Global Stock Markets Show Mixed Performance Amid US Midterm Election Results, AI Sector Selloff, and Easing Middle East Tensions

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	06/11/2026	30/10/2026	% Change
BLOM Stock Index	1,609.47	1,639.30	-1.82%
Average Traded Volume	17,257	40,554	-57.45%
Average Traded Value	762,106	547,255	39.26%
Market Cap	16,495,676,598	16,801,391,587	

The **BLOM Stock Index (BSI)** compiled by BLOM Bank daily decreased by 1.82% to 1,609.47 points by November 6th 2026.

On the Beirut Stock Exchange (BSE), the real estate sector dominated trading; accounting for 88.27% of the exchange's total trading value, while the remaining were grasped by the Industrial sector (6.70%) and the banking sector (5.03%).

The most noteworthy trades throughout the mentioned period included:

	06/11/2026	30/10/2026	% Change
Solidere A	70	68.9	1.60%
Solidere B	68.9	67.75	1.70%
SOCIETE DES CIMENTS LIBANAIS	43	44.1	-2.49%
Audi Listed	1.31	1.45	-9.66%
BLOM (GDR)	6.5	6	8.33%
BLOM Listed	6	7.97	-24.72%

US Stocks

Index	Currency	06/11/2026	30/10/2026	% Change
S&P 500	USD	7,353.73	7,580.07	-2.99%
Dow Jones	USD	51,523.06	51,770.31	-0.48%
NASDAQ Comp	USD	24,315.00	25,437.00	-4.41%

*prices are as of the time of writing this report

US equities ended the week lower as concerns over artificial intelligence investments and potential regulatory changes overshadowed optimism following the midterm elections. The NASDAQ Composite fell 4.41%, while the S&P 500 and Dow Jones declined 2.99% and 0.48%, respectively. Markets initially rallied after the Democrats secured control of both chambers of Congress, raising expectations of constraints on President Trump's fiscal and trade policies and potential progress toward resolving the US-Iran conflict. Lower oil prices and bond yields also supported sentiment. However, fears of tighter AI regulations and restrictions on data center expansion raised concerns over semiconductor demand and corporate earnings, triggering sharp losses in major chipmakers, including Nvidia, AMD, and Micron. Selling pressure spread across broader markets, pushing the NASDAQ into correction territory amid concerns over excessive AI spending, uncertain returns, and elevated technology valuations.

European Stocks

Index	Currency	06/11/2026	30/10/2026	% Change
Deutsche Boerse DAX Index	EUR	25,993.30	25,818.21	0.68%
UK's FTSE 100 Index	GBP	10,639.68	10,729.78	-0.84%
France's CAC 40 Index	EUR	8,125.88	7,969.42	1.96%
STOXX Europe 600 Index	EUR	648.34	646.75	0.25%

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European stock markets recorded mixed performances over the week, influenced by geopolitical developments, corporate earnings, and concerns over artificial intelligence investments. France's CAC 40 rose 1.96%, supported by gains in luxury, banking, and industrial stocks following the Democrats' victory in the US midterm elections, which raised expectations of reduced Middle East tensions and potential constraints on US trade policies. However, France's deteriorating fiscal

outlook and weak economic indicators remained concerns. Germany's DAX gained 0.68%, benefiting from lower oil prices, declining bond yields, and positive corporate earnings, although losses in technology and defense stocks limited gains amid fears of tighter AI regulations. The broader STOXX Europe 600 edged up 0.25%, supported by banking, luxury, and renewable energy shares despite weakness in semiconductors. In contrast, the UK's FTSE 100 declined 0.84%, pressured by losses in energy, mining, banking, and defense stocks. The Bank of England's first interest rate hike in over three years also influenced sentiment amid persistent inflationary pressures linked to the Iran conflict.

Asian Stocks

Index	Currency	06/11/2026	30/10/2026	% Change
Japan's Nikkei 225 Index	JPY	57,434.77	63,290.11	-9.25%
Honk Kong's Hang Seng Index	HKD	24,481.86	23,294.42	5.10%
China's Shanghai SE Composite Index	CNY	3,649.18	3,599.02	1.39%

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Asian equity markets showed divergent performances, reflecting varying exposure to the global technology selloff and domestic policy developments. Japan's Nikkei 225 plunged 9.25%, pressured by heavy losses in semiconductor and AI-related stocks amid fears of tighter US regulations and slower data center expansion. Expectations of another Bank of Japan interest rate hike in December, reinforced by strong wage growth, added further pressure. In contrast, Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index surged 5.10%, supported by Beijing's market-stabilization measures, improving economic indicators, and expectations of reduced Middle East tensions following the US elections. Similarly, China's Shanghai Composite gained 1.39%, benefiting from liquidity injections, lower interest rates on share-buyback loans, and other measures introduced by the People's Bank of China. Nevertheless, weak domestic demand, sluggish economic activity, and concerns over tighter US AI regulations limited further gains in Chinese and Hong Kong technology stocks toward the end of the week.

Global Stocks

Index	Currency	06/11/2026	30/10/2026	% Change
MSCI Emerging Market	USD	1,543.76	1,566.63	-1.46%

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The MSCI Emerging Market index fell by 1.46% to reach 1,543.76 by November 6th 2026.

Arab Stocks

Index	Currency	06/11/2026	30/10/2026	% Change
S&P Pan Arab	USD	965.56	935.37	3.23%
EGX30 - Egypt	EGP	51,152.73	49,596.14	3.14%
KSA's Tadawul Index	SAR	10,095.42	9,921.50	1.75%
Qatar Exchange General Index	QAR	10,065.85	9,151.18	10.00%
Abu Dhabi's FTSE Index	AED	9,394.19	9,466.34	-0.76%
Dubai's DFM Index	AED	6,012.81	5,770.73	4.19%

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Arab stock markets recorded mostly positive performances over the week, with the S&P Pan Arab Index rising 3.23%, reflecting improved regional market sentiment. Qatar's Exchange General Index led the gains, surging 10.00%, followed by Dubai's DFM Index, which advanced 4.19%. Egypt's EGX30 also recorded a strong increase of 3.14%, while Saudi Arabia's Tadawul Index gained 1.75%. The broad recovery across regional markets coincided with expectations of easing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, supporting investor confidence. In contrast, Abu Dhabi's FTSE Index declined 0.76%, making it the only index to record a weekly loss. Overall, regional equities showed positive momentum despite continued geopolitical uncertainty, with Qatar and Dubai outperforming their regional peers.

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