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	21/08/2026	14/08/2026	% Change
BLOM Stock Index	1,775.88	1,739.06	2.12%
Average Traded Volume	21,206	20,011	5.97%
Average Traded Value	679,559	497,442	36.61%
Market Cap	18,201,210,950	17,823,920,218	

The **BLOM Stock Index (BSI)** compiled by BLOM Invest Bank daily increased by 2.12% to 1,775.88 points by August 21st 2026.

On the Beirut Stock Exchange (BSE), the real estate sector dominated trading; accounting for 93.38% of the exchange's total trading value, while the remaining were grasped by the banking sector (6.58%) and the industrial sector (0.04%). The most noteworthy trades throughout the mentioned period included:

	21/08/2026	14/08/2026	% Change
Solidere A	72.65	71.15	2.11%
Solidere B	72	71.1	1.27%
SOCIETE DES CEMENTS LIBANAIS	51	54.45	-6.34%
Audi Listed	1.97	1.47	34.01%
BEMO (C)	1	1.5	-33.33%
BLOM (GDR)	7.02	7.5	-6.40%
Audi (GDR)	1.83	2.03	-9.85%
BLC Pref D	39	3	1200.00%

	21/08/2026	14/08/2026	% Change
BLOM Preferred Shares Index	21.01	19.35	8.58%

As for the BLOM Preferred Shares Index (BPSI), it increased by 8.58% to reach 21.01 points by August 21st 2026.

US Stocks

Index	Currency	21/08/2026	14/08/2026	% Change
S&P 500	USD	7,641.16	7,785.76	-1.86%
Dow Jones	USD	52,759.21	53,732.41	-1.81%
NASDAQ Comp	USD	26,067.17	26,729.16	-2.48%

*prices are as of the time of writing this report

US equities recorded broad weekly losses, with the technology-heavy Nasdaq Composite experiencing the largest decline at 2.48%, followed by losses in the S&P 500 and Dow Jones. The retreat was largely driven by elevated Treasury yields and higher energy prices, which intensified inflation concerns and raised uncertainty over the outlook for US interest rates. Rising oil prices reflected the continued US-Iran standoff and uncertainty surrounding the Strait of Hormuz, while long-term Treasury yields reached multi-year highs amid concerns over government spending and heavy debt issuance. Technology and AI-linked stocks were particularly vulnerable, with semiconductor shares facing substantial selling pressure during the week, helping explain the Nasdaq's relative underperformance.

European Stocks

Index	Currency	21/08/2026	14/08/2026	% Change
Deutsche Boerse DAX Index	EUR	26,068.90	26,440.31	-1.40%
UK's FTSE 100 Index	GBP	10,773.94	10,750.11	0.22%
France's CAC 40 Index	EUR	8,469.05	8,636.80	-1.94%
STOXX Europe 600 Index	EUR	652.08	657.86	-0.88%

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European equities ended the week mostly lower, as escalating US-Iran tensions, elevated energy prices and higher sovereign bond yields weighed on investor sentiment. France's CAC 40 recorded the sharpest decline among the major European indices, falling 1.94%, as geopolitical risk aversion pressured luxury stocks, while concerns over energy driven inflation weighed on financials and industrials. Germany's DAX also retreated 1.40%, with technology and industrial shares particularly affected by rising borrowing costs, inflation concerns and weakness in AI-related stocks. More broadly, the STOXX Europe 600 declined as higher oil prices and bond yields reinforced concerns over the regional inflation outlook, while weaker than expected Chinese retail sales added pressure on luxury companies exposed to Chinese demand. In contrast, the UK's FTSE 100 edged higher by 0.22%, outperforming its European peers as its relatively large energy and mining sectors benefited from higher crude and, during part of the week, stronger gold prices. These gains helped offset concerns surrounding higher UK inflation and weakness in individual retailers.

Asian Stocks

Index	Currency	21/08/2026	14/08/2026	% Change
Japan's Nikkei 225 Index	JPY	66,016.36	68,713.80	-3.93%
Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index	HKD	26,009.46	25,116.85	3.55%
China's Shanghai SE Composite Index	CNY	3,905.20	3,927.18	-0.56%

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Asian markets were mixed, with Japan's Nikkei 225 falling 3.93%, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 3.55% and China's Shanghai Composite edged lower. Japanese equities were hit by surging global and domestic bond yields, expectations of a potential Bank of Japan rate hike and weakness in technology and semiconductor stocks. Chinese equities faced pressure from weak July economic data and a semiconductor selloff, partly offset by expectations of further policy support. In contrast, Hong Kong benefited from gains in technology and healthcare stocks, unchanged Chinese benchmark lending rates and softer local inflation, helping it significantly outperform its regional peers.

Global Stocks

Index	Currency	21/08/2026	14/08/2026	% Change
MSCI Emerging Market	USD	1,699.97	1,701.17	-0.07%

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The MSCI Emerging Market index fell by 0.07% to reach 1,699.97 by August 21st 2026.

Arab Stocks

Index	Currency	21/08/2026	14/08/2026	% Change
S&P Pan Arab	USD	1,014.24	1,011.60	0.26%
EGX30 - Egypt	EGP	54,737.07	55,251.59	-0.93%
KSA's Tadawul Index	SAR	10,954.46	10,823.60	1.21%
Qatar Exchange General Index	QAR	9,682.57	10,020.84	-3.38%
Abu Dhabi's FTSE Index	AED	10,008.95	10,047.21	-0.38%
Dubai's DFM Index	AED	5,861.91	5,885.64	-0.40%

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Arab stock markets recorded a mixed performance over the week, with the S&P Pan Arab Index edging up 0.26%. Saudi Arabia's Tadawul was the strongest performer, rising 1.21%, while Qatar recorded the sharpest decline at 3.38%. Egypt's EGX30 also fell 0.93%, while Abu Dhabi and Dubai posted more moderate losses of 0.38% and 0.40%, respectively. Overall, the divergence suggests that regional markets remained cautious amid heightened geopolitical uncertainty and elevated oil prices, with the latter providing comparatively greater support to the Saudi market while broader risk aversion weighed on Qatar, Egypt and the UAE markets.

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