

Across Time Zones: How Equity Markets Traded the First Week of 2026



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	09/01/2026	02/01/2026	% Change
BLOM Stock Index	1,850.88	1,923.29	-3.76%
Average Traded Volume	12,336	80,313	-84.64%
Average Traded Value	683,547	2,200,570	-68.94%
Market Cap	18,969,936,957	19,712,062,709	

The **BLOM Stock Index (BSI)** compiled daily by BLOM Invest Bank decreased by 3.76% to 1,850.88 points by week end.

On the Beirut Stock Exchange (BSE), the real estate sector dominated trading; accounting for 98.799% of the exchange's total trading value, while the remaining were grasped by the banking sector (1.201%). The most noteworthy trades throughout the mentioned period included:

	09/01/2026	02/01/2026	% Change
Solidere A	76	81.85	-7.15%
Solidere B	75	79	-5.06%
Byblos (C)	0.54	0.59	-8.47%
BLOM Listed	6.86	6.25	9.76%

	09/01/2026	02/01/2026	% Change
BLOM Preferred Shares Index	19.35	19.35	0.00%

As for the BLOM Preferred Shares Index (BPSI), it remained constant at 19.35 points.

US Stocks

Index	Currency	09/01/2026	02/01/2026	% Change
S&P 500	USD	6,921.46	6,858.47	0.92%
Dow Jones	USD	49,266.11	48,382.39	1.83%
NASDAQ Comp	USD	23,480.02	23,235.63	1.05%

*prices are as of the time of writing this report

US equity market started 2026 with mixed momentum after a strong 2025. The escalated geopolitical tensions in Venezuela and arresting President Maduro in addition to forecasts of multiple rate cuts in 2026 drove market above. However, later on, uneven economic data released led to uncertainty regarding the magnitude of rate cuts. Latest Job Opening and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) report showed a significant decrease in job openings in the US.

European Stocks

Index	Currency	09/01/2026	02/01/2026	% Change
DAX	EUR	25,145.43	24,539.34	2.47%
FTSE 100	GBP	10,081.63	9,951.14	1.31%
CAC 40	EUR	8,281.93	8,195.21	1.06%
STOXX600	EUR	606.09	596.14	1.67%

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Across the Atlantic, STOXX 600 started the week in a positive note, carrying the momentum from 2025. It increased by 1.67% and recorded fresh high records by January 9th, 2026. Favorable inflation data in Germany and France increased bets that the European Central Bank might cut rates this year.

German DAX rose over the course of the week by 2.47% trading near fresh record levels supported by strong cyclical and export-oriented stock. Additionally, there is optimism that the German economy will recover in 2026 due to increased expenditure on defense and infrastructure in addition to more inflation easing in case sanctions were lifted on Venezuelan oil. As such, probability of additional rate cuts increase that supports equities market.

Similarly, British FTSE broke through 10k points for the first time on January 2nd, marking a historic start of the year. The increase was supported by gold miners stocks as gold and silver prices hiked following the increased geopolitical tensions in Venezuela.

Asian Stocks

Index	Currency	09/01/2026	02/01/2026	% Change
NIKKEI	JPY	51,939.89	50,339.48	3.18%
Hang Seng	HKD	26,231.79	26,338.47	-0.41%
Shanghai Comp	CNY	4,120.43	3,968.84	3.82%

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Asian equities opened 2026 on a positive note, with Shanghai Composite and Nikkei rising early and posting solid gains.

Global Stocks

Index	Currency	09/01/2026	02/01/2026	% Change
MSCI Emerging Market	USD	1,452.70	1,429.48	1.62%

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The MSCI Emerging Market index rose by 1.62% to reach 1,452.7 in the week ending 09/01/2026.

Arab Stocks

Index	Currency	09/01/2026	02/01/2026	% Change
S&P Pan Arab	USD	1,007.01	1,002.81	0.42%
EGX30 - Egypt	EGP	41,856.76	41,828.97	0.07%
Saudi Stock Exchange	SAR	10,473.23	10,549.08	-0.72%
Qatar Stock Exchange	QAR	10,969.33	10,762.51	1.92%
Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange	AED	9,990.93	9,994.57	-0.04%
Dubai Financial Market	AED	6,231.26	6,114.03	1.92%

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Arab markets ended the week in a positive territory except for Abu Dhabi and Saudi Arabia.

Saudi “Tadawul All Share Index” (TASI) started the year in pressure from weak oil prices resulting in a 1.8% decrease in January 4th, 2026. It then experienced a strong rebound on January 7th, 2026 posting one of its largest daily gains in a month after Saudi Capital Market Authorities announced that the market will open fully to foreign investors starting beginning of February, thus boosting sentiment and providing liquidity prospects. However, it ended the week in red.

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