



Caterpillar Inc / CAT

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
\$864.99	+16.85 +1.99%	\$857.85/\$874.03	\$848.14

Market	NYSE
Industry	Machinery
Market data as of	Oct 6, 2026 11:30 PM EDT

JW Intelligence Report

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
79.0 / 100	Constructive	high	83 / 100
Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
\$850.00	\$905.00	\$825.00	80 / 100

Options stance	bullish
Tail-risk safety	56 / 100
JW Rank data coverage / as of	100.0% Oct 6, 2026 6:50 PM EDT

Key insight

Caterpillar's Strong Backlog and Data Center Demand Fuel Optimism

Market read

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Strategy context

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JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias

Bullish

AI analysis updated

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Short-term scenario

Cautious bullish bias for 1-3 weeks, preferably buying a pullback rather than chasing the intraday spike, ahead of late-October earnings. Momentum and the backlog narrative can support a further bounce toward nearby resistance, but valuation and binary event risk require a predefined stop. This is not investment advice; the outcome is uncertain.

Three-month outlook

A constructive but uncertain three-month path is possible if Q3 confirms backlog conversion and data-center power demand, with room toward the mid-to-high \$900s nearer consensus targets if margins hold. Offsets include a premium trailing multiple near 37x (well above the historical median), tariff and cost pressure, and cyclical risk if construction or AI infrastructure spending cools. The stock is still roughly 20% below its 2026 high near \$1,073, so recovery potential exists but is not assured. Uncertainty is high around the October 28 earnings reaction and the durability of the power-generation order book.

Market sentiment

Recent equity-focused posts describe a bullish reversal with the 50- and 200-day averages reclaimed, light-volume breakout attempts, and a setup into earnings, with one invalidation level near \$770 and targets back toward prior highs or \$1,000-plus. Other posts emphasize the data-center power and \$72 billion backlog thesis while warning that a rich multiple and cyclical earnings leave the stock exposed if hyperscaler capex slows. Unrelated memecoin traffic under the \$CAT tag should be ignored. Uncertainty: the visible sample is small and sentiment can flip with the earnings print.

Supporting evidence

CAT's record \$72 billion backlog, up 92% year-over-year, indicates robust demand for its products. | Strong data center power sales, up 72%, fueled by demand for generators and turbines, are a key driver of growth. | Recent ETF buying and positive analyst commentary suggest growing investor confidence in CAT's future prospects. | Technical indicators show upward momentum with the stock breaking above key moving averages and showing strength in recent trading sessions.

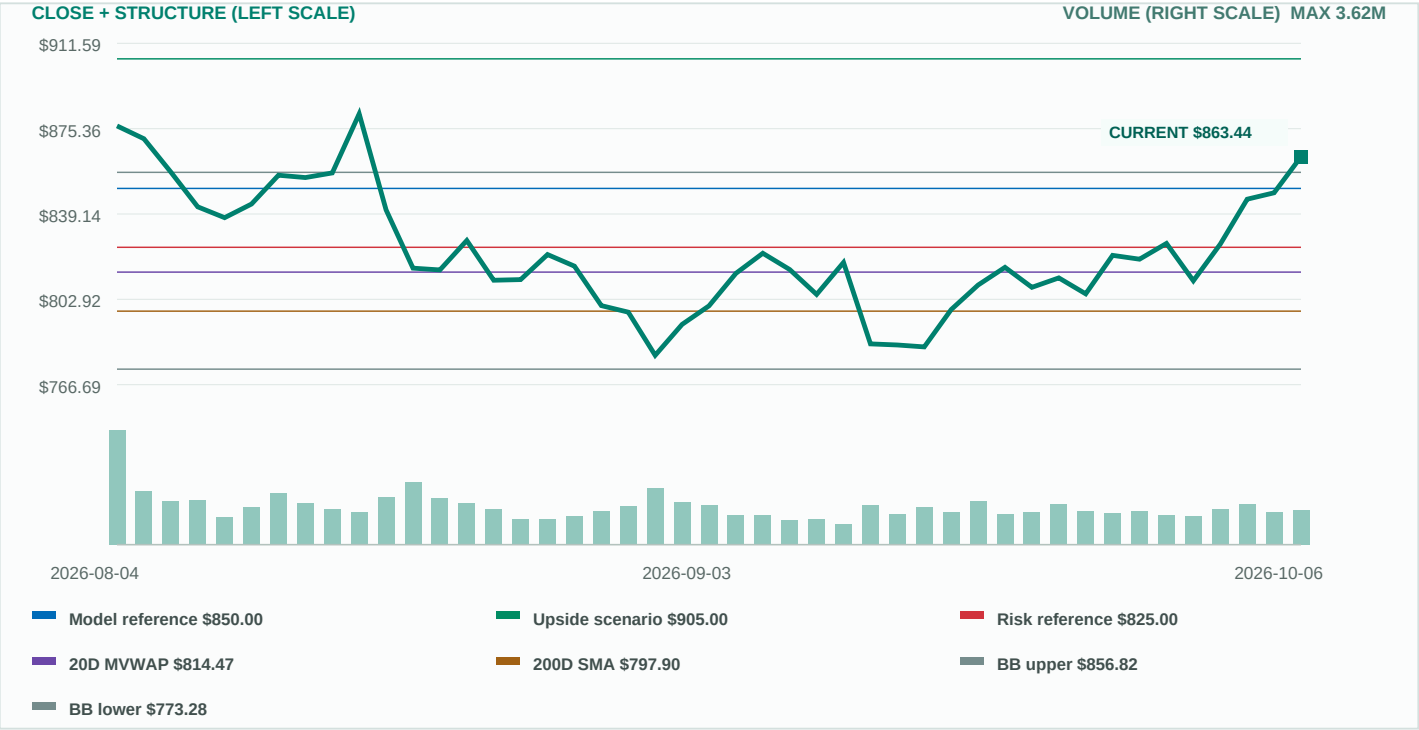
Risk watch

Uncertainty remains on the impact of tariffs, which could reach \$2.2 billion. | Successful execution of capacity expansion plans is crucial for meeting future demand. | The durability of AI-related orders needs to be monitored as a key growth driver.



Enhanced price structure

45 trading days with volume, model levels and current technical reference bands

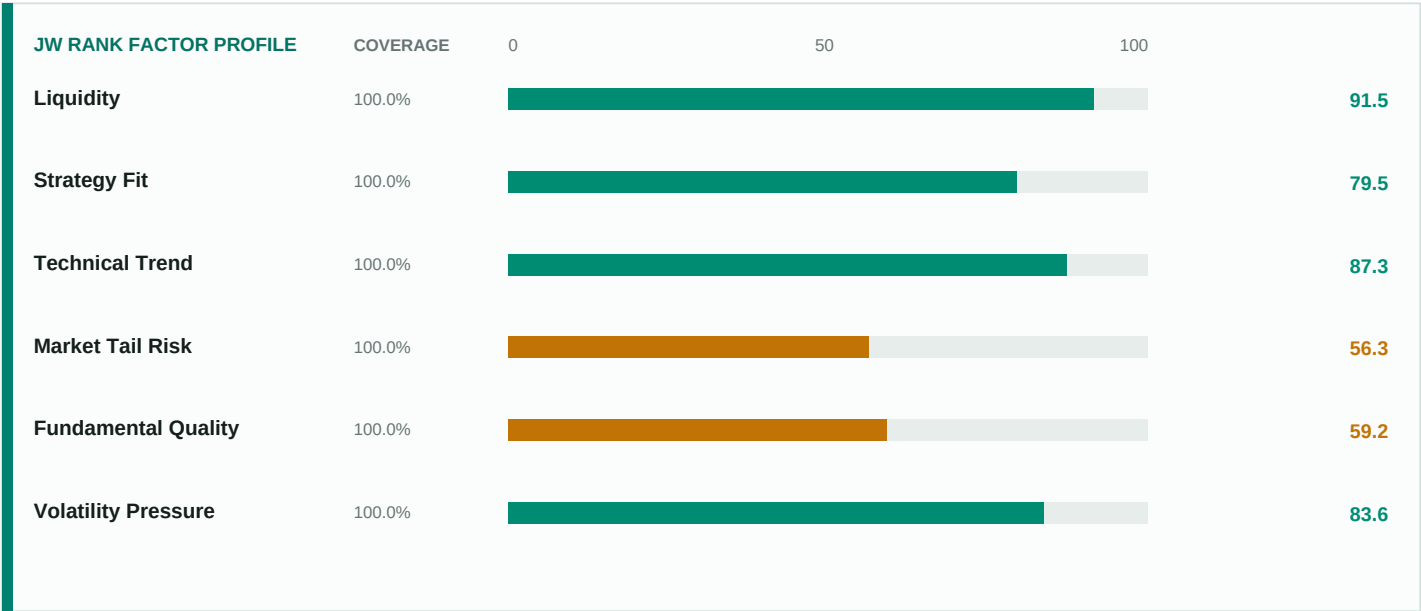


45 complete trading-session observations



JW Rank factors

Score, source coverage and interpretation for each decision factor



Decision summary

Primary model reads before the detailed indicator appendix

Momentum

strong_bull

Institutional flow

Above MVWAP

Structure

Above 200D trend

Volatility

medium



Decision indicators

Detailed momentum, institutional and structural observations

Momentum kinematics

Direction, velocity and oscillator state

Current read	STRONG BULL neutral MACD accelerating
Trend signal	STRONG BULL
RSI signal	neutral
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	76.06 / 63.43 / 57.08
RSI velocity	3.34
MACD line / signal / histogram	6.20 / - / -1.11
MACD acceleration	2.58
Stochastic K / D	85.01 / 83.41

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	Above institutional MVWAP Accumulation bias
Institutional flow	2.33
20-day MVWAP	\$814.47
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	+6.20%
Daily reference VWAP	\$863.95
Price vs daily reference	+0.12%
Volume	1.11M

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	Above 200-day trend Positive macro velocity
Macro velocity	2.01
20-day / 200-day SMA	\$815.05 / \$797.90
Bollinger range	\$773.28 - \$856.82
Bollinger position	1.079



Options and volatility intelligence

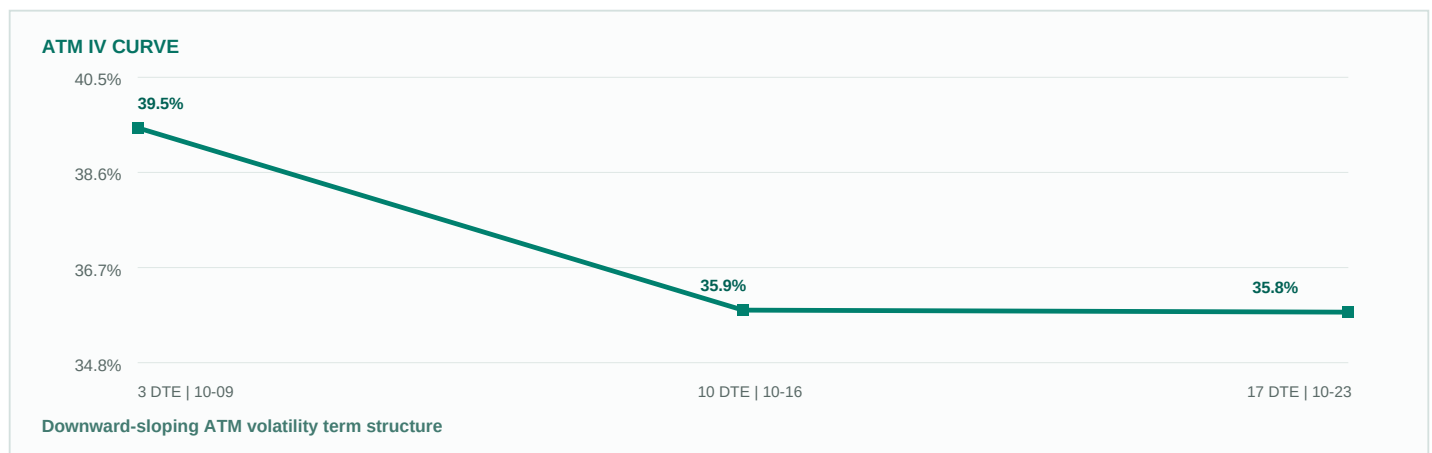
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
59 / 100	85 / 100	82.09	143.04

Market regime	Calm
Tail-risk regime	NORMAL TAIL RISK
Term structure	backwardation
Term slope	-3.65 pts
Skew read	balanced
Liquidity / quote coverage	100.0%
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
Options Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 6, 2026 2:47 PM EDT
Options data quality	Coverage 88.9%

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-10-09	3	39.5%	-
2026-10-16	10	35.9%	-
2026-10-23	17	35.8%	-

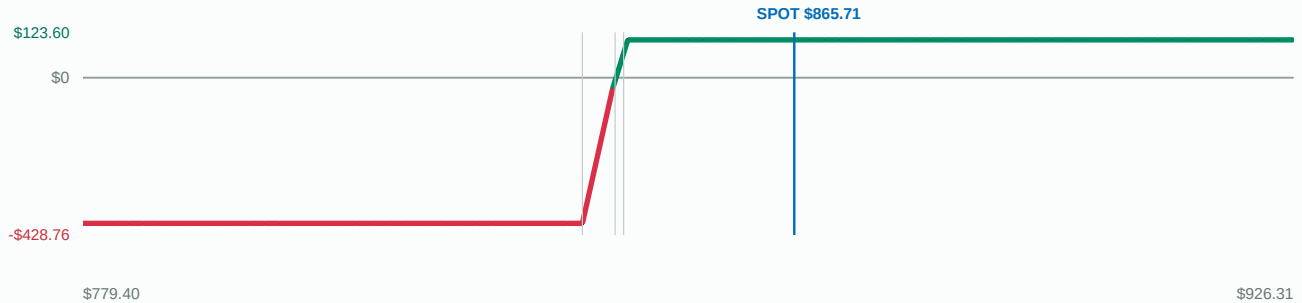


Reference spread payoff

Illustrative expiry profit/loss per one-lot structure, including quoted net credit

Bull Put Spread reference

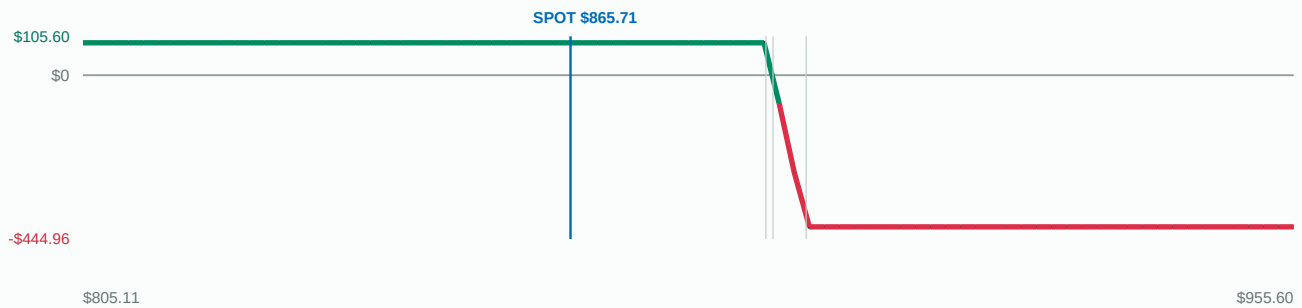
Short \$845.00 | Long \$840.00 | Width \$5.00 | Net credit \$1.03



Max profit \$103.00 | Max loss -\$397.00 | Break-even \$843.97 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short \$890.00 | Long \$895.00 | Width \$5.00 | Net credit \$0.88



Max profit \$88.00 | Max loss -\$412.00 | Break-even \$890.88 | Per contract at expiry

Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	2026-10-29
Earnings IV-crush risk	NOT MEASURED
VIX	15.03
VVIX	82.09
SKEW index	143.04
Observation confidence	high
Option quote quality	reliable
Contracts observed	143



Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	143

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

Market structure

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Options context

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Wheel context

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Observed evidence

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Principal risks to monitor

Uncertainty remains on the impact of tariffs, which could reach \$2.2 billion. | Successful execution of capacity expansion plans is crucial for meeting future demand. | The durability of AI-related orders needs to be monitored as a key growth driver.



Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization	P/E (TTM)
\$389.87B	36.02
ROE	Revenue growth
54.2%	4.4%
EPS growth	Operating margin
14.2%	17.5%
Net profit margin	Gross margin
14.5%	-
Free cash flow CAGR	Debt / equity
12.1%	2.03
Dividend yield	Beta
2.1%	1.59
52-week range	
\$483.55 - \$1,073.46	

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name	Market
Caterpillar Inc	NYSE
Industry	Country
Machinery	US
Currency	IPO date
USD	1929-12-02
Shares outstanding	52-week return
460.59M	72.3%
Book value per share	Revenue per share
\$42.11	\$161.58
Website	caterpillar.com



Latest strategy observation

Most recent shared general market signal available when this report was generated

CAT Covered Call signal	Oct 6, 2026 3:25 PM EDT
Covered Call 2026-10-09	
At signal \$866.03 Current \$864.99	
SHORT Option \$870.00 B \$9.20 / A \$10.50	
Conservative CR \$9.85	



Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	\$24.55
ATR as % of price	2.8%
Volatility environment	medium
Current IV	43.7%
IV rank	57 / 100
IV percentile	83 / 100
Technical Snapshot IV source	Private fundamentals snapshot
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 6, 2026 7:30 PM EDT

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	75 / 100
Trend health	92 / 100
Momentum health	85 / 100
Volatility health	67 / 100
Structure health	42 / 100
Earnings risk / date	low 2026-10-29
Macro risk	unknown
Volatility risk	medium
Structure risk	high

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	\$815.05 / \$822.44 / \$797.90
EMA (9 / 21)	\$834.44 / \$823.74
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	\$856.82 / \$815.05 / \$773.28



Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	1.079
True high / low	\$876.95 / \$848.14
5-day true high / low	\$876.95 / \$802.44

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	2.007	-
SMA50	-0.664	-
MVWAP20	2.332	-
MACD	2.582	-
RSI	3.342	-
Volume	-794.670	-
ATR	0.650	-
T1	-	3.27 / 812.21 / 857.85 / 821.77
T2	-	1.04 / 810.68 / 858.87 / 826.35
T3	-	-1.55 / 807.48 / 833.62 / 802.44



Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	\$865.71
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
Options Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 6, 2026 2:47 PM EDT
Options data coverage	88.9%
SKEW regime	HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW
VVIX regime	VVIX FLAT
Front expiration / DTE	2026-10-09 3 DTE
Front at-the-money IV	39.5%
25-delta skew	-0.05
Put / Call 25-delta	\$845.00 Delta -0.245 / \$890.00 Delta 0.229
Median option bid/ask spread	15.8%
Bid/ask spread	-
Contracts observed / quoted	143 / 143

Price context

Last Price: 865.71 | Bid: 865.55 | Ask: 866.06 | Previous Close: 848.14 | Change: 17.57 | Daily change: 2.07% | Update Time: 2026-10-06T14:47:24.208277-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-10-06 | Latest History Price: 865.71

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-07-14 | Latest Date: 2026-10-06 | Latest Price: 865.71 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -16.52%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 44.13% | Iv Rank: 58.62 | Iv Percentile: 84.86 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-29 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-07-19



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