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	23/10/2026	16/10/2026	% Change
BLOM Stock Index	1,670.30	1,681.55	-0.67%
Average Traded Volume	7,413	18,477	-59.88%
Average Traded Value	108,152	484,526	-77.68%
Market Cap	17,119,105,405	17,234,415,706	

The **BLOM Stock Index (BSI)** compiled by BLOM Bank daily decreased by 0.67% to 1,670.30 points by October 23rd 2026.

On the Beirut Stock Exchange (BSE), the real estate sector dominated trading; accounting for 75.17% of the exchange's total trading value, while the remaining were grasped by the banking sector (24.83%).

The most noteworthy trades throughout the mentioned period included:

	23/10/2026	16/10/2026	% Change
Solidere B	67.8	69.4	-2.31%
Byblos (C)	0.6	0.62	-3.23%

US Stocks

Index	Currency	23/10/2026	16/10/2026	% Change
S&P 500	USD	7,663.43	7,659.44	0.05%
Dow Jones	USD	52,867.98	52,002.41	1.66%
NASDAQ Comp	USD	26,008.86	26,140.03	-0.50%

*prices are as of the time of writing this report

US equities recorded mixed performances during the week, reflecting a shift away from technology shares toward traditional economic sectors amid concerns over AI investment financing. The Dow Jones outperformed, rising by 1.66%, supported by gains in healthcare, financial, and industrial stocks, while the S&P 500 edged up by 0.05%. In contrast, the Nasdaq Composite has declined by 0.50%, pressured by weakness in semiconductor and AI-related companies. Markets initially benefited from encouraging corporate earnings from Super Micro Computer and SpaceX, which strengthened optimism over AI demand. However, sentiment weakened as Meta's plans to increase capital expenditure raised concerns over additional borrowing to finance AI infrastructure, triggering losses in Nvidia, AMD, and Micron. Meanwhile, declining Treasury yields and easing oil prices earlier in the week supported expectations that the Federal Reserve could refrain from consecutive interest rate hikes. Nevertheless, renewed geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and rising energy prices limited broader market gains.

European Stocks

Index	Currency	23/10/2026	16/10/2026	% Change
Deutsche Boerse DAX Index	EUR	25,299.60	25,622.61	-1.26%
UK's FTSE 100 Index	GBP	10,689.46	10,881.90	-1.77%
France's CAC 40 Index	EUR	7,773.06	7,956.70	-2.31%
STOXX Europe 600 Index	EUR	636.07	644.74	-1.34%

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European equity markets ended the week in negative territory, weighed down by rising borrowing costs, political uncertainty, escalating geopolitical tensions, and concerns over AI investments. France's CAC 40 recorded the steepest decline, falling by 2.31%, as widespread protests, fiscal instability, and rising government bond yields weakened investor confidence ahead of Moody's sovereign credit

rating review. Germany's DAX declined by 1.26%, pressured by weakness in technology, industrial, and banking stocks amid elevated oil prices and concerns over AI valuations. However, strong corporate earnings from SAP provided some support. Meanwhile, the UK's FTSE 100 dropped by 1.77%, reflecting higher than expected September inflation of 3.5%, rising government borrowing, and concerns over potential tax increases in the upcoming budget. Overall, the STOXX Europe 600 fell by 1.34%, as renewed selling in technology stocks and rising oil prices following attacks on Saudi Arabian facilities heightened inflation concerns. Despite a temporary midweek recovery supported by positive corporate earnings, European markets remained under pressure.

Asian Stocks

Index	Currency	23/10/2026	16/10/2026	% Change
Japan's Nikkei 225 Index	JPY	62,693.16	65,324.29	-4.03%
Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index	HKD	23,093.37	24,186.83	-4.52%
China's Shanghai SE Composite Index	CNY	3,690.48	3,716.28	-0.69%

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Asian equity markets recorded broad losses during the week, driven by concerns over AI investment profitability, weakness in technology stocks, and escalating Middle East tensions. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index fell by 4.52%, pressured by significant losses in major technology companies and fading expectations for additional Chinese stimulus. Japan's Nikkei 225 declined by 4.03%, as semiconductor and AI-related stocks weakened amid concerns over elevated financing costs and a potentially tighter monetary policy stance from the Bank of Japan. Meanwhile, Japanese export growth of 16.7% in September fell short of expectations, adding to market uncertainty. China's Shanghai Composite posted a more moderate decline of 0.69%, as stronger than expected third-quarter economic growth of 4.5% reduced expectations for further monetary easing. The People's Bank of China's decision to maintain interest rates unchanged, alongside weak domestic consumption and disappointing corporate earnings, further weighed on sentiment. Despite temporary support from encouraging US technology earnings, renewed selling on Wall Street and rising oil prices reinforced the broader regional downturn.

Global Stocks

Index	Currency	23/10/2026	16/10/2026	% Change
MSCI Emerging Market	USD	1,575.68	1,620.63	-2.77%

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The MSCI Emerging Market index fell by 2.77% to reach 1,575.68 by October 23rd 2026.

Arab Stocks

Index	Currency	23/10/2026	16/10/2026	% Change
S&P Pan Arab	USD	925.10	954.30	-3.06%
EGX30 - Egypt	EGP	51,052.26	52,273.34	-2.34%
KSA's Tadawul Index	SAR	9,695.86	10,106.54	-4.06%
Qatar Exchange General Index	QAR	8,611.10	8,810.17	-2.26%
Abu Dhabi's FTSE Index	AED	9,603.44	9,808.37	-2.09%
Dubai's DFM Index	AED	5,733.70	5,867.31	-2.28%

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Arab equity markets ended the week in negative territory, reflecting weakened investor sentiment amid heightened geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and concerns over regional economic uncertainty. The S&P Pan Arab Index declined by 3.06%, indicating broad-based selling pressure across regional markets. Saudi Arabia's Tadawul Index recorded the steepest decline, falling by 4.06%, while Egypt's EGX30 dropped by 2.34%. Similarly, Qatar's General Index decreased by 2.26%, while Dubai and Abu Dhabi recorded losses of 2.28% and 2.09%, respectively. The widespread downturn suggests growing investor caution, potentially driven by concerns over regional instability, inflationary pressures, and the economic implications of volatile energy prices. Despite differences in market performance, the overall decline highlights a broader shift toward risk aversion across Arab equities during the week.

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