Intel Corp / INTC

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$110.02	**+8.97 +8.88%**	**$110.01/$110.05**	**$101.05**

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Semiconductors**
Market data as of	**Sep 17, 2026 11:31 PM EDT**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
70.1 / 100	**Constructive**	**high**	**45 / 100**

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$108.00	**$122.00**	**$102.00**	**68 / 100**

Options stance	**bullish**
Tail-risk safety	**56 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**97.1% | Sep 17, 2026 6:50 PM EDT**

Key insight

INTC Option Market Prices in Bullish Sentiment Despite Unconfirmed SK Hynix Deal

Market read

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Strategy context

Bullish sentiment is driven by the potential SK Hynix deal and strong Q2 earnings. However, uncertainty remains as the deal is unconfirmed.

JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	**Bearish**
AI analysis updated	**Sep 17, 2026 2:23 PM EDT**

Short-term scenario

Cautious buy on any pullback (high uncertainty from unconfirmed deal and post-rally extension)

Three-month outlook

Cautiously constructive if SK Hynix or other foundry customers materialize and AI/CPU demand holds, with potential toward $115-130 (near some analyst averages) into Oct 22 earnings; however, significant uncertainty from unconfirmed partnership, ongoing foundry cash burn, high valuation (overvalued per some GF/Value models), execution on 18A/14A, and possible rotation or macro shifts. Downside risk to $90-100 range if news disappoints or guidance weak. High-volatility turnaround play—not suitable for low-risk investors.

Market sentiment

Recent posts (Sep 16-17 2026) predominantly bullish/excited on the SK Hynix/foundry catalyst, AI inference, 18A/14A progress, and potential $145-$200 longer-term targets from some analysts; traders note resilience, shortage narrative, and breakout potential above $110-115. Mixed older caution on valuation, foundry losses, execution risk, and profit-taking. High-volatility turnaround theme dominates; some highlight insider buys and options flow. Overall current tone optimistic but acknowledges unconfirmed news and stretched multiples.

Supporting evidence

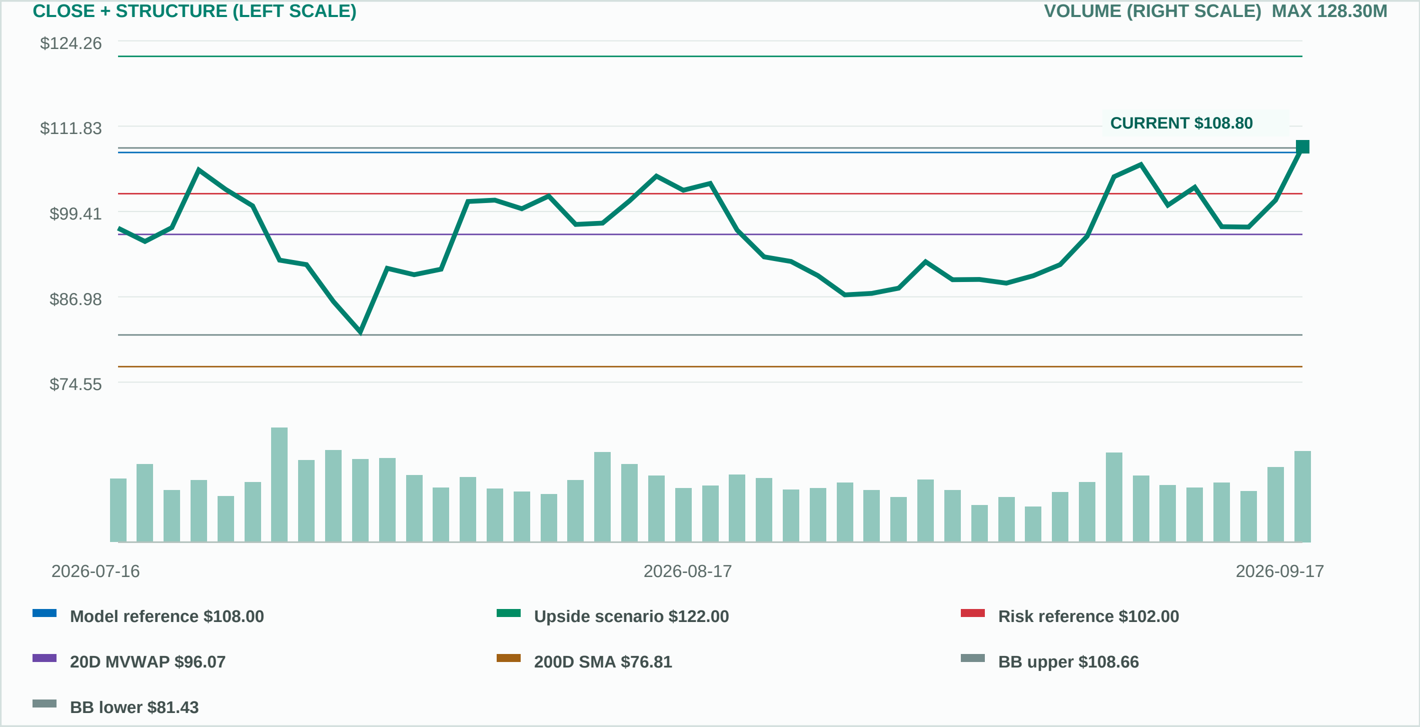
Implied volatility is elevated at 64.17%, indicating high expectations for price movement. | The term structure of options shows a backwardation pattern with near-term options more expensive than longer-dated options, suggesting bullish sentiment. | Call options are trading at a premium compared to put options, reflecting a greater belief in upside potential.

Risk watch

The market's optimism may be overextended if the SK Hynix deal falls through. | Intel's foundry business continues to face challenges, and profitability remains a concern.

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

JW RANK FACTOR PROFILE	COVERAGE	0 – 50 – 100
Liquidity	100.0%	99.3
Strategy Fit	100.0%	67.9
Technical Trend	100.0%	88.2
Market Tail Risk	100.0%	56.3
Fundamental Quality	71.4%	25.8
Volatility Pressure	100.0%	48.3

Decision summary

Primary model reads before the detailed indicator appendix

Momentum	Institutional flow	Structure	Volatility
strong_bull	**Above MVWAP**	**Above 200D trend**	**high**

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)	**70.52 / 62.01 / 57.32**
RSI velocity	**3.89**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**1.59 / - / 0.06**
MACD acceleration	**0.33**
Stochastic K / D	**72.58 / 65.84**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Above institutional MVWAP | Accumulation bias**
Institutional flow	**0.37**
20-day MVWAP	**$96.07**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**+14.52%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$108.29**
Price vs daily reference	**+1.60%**
Volume	**101.82M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Positive macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**0.23**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$95.04 / $76.81**
Bollinger range	**$81.43 - $108.66**
Bollinger position	**1.005**

Options and volatility intelligence

Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

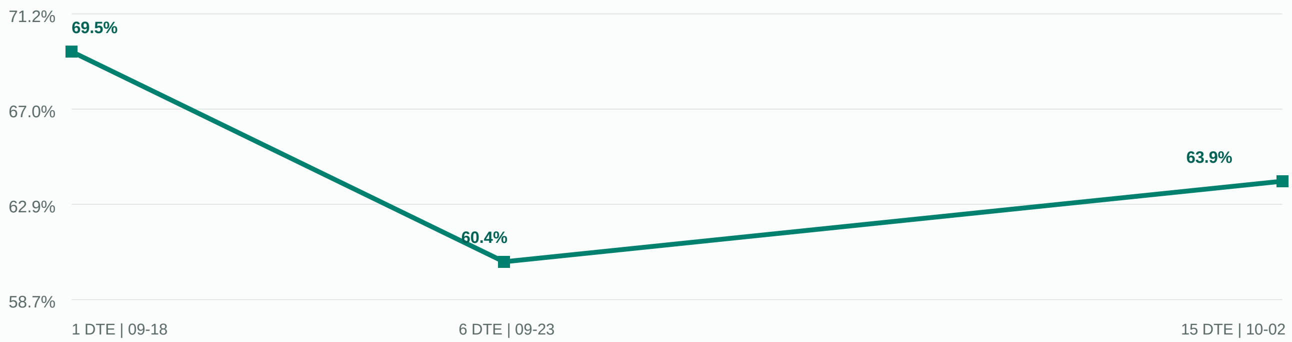
IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
33 / 100	47 / 100	88.67	145.95

Market regime	**Calm**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-5.66 pts**
Skew read	**balanced**
Liquidity / quote coverage	**100.0%**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 17, 2026 2:58 PM EDT**
Options data quality	**Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration

ATM IV CURVE



Downward-sloping ATM volatility term structure

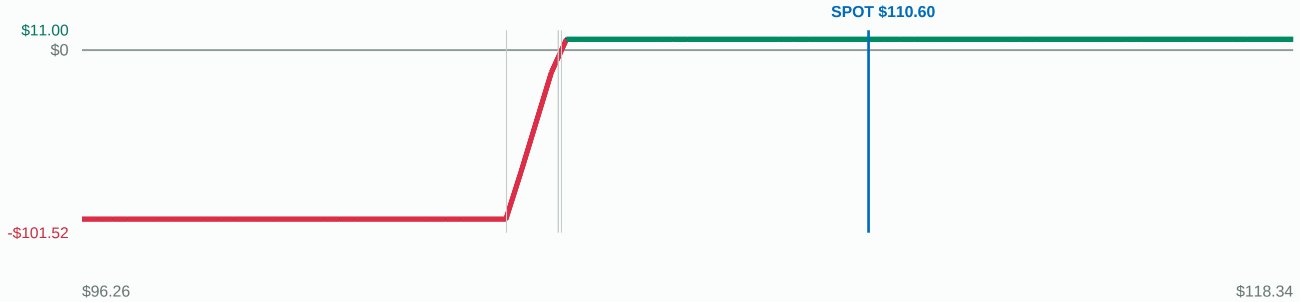
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-18	1	69.5%	-
2026-09-23	6	60.4%	-
2026-10-02	15	63.9%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

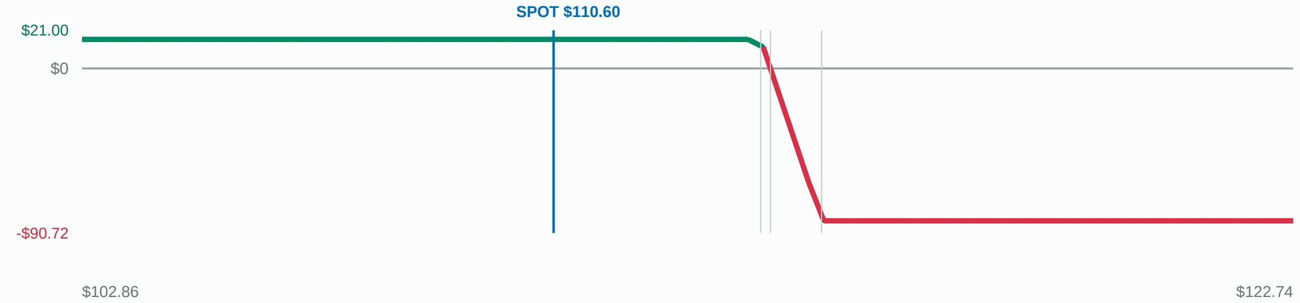
Short $105.00 | Long $104.00 | Width $1.00 | Net credit $0.06



Max profit $6.00 | Max loss -$94.00 | Break-even $104.94 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $114.00 | Long $115.00 | Width $1.00 | Net credit $0.16



Max profit $16.00 | Max loss -$84.00 | Break-even $114.16 | Per contract at expiry

Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	**2026-10-22**
Earnings IV-crush risk	**NOT MEASURED**
VIX	**15.54**
VVIX	**88.67**
SKEW index	**145.95**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**142**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

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FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**142**

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

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Principal risks to monitor

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Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization **$534.16B**	ROE **-10.8%**
Revenue growth **-5.7%**	EPS growth **-**
Operating margin **9.4%**	Net profit margin **-19.8%**
Gross margin **-**	Free cash flow CAGR **-**
Debt / equity **0.41**	Dividend yield **1.1%**
Beta **2.38**	52-week range **$24.22 - $142.35**

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name **Intel Corp**	Market **NYSE**
Industry **Semiconductors**	Country **US**
Currency **USD**	IPO date **1971-10-13**
Shares outstanding **5.04B**	52-week return **292.2%**
Book value per share **$17.36**	Revenue per share **$11.17**

Website	**intel.com**

Latest strategy observation

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

INTC Covered Call signal

Sep 17, 2026 2:08 PM EDT

Covered Call | 2026-09-18

At signal $110.47 | Current $110.02

SHORT **Option $110.00 B $1.89 / A $1.94**

High turnover | CR $1.92

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$5.98**
ATR as % of price	**5.5%**
Volatility environment	**high**
Current IV	**63.4%**
IV rank	**31 / 100**
IV percentile	**45 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 17, 2026 7:31 PM EDT**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**69 / 100**
Trend health	**92 / 100**
Momentum health	**87 / 100**
Volatility health	**28 / 100**
Structure health	**49 / 100**
Earnings risk / date	**low | 2026-10-22**
Macro risk	**unknown**
Volatility risk	**high**
Structure risk	**high**

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	**$95.04 / $97.17 / $76.81**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$100.67 / $98.16**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$108.66 / $95.04 / $81.43**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**1.005**
True high / low	**$111.37 / $101.05**
5-day true high / low	**$111.37 / $94.52**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	0.234	**-**
SMA50	-0.239	**-**
MVWAP20	0.370	**-**
MACD	0.330	**-**
RSI	3.893	**-**
Volume	11626196.000	**-**
ATR	0.113	**-**
T1	-	**0.79 / 94.97 / 104.42 / 97.14**
T2	-	**0.54 / 94.65 / 100.48 / 96.52**
T3	-	**0.61 / 94.96 / 102.94 / 94.52**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$110.60**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 17, 2026 2:58 PM EDT**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FLAT**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-09-18 | 1 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**69.5%**
25-delta skew	**1.33**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$105.00 / $114.00 Delta 0.222**
Median option bid/ask spread	**3.3%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**142 / 142**

Price context

Last Price: 110.60 | Bid: 110.59 | Ask: 110.61 | Previous Close: 101.05 | Change: 9.55 | Daily change: 9.45% | Update Time: 2026-09-17T14:58:35.566310-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-17 | Latest History Price: 110.59

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-24 | Latest Date: 2026-09-17 | Latest Price: 110.59 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -41.36%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 64.17% | Iv Rank: 32.88 | Iv Percentile: 47.01 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-22 | Ex Dividend Date: 2024-08-06

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