	-1.41%
BLOM Listed	7.00	6.60	6.06%
Audi (GDR)	2.35	2.45	-4.08%

	07/03/2025	28/02/2025	% Change
BPSI	27.52	27.52	0.00%

As for the **BLOM Preferred Shares Index (BPSI)**, it remained constant at 27.52.

US Stocks

Index	Currency	07/03/2025	28/02/2025	% Change
S&P 500	USD	5,738.52	5,954.50	-3.63%
Dow Jones	USD	42,579.08	43,840.91	-2.88%
NASDAQ Comp	USD	18,069.26	18,847.28	-4.13%

*prices are as of the time of writing this report

Internationally, U.S. stock indices declined this week, with the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite leading the losses, dropping by 4.13%. The S&P 500 followed with a 3.63% decrease, while the Dow Jones fell by 2.88%. These declines were primarily driven by growing concerns over President Donald Trump's trade policies, which pose a threat to U.S. economic growth. Although Trump announced that tariffs on goods from Canada and Mexico under the North American trade agreement (USMCA) would not take effect until April 2, investor confidence remained shaken.

European Stocks

Index	Currency	07/03/2025	28/02/2025	% Change
DAX	EUR	23,108.52	22,551.43	2.47%
FTSE 100	GBP	8,652.74	8,809.74	-1.78%
CAC 40	EUR	8,118.73	8,111.63	0.09%
STOXX600	EUR	552.26	557.19	-0.88%

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Across the Atlantic, European stock markets experienced a mixed week, influenced by several key factors. Germany's DAX rose by 2.47%, driven by hopes of stronger economic growth and increased spending on defense and infrastructure following a major fiscal reform deal. The European Central Bank's rate cut of 0.25% to 2.5% also boosted stock performance.

France's CAC 40 remained relatively stable with a slight increase of 0.09%. In contrast, the UK's FTSE 100 and the pan-European STOXX 600 decreased by 1.78% and 0.88%, respectively. These declines were partly due to U.S. tariff uncertainties.

Asia Stocks

Index	Currency	07/03/2025	28/02/2025	% Change
NIKKEI	JPY	36,887.17	37,155.50	-0.72%
Hang Seng	HKD	24,231.30	22,941.32	5.62%
Shanghai Comp	CNY	3,372.55	3,320.90	1.56%

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In Asia, Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose by 5.6% this week to 24,231 points, leading market gains. China's Shanghai Composite also increased by 1.56% to 3,373 points. Investors were optimistic about the AI sector and China's continued loose monetary policies to support economic recovery. China highlighted its pro-growth policies, focusing on tech advancement and boosting consumption plans. However, both indices fell on Friday as U.S. tariff pressures intensified.

In contrast, Japan's Nikkei 225 fell by 0.72% this week to 36,887 points, trading near its lowest levels since September due to tariff fears. A stronger yen and rising Japanese Government Bond (JGB) yields also weighed on local equities, as expectations of further interest rate hikes by the Bank of Japan grew, following Economy Minister Ryosei Akazawa's declaration that long-term deflation had come to an end.

Index	Currency	07/03/2025	28/02/2025	% Change
MSCI Emerging Market	USD	1,127.65	1,097.25	2.77%

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The MSCI Emerging Market index rose this week by 2.77% to 1,128 points.

Arab Stocks

Index	Currency	% 07/03/2025 28/02/2025 Change		
S&P Pan Arab	USD	1,003.05	1,015.92	-1.27%
Bourse Kuwait	KWD	8,718.76	8,693.06	0.30%
Saudi Stock Exchange	SAR	11,811.11	12,111.90	-2.48%
Qatar Stock Exchange	QAR	10,514.11	10,445.69	0.66%
Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange	AED	9,556.58	9,564.62	-0.08%
Dubai Financial Market	AED	5,203.15	5,317.63	-2.15%

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Arab stock markets experienced a mixed performance this week, with losses outweighing gains due to uncertainties surrounding U.S. tariffs and declining oil prices. The Tadawul All Shares Index (TASI) in Saudi Arabia was the biggest loser, dropping by 2.5% to 11,811 points. This decline was largely driven by Saudi Arabia's heavy reliance on oil, which is facing its largest weekly price drop since October 2024. Additionally, Saudi Aramco's announcement of reduced annual profits and a significant cut in dividend payouts by nearly a third this year to \$85.4 billion exacerbated market anxiety, causing its stock to fall by 3.1%. Other stocks like Mouwasat Medical Services also suffered, plummeting by 10.5% due to a decline in profits.

In contrast, some GCC markets showed resilience. While the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) also experienced declines, ADX's drop was limited due to strong performance from First Abu Dhabi Bank. The bank is undergoing a major internal restructuring aimed at positioning itself as the Gulf region's leading financial franchise, according to a memo to staff seen by Bloomberg News. This strategic move helped stabilize the ADX index despite broader market challenges.

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