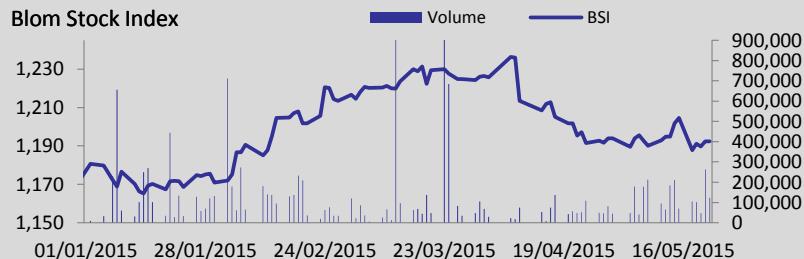


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Blom Stock Index



Weighted Effective Yield on Eurobonds



BLOM Indices*

	Last	Previous	% Change
BSI	1,191.57	1,192.38	-0.07%
High	1,193.12	1,192.81	
Low	1,190.36	1,188.35	
Vol	122,946	262,960	-53.25%
Val	1,971,146	3,506,057	-43.78%
BPSI	104.44	104.43	0.01%
Vol	75,571	22,300	
Val	\$1,429,738	\$2,909,075	
BBI	107.56	107.65	-0.08%
10Y Yield	6.00%	5.99%	1
Spread10Y US	381	373	8
BLOM Funds	21/05/2015		
Cedars A (\$)	\$ 7,525.04		0.03%
Cedars B (\$)	\$ 5,382.02		0.03%
Cedars C (\$)	\$ 5,715.32		0.03%
Petra A (JOD)	\$ 2,911.89		0.08%
Petra B (\$)	\$ 4,839.52		0.08%
BBF**	\$ 9,481.98		-
Pyramids	\$ 5,756.69		1.12%

MARKET WRAP UP

The Beirut Stock Exchange (BSE) remained almost stable, where only two out of ten traded stocks witnessed fluctuation in their price. Accordingly, the BLOM Stock Index (BSI) barely moved by 0.07% downwards to 1,191.57 points, narrowing its year-to-date gains to 1.82%. In the banking sector, Byblos Bank preferred shares 2009 increased by 0.10% to close the session at \$100.30 while its preferred shares 2008 traded at their previous quotes. In addition, BLOM Bank GDR and preferred shares 2011, Bank of Beirut preferred shares classes "E", "I" and "J", and BLC preferred shares class "A" traded with no change in price. In the real-estate sector, Solidere shares class "A" lost 0.61% to \$11.50 while, its class "B" shares closed at their previous price.

The BLOM Bond Index (BBI) declined by 0.08% to 107.56 points, as demand for Lebanese Eurobonds fell on Thursday. The yields on the 5Y and 10Y went up by 2 basis points (bps) and 1 bp to 5.20% and 6.00%, respectively. On the US front, demand for medium-term U.S notes improved, illustrated by the 4 bps drop in their yield to end up at 1.53%. Consequently, the spread between the yields on the 5Y Lebanese Eurobonds and their US equivalent widened by 6 bps to 367 bps. Lebanon's 5Y Credit Default Swaps (CDS) slightly drifted from a previous quote of 371-395 bps to 370-395 bps.

Construction activity was lackluster by April, as construction permits recorded a 6 year low since 2010 ahead of the rise in regional turbulence. Specifically, the number of real estate permits declined by 20.51% in the first four month of 2015 to 4,621, compared to 5,813 in 2014. Worth mentioning that permits are usually issued at least 6 months after applications are filed. Hence, this fall could be due to the ongoing clashes that occurred on the Syrian/Lebanese border during the month of October, in addition to real estate somewhat losing its appeal since the Arab spring. In parallel, the construction area authorized by permits (CAP) recorded a 19.22% yearly plunge by April to reach 3.79M sqm, compared to 4.69M sqm last year. Notably, the average area per transaction slightly expanded by April from 806.52 sqm/permit in 2014 to 819.55 sqm/permit in 2015. Furthermore, the number of permits in April alone tallied to 1,284, a 12.41% y-o-y drop from April's 2014 level. CAP also revealed a 17.23% yearly slump to 1.05M sqm from 1.27M sqm recorded in April of last year. Worth noting, construction activity remained concentrated in Mount Lebanon, South Lebanon, and Nabatiye with 541 permits (42.13% of the total), 211 permits (16.43% of the total) and 148 permits (11.53% of the total), respectively.

	Last	Change	Volume	Vwap	Price	Yield	
Solidere (A)	\$11.50	-0.61%	39,892	\$11.46	Nov. 2016	100.520	4.37%
Solidere (B)	\$11.41	-	6,783	\$11.37	Mar. 2017	108.060	4.36%
BLOM GDR	\$10.00	-	700	\$10.00	Oct. 2017	101.120	4.50%
BLOM Listed	\$9.50	-	-	-	Jun. 2018	101.000	4.79%
Audi GDR	\$6.55	-	-	-	Nov. 2018	100.750	4.91%
Audi Listed	\$6.12	-	-	-	Apr. 2019	101.130	5.18%
BLOM Pref 2011	\$10.10	-	48,290	\$10.10	Mar. 2020	104.250	5.36%
Byblos Pref 08	\$100.20	-	2,100	\$100.20	Apr. 2020	101.750	5.39%
Byblos Pref 09	\$100.30	0.10%	1,000	\$100.20	Apr. 2021	113.350	5.56%
BLC Pref A	\$100.00	-	200	\$101.00	Oct. 2022	102.250	5.72%
BoB Pref E	\$25.50	-	21,806	\$25.50	Jan. 2023	101.250	5.79%
BoB Pref I	\$25.35	-	400	\$25.35	Dec. 2024	107.000	6.02%
BoB Pref J	\$25.35	-	1,775	\$25.35	Feb. 2025	101.250	6.03%
BSI	BPSI	BBI	NEER				
Year to date	1.82%	-1.41%	0.09%	10.89%	Nov. 2026	103.380	6.19%
Cedars A	Cedars B	Petra A	Petra B		Nov. 2027	104.380	6.24%
Year to date	2.08%	2.08%	3.82%	3.68%	Feb. 2030	102.630	6.37%