

KLAC Corp / KLAC

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
\$184.50	+0.73 +0.40%	\$184.05/\$184.82	\$183.77

Market	NYSE
Industry	Semiconductors
Market data as of	Aug 28, 2026 12:25 AM EDT

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
59.9 / 100	Balanced	high	56 / 100

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
\$180.50	\$195.00	\$172.00	70 / 100

Options stance	mixed
Tail-risk safety	56 / 100
JW Rank data coverage / as of	100.0% Aug 27, 2026 6:50 PM EDT

Key insight

KLAC: Mixed Signals from Earnings Beat and Technical Weakness

Market read

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Strategy context

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JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias

Bearish

AI analysis updated

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Short-term scenario

Cautious/speculative: wait for stabilization or modest bounce confirmation in 1-3 weeks given oversold RSI but prevailing downtrend; high uncertainty from semiconductor volatility, geopolitics and recent technical weakness. Not a high-conviction setup.

Three-month outlook

Fundamentally constructive with accelerating H2 2026/2027 growth from AI capex, process-control intensity and raised WFE/packaging forecasts; analysts see potential recovery toward \$220+ targets if demand holds. However, high uncertainty persists due to elevated valuation (TTM P/E ~50), China risks, cyclical semiconductor exposure, recent 14%+ pullback, insider selling and macro/geopolitical factors. Price could reasonably range \$160-220 depending on sector sentiment and next earnings; outcomes are not assured.

Market sentiment

Mixed-to-cautious. Bulls highlight earnings beat, AI/advanced packaging tailwinds, \$12.5B backlog, new buyback and view the dip as emotional rather than fundamental. Bears point to insider selling at higher prices, China exposure, rich valuation, margin pressure and some bearish options/order-flow data. Overall sentiment reflects disconnect between solid results and price action.

Supporting evidence

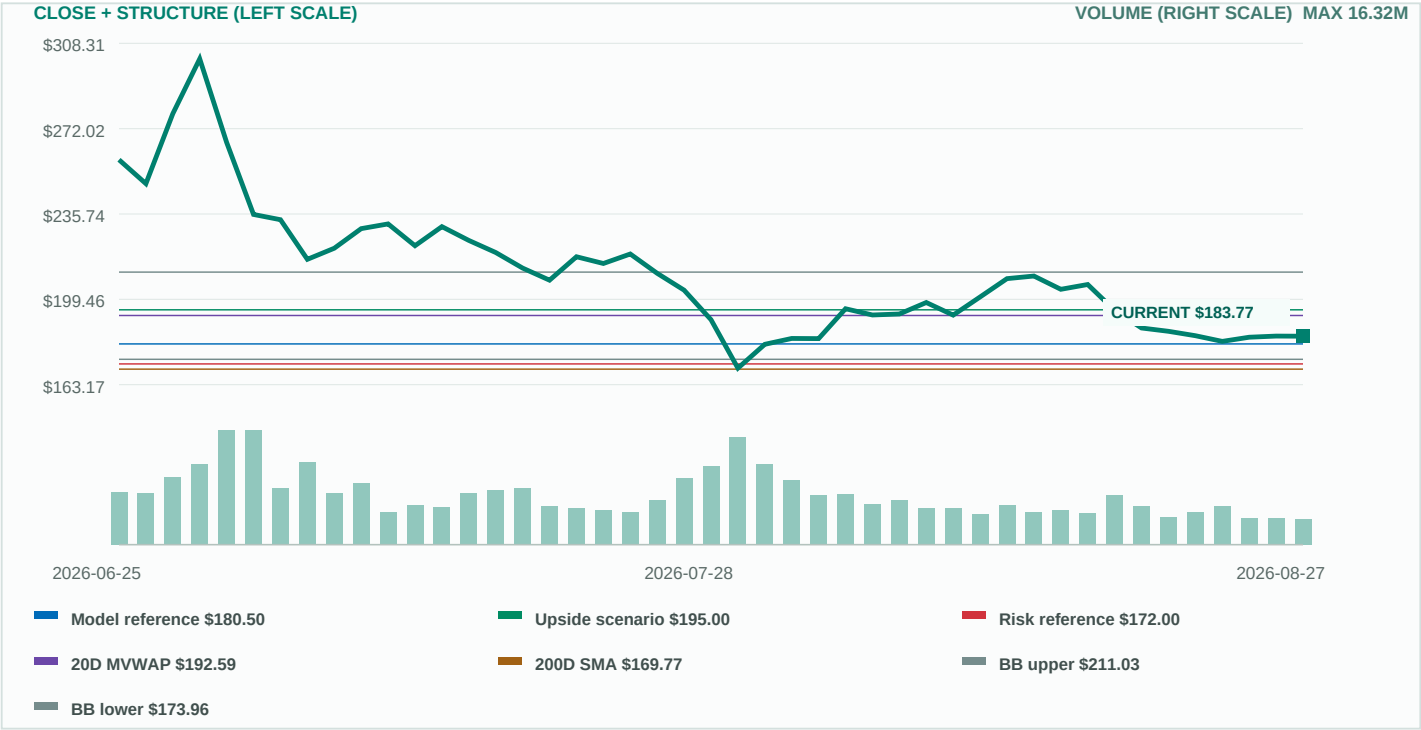
Earnings beat estimates, revenue exceeded expectations, and company raised guidance. | Stock price dropped sharply post-earnings despite positive results. | Technical indicators show oversold conditions but also weak momentum and a downtrend.

Risk watch

China exposure and geopolitical risks | High valuation and potential for margin pressure

Enhanced price structure

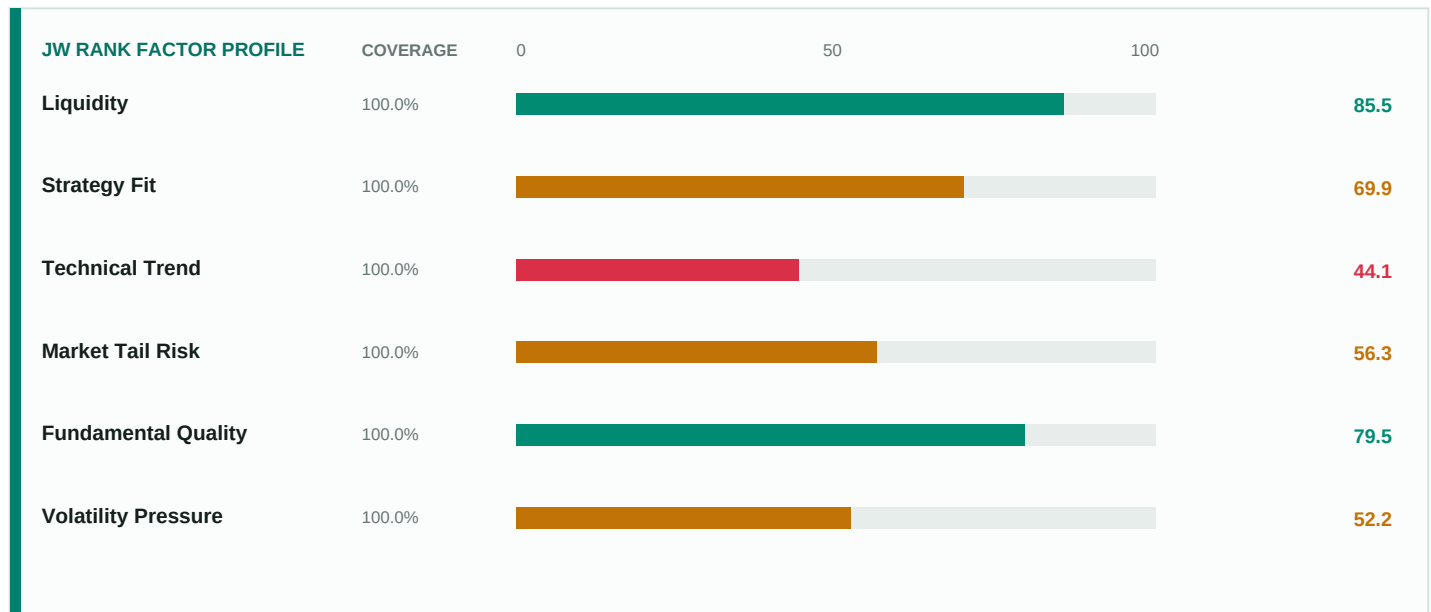
45 trading days with volume, model levels and current technical reference bands



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

bullish_recovery

Institutional flow

Below MVWAP

Structure

Above 200D trend

Volatility

high

Decision indicators

Detailed momentum, institutional and structural observations

Momentum kinematics

Direction, velocity and oscillator state

Current read	BULLISH RECOVERY neutral MACD decelerating
Trend signal	BULLISH RECOVERY
RSI signal	neutral
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	34.97 / 40.37 / 43.14
RSI velocity	0.56
MACD line / signal / histogram	-6.92 / - / -6.45
MACD acceleration	-0.10
Stochastic K / D	18.77 / 15.99

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	Below institutional MVWAP Accumulation bias
Institutional flow	0.67
20-day MVWAP	\$192.59
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	-4.20%
Daily reference VWAP	\$183.80
Price vs daily reference	+0.38%
Volume	3.67M

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	Above 200-day trend Positive macro velocity
Macro velocity	0.16
20-day / 200-day SMA	\$192.49 / \$169.77
Bollinger range	\$173.96 - \$211.03
Bollinger position	0.265

Options and volatility intelligence

Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank

31 / 100

IV percentile

54 / 100

VVIX

83.45

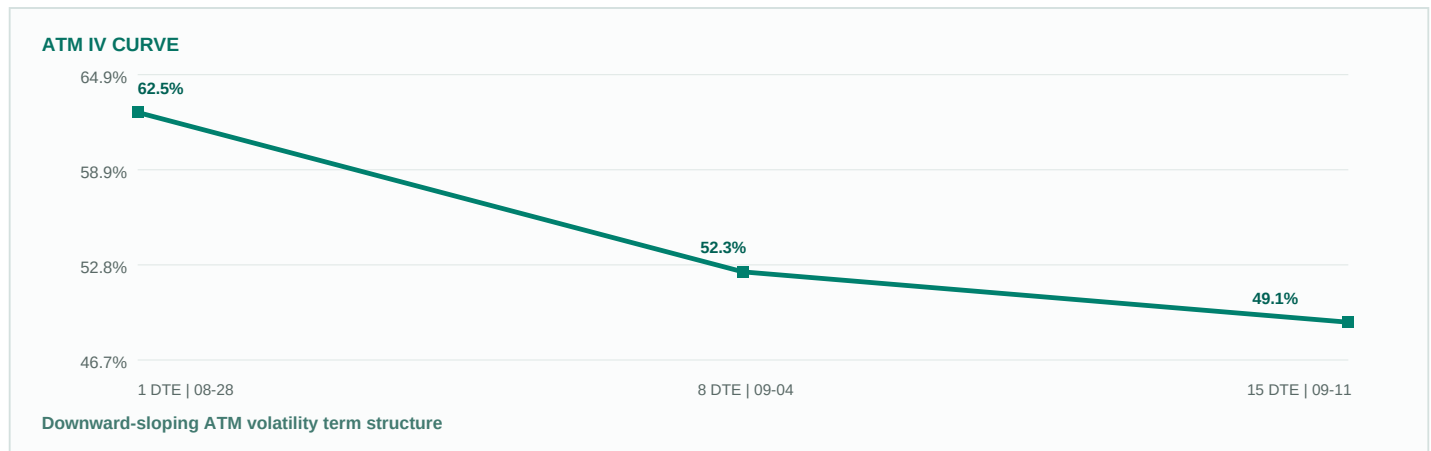
SKEW

142.96

Market regime	Calm
Tail-risk regime	NORMAL TAIL RISK
Term structure	backwardation
Term slope	-13.41 pts
Skew read	unavailable
Liquidity / quote coverage	100.0%
Options observation	Aug 27, 2026 4:15 PM EDT Coverage 77.8%

Option term structure

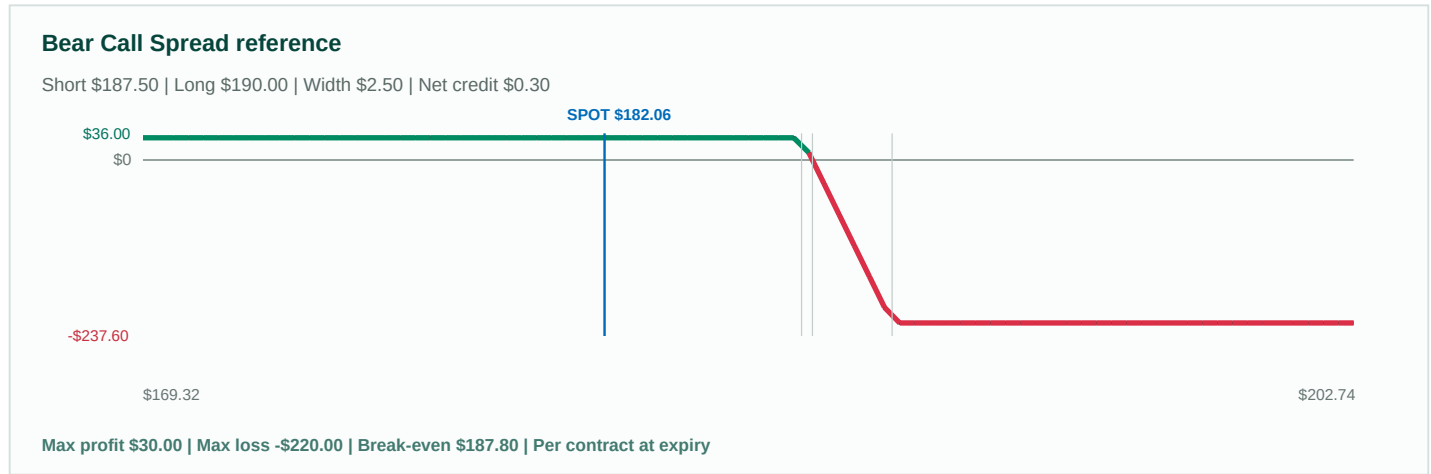
ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-08-28	1	62.5%	-
2026-09-04	8	52.3%	-
2026-09-11	15	49.1%	-

Reference spread payoff

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



Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	2026-10-28
Earnings IV-crush risk	NOT MEASURED
VIX	14.68
VVIX	83.45
SKEW index	142.96
Observation confidence	medium
Option quote quality	reliable
Contracts observed	37
Contracts with quotes	37

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

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Options context

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Observed evidence

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Principal risks to monitor

China exposure and geopolitical risks | High valuation and potential for margin pressure

Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization	P/E (TTM)
\$238.60B	56.55
ROE	Revenue growth
85.4%	9.0%
EPS growth	Operating margin
14.9%	41.8%
Net profit margin	Gross margin
35.6%	-
Free cash flow CAGR	Debt / equity
14.0%	0.93
Dividend yield	Beta
1.0%	1.46
52-week range	
\$83.22 - \$307.37	

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name	Market
KLA Corp	NYSE
Industry	Country
Semiconductors	US
Currency	IPO date
USD	1980-10-08
Shares outstanding	52-week return
1.31B	107.0%
Book value per share	Revenue per share
\$4.86	\$10.36
Website	kla.com



Latest strategy observation

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

KLAC Covered Call signal Covered Call 2026-09-04 At signal \$182.59 Current \$184.50 SHORT Option \$182.50 B \$5.60 / A \$6.20 High turnover CR \$5.90	Aug 27, 2026 2:08 PM EDT
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Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	\$10.15
ATR as % of price	5.5%
Volatility environment	high
Current IV	52.3%
IV rank	32 / 100
IV percentile	56 / 100

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	66 / 100
Trend health	78 / 100
Momentum health	74 / 100
Volatility health	27 / 100
Structure health	76 / 100
Earnings risk / date	low 2026-10-28
Macro risk	unknown
Volatility risk	high
Structure risk	low

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	\$192.49 / \$214.93 / \$169.77
EMA (9 / 21)	\$187.32 / \$193.63
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	\$211.03 / \$192.49 / \$173.96
Bollinger %B	0.265
True high / low	\$186.78 / \$180.85

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
5-day true high / low	\$189.77 / \$176.45

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	0.160	-
SMA50	-1.316	-
MVWAP20	0.666	-
MACD	-0.097	-
RSI	0.565	-
Volume	-591532.000	-
ATR	-0.401	-
T1	-	-6.93 / 191.83 / 184.26 / 179.70
T2	-	-6.86 / 190.33 / 186.13 / 180.71
T3	-	-6.62 / 190.59 / 183.99 / 176.45

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	\$182.06
Options intelligence as of	Aug 27, 2026 4:15 PM EDT
Options data coverage	77.8%
SKEW regime	HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW
VVIX regime	VVIX FLAT
Front expiration / DTE	2026-08-28 1 DTE
Front at-the-money IV	62.5%
Put / Call 25-delta	/ \$187.50 Delta 0.206
Median option bid/ask spread	16.6%
Bid/ask spread	-
Contracts observed / quoted	37 / 37

Price context

Last Price: 182.06 | Bid: 182.06 | Ask: 182.11 | Previous Close: 183.83 | Change: -1.77 | Daily change: -0.96% | Update Time: 2026-08-27T14:30:05.472942-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-08-27 | Latest History Price: 182.09

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-03 | Latest Date: 2026-08-27 | Latest Price: 182.09 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -43.59%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 52.04% | Iv Rank: 31.32 | Iv Percentile: 53.78 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-28 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-08-16 | Dividend Yield: 50.00

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