KLA Corp / KLAC

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$190.50	+4.90 +2.64%	$190.27/$190.79	$185.60

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Semiconductors**
Market data as of	**Sep 8, 2026 11:31 PM EDT**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
62.5 / 100	Balanced	high	73 / 100

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$185.50	$200.00	$176.00	67 / 100

Options stance	**bullish**
Tail-risk safety	**32 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Sep 8, 2026 7:51 PM EDT**

Key insight

KLAC Shows Bullish Signs Despite Elevated Valuation

Market read

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Strategy context

KLAC's option market pricing suggests potential upside, but investors should be aware of the stock's high valuation and dependence on semiconductor demand.

JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	**Bullish**
AI analysis updated	**Sep 8, 2026 2:10 PM EDT**

Short-term scenario

Hold or cautious scale-in on dips given mixed technicals, recent rebound, and high valuation; 1-3 week bounce possible if support holds but uncertainty is elevated due to volatility, mixed indicators, and no near-term catalyst before Oct earnings. Not a high-conviction short-term trade.

Three-month outlook

Constructive bias from accelerating AI-related demand, raised wafer equipment market view (~$150B+), strong Q1 guidance implying ~20% H2 2026 growth, and process-control intensity in leading-edge/advanced packaging. Potential path toward analyst targets in $220s if execution continues. However, substantial uncertainty: rich valuation (P/E >50 vs. historical median ~23), semiconductor cyclicality, geopolitical/tariff/China risks, possible margin pressure, and next earnings (late Oct) as a volatility event. Could experience 15%+ swings in either direction; not a low-risk hold.

Market sentiment

Predominantly constructive among posters. KLAC frequently cited as a core 'picks-and-shovels' AI/semiconductor equipment play (process control and inspection for high-yield advanced chips, HBM, packaging). Included in lists of beneficiaries of wafer fab spending and TSMC/AI capex. Mentions of institutional buying, rebound from pullback, holding key moving averages, and breakout potential. Some technical traders note volatility and need for support holds. Overall theme-positive with awareness of sector swings.

Supporting evidence

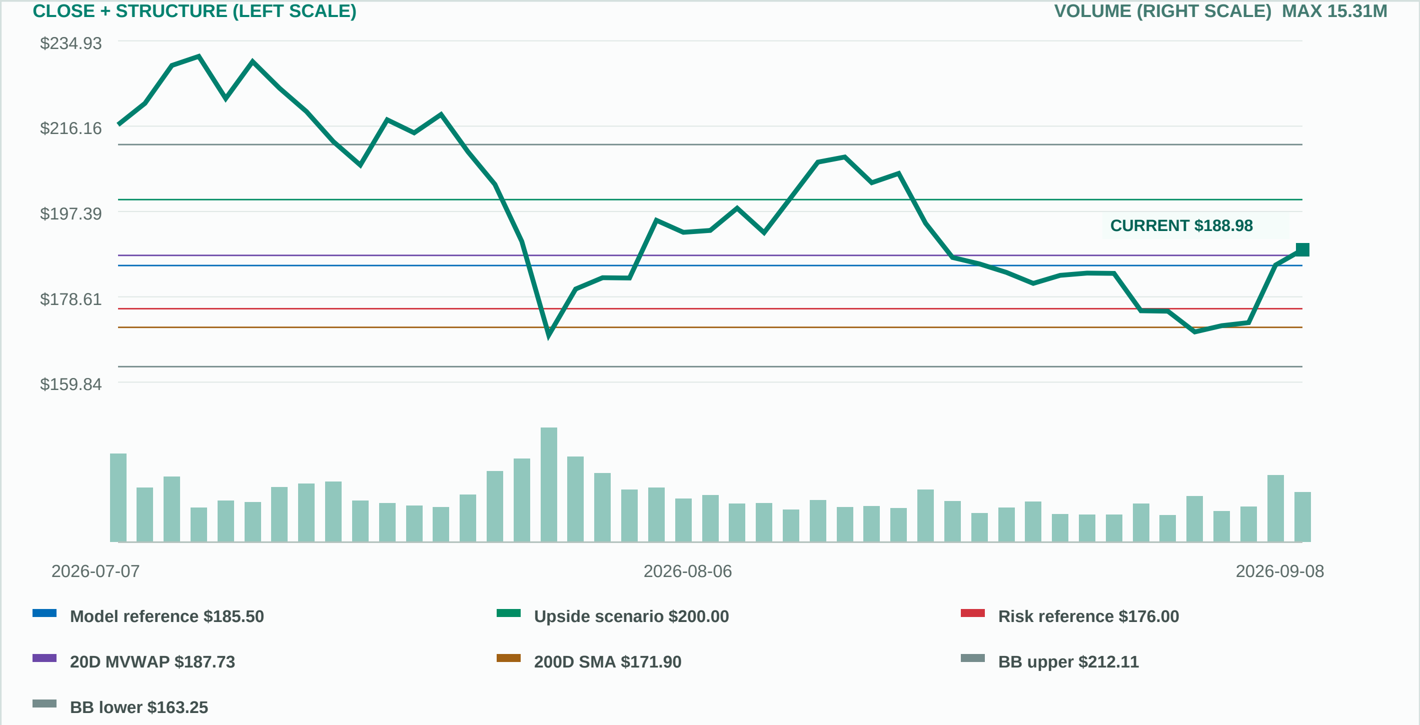
KLAC's recent earnings beat estimates and provided strong guidance for the next quarter. | The stock has rebounded from a pullback and is currently trading near its 200-day moving average. | The term structure of KLAC options shows backwardation, suggesting higher implied volatility for near-term expirations.

Risk watch

KLAC's high P/E ratio could make it vulnerable to a correction if earnings growth disappoints.

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%	90.1
Strategy Fit	100.0%	66.8
Technical Trend	100.0%	57.9
Market Tail Risk	100.0%	32.0
Fundamental Quality	100.0%	79.5
Volatility Pressure	100.0%	60.9

Decision summary

Primary model reads before the detailed indicator appendix

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

Decision indicators

Detailed momentum, institutional and structural observations

Momentum kinematics

Direction, velocity and oscillator state

Current read	**BULLISH RECOVERY | neutral | MACD accelerating**
Trend signal	**BULLISH RECOVERY**
RSI signal	**neutral**
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	**63.00 / 50.02 / 47.81**
RSI velocity	**5.07**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**-6.37 / - / -7.43**
MACD acceleration	**0.75**
Stochastic K / D	**48.14 / 28.69**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Above institutional MVWAP | Distribution bias**
Institutional flow	**-0.87**
20-day MVWAP	**$187.73**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**+1.48%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$188.56**
Price vs daily reference	**+1.03%**
Volume	**6.67M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Negative macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**-0.61**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$187.68 / $171.90**
Bollinger range	**$163.25 - $212.11**
Bollinger position	**0.527**

Options and volatility intelligence

Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

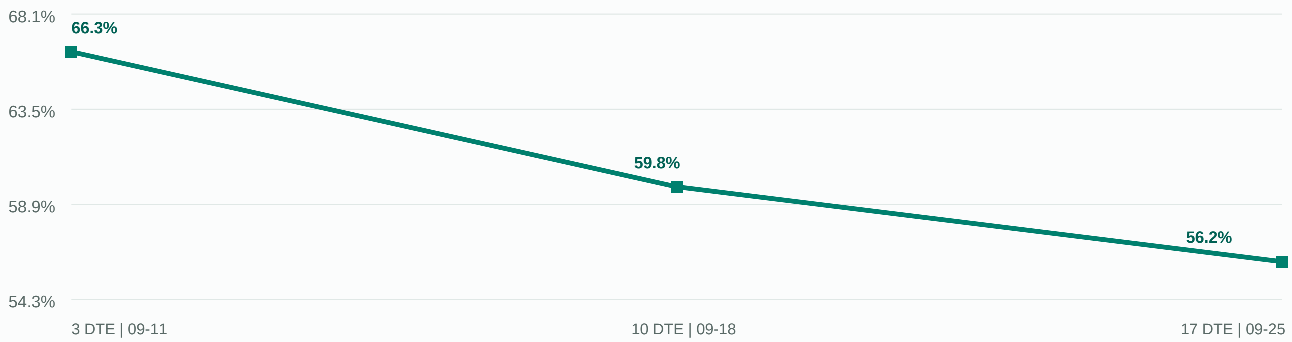
IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
34 / 100	**69 / 100**	**87.47**	**151.58**

Market regime	**DANGER ZONE**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-10.12 pts**
Skew read	**CALL DEMAND ELEVATED**
Liquidity / quote coverage	**100.0%**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 8, 2026 2:42 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

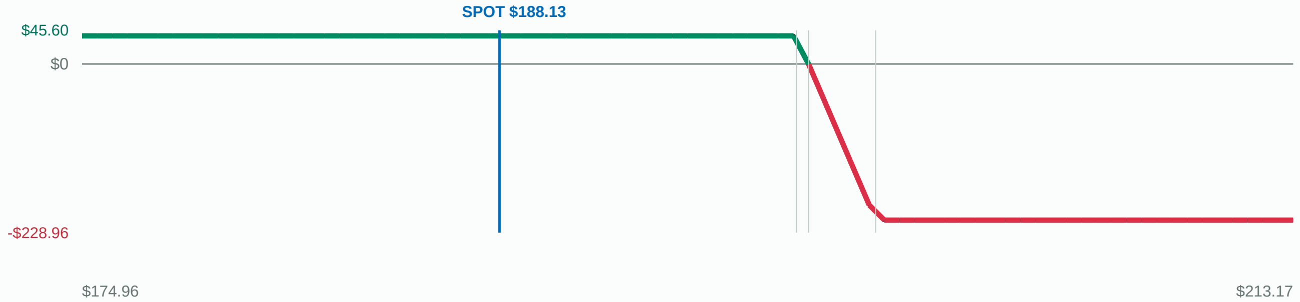
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-11	3	66.3%	-
2026-09-18	10	59.8%	-
2026-09-25	17	56.2%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $197.50 | Long $200.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.38



Max profit $38.00 | Max loss -$212.00 | Break-even $197.88 | Per contract at expiry

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	**15.29**
VVIX	**87.47**
SKEW index	**151.58**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**50**
Contracts with quotes	**50**

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 **$242.50B**	P/E (TTM) **50.20**
ROE **85.4%**	Revenue growth **9.0%**
EPS growth **14.9%**	Operating margin **41.8%**
Net profit margin **35.6%**	Gross margin **-**
Free cash flow CAGR **14.0%**	Debt / equity **0.93**
Dividend yield **1.0%**	Beta **1.45**
52-week range **$87.83 - $307.37**	

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name **KLA Corp**	Market **NYSE**
Industry **Semiconductors**	Country **US**
Currency **USD**	IPO date **1980-10-08**
Shares outstanding **1.31B**	52-week return **105.1%**
Book value per share **$4.86**	Revenue per share **$10.36**

Website	**kla.com**

Latest strategy observation

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

KLAC Covered Call signal

Sep 8, 2026 10:46 AM EDT

Covered Call | 2026-09-11

At signal $188.19 | Current $190.50

SHORT **Option $187.50 B $4.90 / A $5.40**

High turnover | CR $5.15

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$9.03**
ATR as % of price	**4.8%**
Volatility environment	**high**
Current IV	**57.0%**
IV rank	**36 / 100**
IV percentile	**73 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 8, 2026 3:51 PM EDT**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**77 / 100**
Trend health	**78 / 100**
Momentum health	**91 / 100**
Volatility health	**38 / 100**
Structure health	**97 / 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)	**$187.68 / $204.57 / $171.90**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$181.25 / $186.16**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$212.11 / $187.68 / $163.25**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.527**
True high / low	**$190.87 / $185.60**
5-day true high / low	**$190.87 / $167.05**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-0.609	**-**
SMA50	-1.336	**-**
MVWAP20	-0.875	**-**
MACD	0.754	**-**
RSI	5.066	**-**
Volume	847218.330	**-**
ATR	-0.040	**-**
T1	-	**-7.58 / 188.15 / 187.36 / 172.94**
T2	-	**-8.66 / 189.26 / 173.09 / 167.05**
T3	-	**-8.63 / 190.36 / 172.95 / 167.56**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$188.13**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 8, 2026 2:42 PM EDT**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FLAT**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-09-11 | 3 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**66.3%**
25-delta skew	**-2.32**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$187.50 Delta -0.465 / $197.50 Delta 0.229**
Median option bid/ask spread	**12.1%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**50 / 50**

Price context

Last Price: 188.13 | Bid: 188.11 | Ask: 188.14 | Previous Close: 185.60 | Change: 2.53 | Daily change: 1.36% | Update Time: 2026-09-08T14:42:48.715073-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-08 | Latest History Price: 188.14

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-12 | Latest Date: 2026-09-08 | Latest Price: 188.14 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -43.59%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 55.97% | Iv Rank: 34.20 | Iv Percentile: 68.53 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-28 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-08-16

Important disclosures

Scope, limitations, risk and permitted interpretation

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