KLA Corp / KLAC

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$186.99	+3.02 +1.64%	$186.24/$186.88	$183.97

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Semiconductors**
Market data as of	**Sep 22, 2026 11:32 PM EDT**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
67.0 / 100	Constructive	high	64 / 100

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$183.50	$196.00	$174.50	70 / 100

Options stance	**bullish**
Tail-risk safety	**32 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Sep 22, 2026 7:52 PM EDT**

Key insight

KLAC Shows Signs of Rebound, Option Market Prices in Potential Upside

Market read

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Strategy context

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JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	**Mixed**
AI analysis updated	**Sep 22, 2026 2:25 PM EDT**

Short-term scenario

Cautious tactical long for a 1-3 week bounce toward nearby resistance, preferably on a modest dip. Improving momentum off recent lows is offset by price still below the 50-day SMA, elevated valuation, and recent insider selling. Uncertainty is high given sector volatility and nearby resistance.

Three-month outlook

Moderately constructive if AI-driven wafer-fab equipment demand, backlog visibility, and services growth continue, with October 28 earnings a potential catalyst. Analyst targets imply upside, but material uncertainty remains from the premium multiple, roughly 30% China revenue exposure to export controls, possible multiple compression, tariff or memory-pricing pressure, and semiconductor cyclicality. Base case is range-bound to modest gains if execution holds; downside risk rises if guidance softens or China-related restrictions tighten. This is not a high-conviction directional view.

Market sentiment

Recent posts lean cautiously bullish among technical traders, citing a downtrend break with expanding volume, support near $168, and targets in the $195-$225 area, with invalidation levels near $180 or lower. Fundamental comments highlight process-control leadership for AI, HBM, and advanced nodes plus backlog strength. Other notes reference the prior sharp decline and possible mean reversion. Discussion volume is limited and sentiment is mixed-positive rather than uniformly bullish, with valuation risk acknowledged.

Supporting evidence

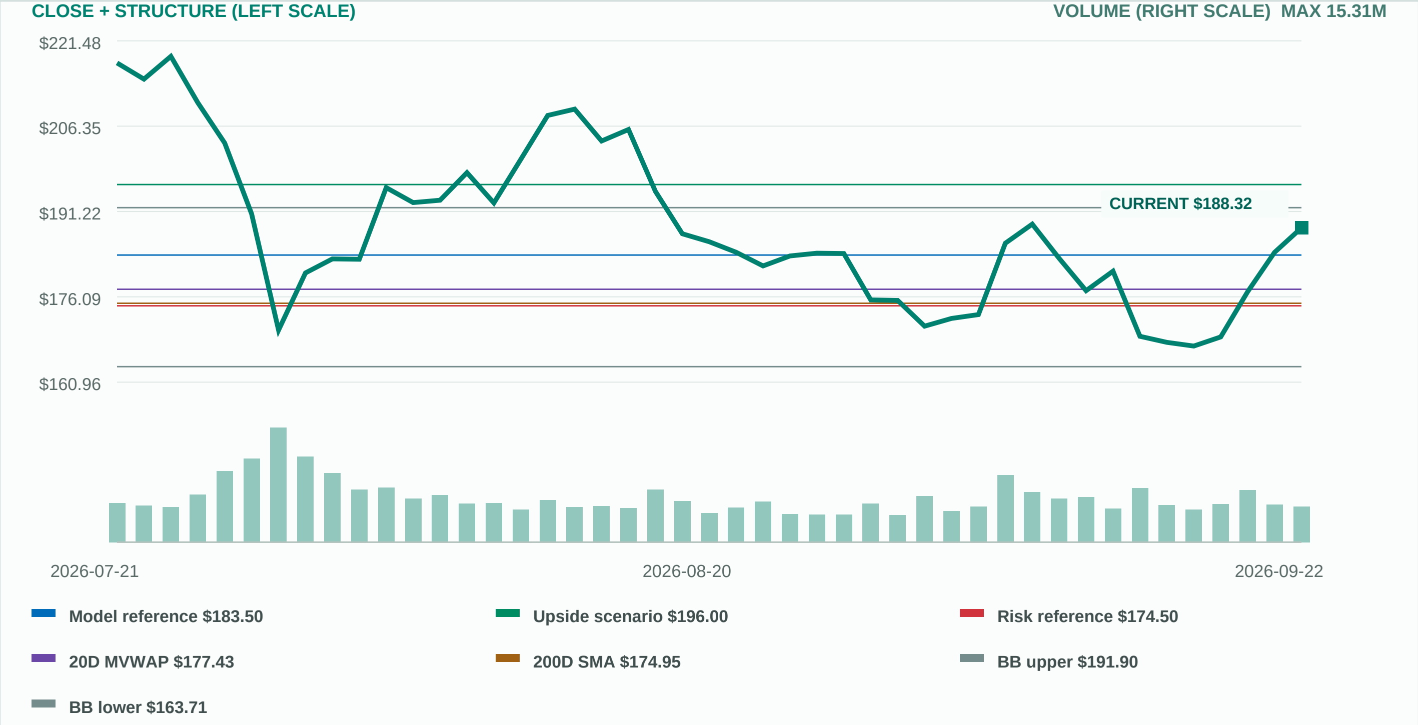
KLAC's price has rebounded from recent lows, exceeding its 20-day EMA and 200-day SMA. | Technical indicators like RSI and MACD suggest improving momentum. | Recent news highlights positive factors such as strong backlog, process-control leadership in AI, and analyst upgrades. | Call options are slightly more expensive than put options, indicating a slight bullish bias.

Risk watch

Valuation remains elevated, and the stock could face pressure if multiples compress. | China exposure represents a significant risk factor due to potential export controls and economic uncertainty.

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%		93.7
Strategy Fit	100.0%		69.9
Technical Trend	100.0%		71.0
Market Tail Risk	100.0%		32.0
Fundamental Quality	100.0%		79.5
Volatility Pressure	100.0%		59.6

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)	**67.17 / 54.54 / 50.52**
RSI velocity	**5.33**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**-3.77 / - / -5.75**
MACD acceleration	**1.04**
Stochastic K / D	**68.87 / 44.28**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Above institutional MVWAP | Distribution bias**
Institutional flow	**-0.13**
20-day MVWAP	**$177.43**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**+5.39%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$185.64**
Price vs daily reference	**+0.73%**
Volume	**4.76M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Negative macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**-0.04**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$177.80 / $174.95**
Bollinger range	**$163.71 - $191.90**
Bollinger position	**0.873**

Options and volatility intelligence

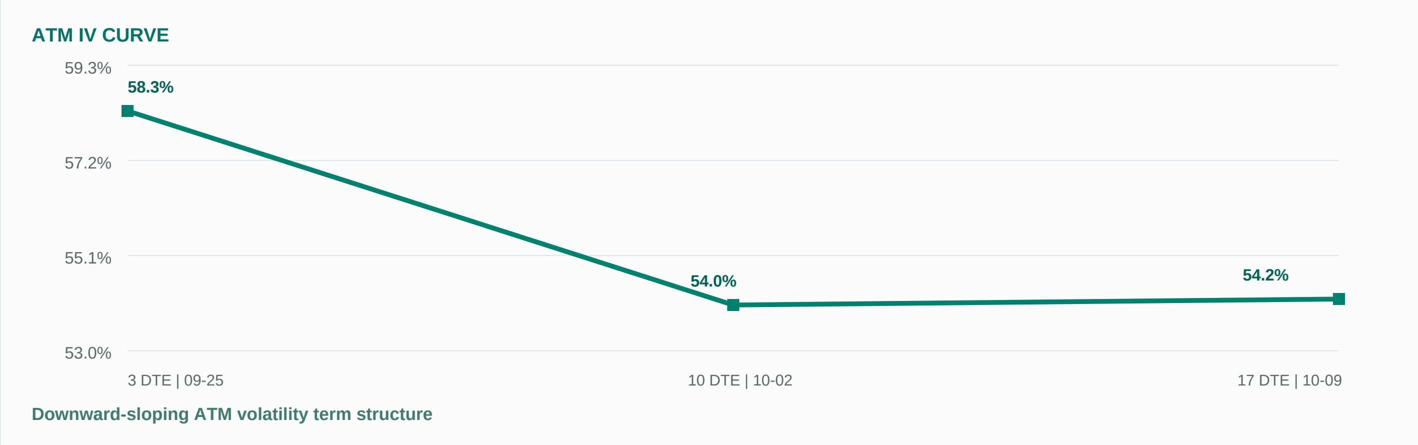
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
27 / 100	**61 / 100**	**81.95**	**142.19**

Market regime	**DANGER ZONE**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-4.12 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 22, 2026 2:47 PM EDT**
Options data quality	**Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



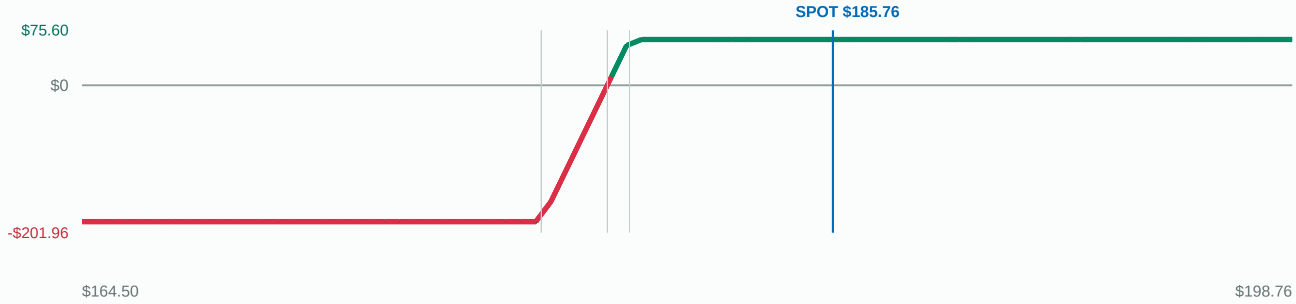
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-25	3	58.3%	-
2026-10-02	10	54.0%	-
2026-10-09	17	54.2%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

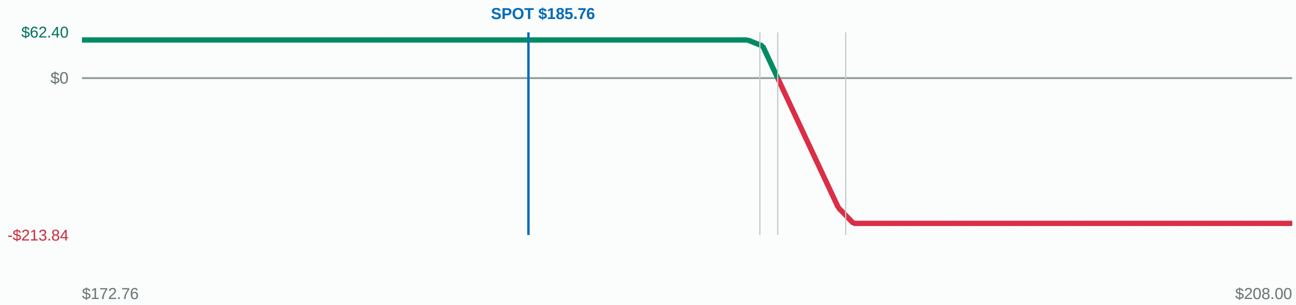
Short $180.00 | Long $177.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.63



Max profit $63.00 | Max loss -$187.00 | Break-even $179.37 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $192.50 | Long $195.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.52



Max profit $52.00 | Max loss -$198.00 | Break-even $193.02 | 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	**14.26**
VVIX	**81.95**
SKEW index	**142.19**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**39**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

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FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**39**

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

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Principal risks to monitor

Valuation remains elevated, and the stock could face pressure if multiples compress. | China exposure represents a significant risk factor due to potential export controls and economic uncertainty.

Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization **$240.37B**	P/E (TTM) **50.19**
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 **$98.10 - $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 **69.1%**
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 22, 2026 11:43 AM EDT

Covered Call | 2026-09-25

At signal $184.63 | Current $186.99

SHORT **Option $182.50 B $4.90 / A $5.50**

High turnover | CR $5.20

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$8.57**
ATR as % of price	**4.6%**
Volatility environment	**high**
Current IV	**55.2%**
IV rank	**28 / 100**
IV percentile	**64 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 22, 2026 3:52 PM EDT**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**73 / 100**
Trend health	**78 / 100**
Momentum health	**99 / 100**
Volatility health	**42 / 100**
Structure health	**63 / 100**
Earnings risk / date	**low | 2026-10-28**
Macro risk	**unknown**
Volatility risk	**high**
Structure risk	**medium**

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	**$177.80 / $191.12 / $174.95**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$178.54 / $180.48**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$191.90 / $177.80 / $163.71**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.873**
True high / low	**$188.60 / $180.00**
5-day true high / low	**$188.60 / $165.89**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-0.036	**-**
SMA50	-0.893	**-**
MVWAP20	-0.134	**-**
MACD	1.042	**-**
RSI	5.332	**-**
Volume	-113090.670	**-**
ATR	0.001	**-**
T1	-	**-5.07 / 177.21 / 185.94 / 176.99**
T2	-	**-6.23 / 177.30 / 177.14 / 168.98**
T3	-	**-6.89 / 177.83 / 174.07 / 167.26**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$185.76**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 22, 2026 2:47 PM EDT**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FALLING**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-09-25 | 3 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**58.3%**
25-delta skew	**0.01**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$180.00 Delta -0.268 / $192.50 Delta 0.265**
Median option bid/ask spread	**13.2%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**39 / 39**

Price context

Last Price: 185.76 | Bid: 185.74 | Ask: 185.76 | Previous Close: 183.97 | Change: 1.79 | Daily change: 0.97% | Update Time: 2026-09-22T14:47:58.516055-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-22 | Latest History Price: 185.77

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-29 | Latest Date: 2026-09-22 | Latest Price: 185.77 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -44.53%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 54.26% | Iv Rank: 26.51 | Iv Percentile: 60.96 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-28 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-08-16

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Scope, limitations, risk and permitted interpretation

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