



KLA Corp / KLAC

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
\$207.35	+7.02 +3.50%	-/-	\$200.33

Market	NYSE
Industry	Semiconductors
Market data as of	Oct 2, 2026 11:31 PM EDT

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
76.1 / 100	Constructive	high	79 / 100

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
\$201.50	\$218.00	\$194.00	78 / 100

Options stance	bullish
Tail-risk safety	56 / 100
JW Rank data coverage / as of	100.0% Oct 2, 2026 6:50 PM EDT

Key insight

KLAC Shows Bullish Signs Despite Valuation Concerns

Market read

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Strategy context

KLAC's recent price action suggests potential upside, but its valuation may limit further gains. Investors should monitor the upcoming earnings report for confirmation of positive momentum and guidance.



JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias

Bearish

AI analysis updated

Oct 2, 2026 1:43 PM EDT

Short-term scenario

Cautious buy only on a pullback; do not chase the Oct 2 extension. Preferred 1-3 week plan is to wait for a retest of the prior-close/pivot zone. Uncertainty is high: RSI is elevated, the daily trend is not strongly confirmed by ADX, and the Oct 28 earnings report sits near the end of this window and can gap through both the target and the stop. If price does not pull back, this setup does not trigger. Not personalized advice.

Three-month outlook

Base case is modestly constructive but wide. Backlog, AI/HBM/advanced-packaging demand, and Street growth estimates support a path toward the low-to-mid \$220s over three months if the Oct 28 report confirms backlog conversion and guidance. Consensus 12-month targets near \$234-\$239 are a ceiling reference, not a 90-day forecast. The main uncertainty is valuation and the earnings reaction: a forward multiple near 37x already discounts a lot of growth, several analysts are Neutral or recently more cautious, and the stock is still far below its \$307 52-week high, so multiple compression or a cautious guide could retest the high-\$180s even if revenue stays healthy. A clean beat-and-raise could push toward \$225-\$240; a miss or softer WFE commentary could unwind the recent bounce. Treat the range as scenario analysis, not a price promise.

Market sentiment

X discussion is thin and noisy, so it should not be overweighted. Much of the recent \$KLAC flow is promotional. Among more substantive posts, algorithmic and swing-trader accounts are mildly bullish, citing the AI backlog and treating the pullback as a buying chance, and the name shows up on semiconductor-equipment watchlists alongside peers and in at least one bullish unusual-options screen. Engagement on those posts is low. There is no clear, high-conviction crowd narrative; social tone is cautiously constructive and secondary to the broader AI equipment tape.

Supporting evidence

Strong upward price movement with KLAC trading above its prior close and key moving averages. | Positive technical indicators like RSI(14) around 63-67 and a positive MACD signal. | Recent news coverage focuses on strong AI demand, a growing backlog, and positive earnings expectations for the upcoming quarter. | Analysts expect continued growth with consensus 12-month targets near \$234.

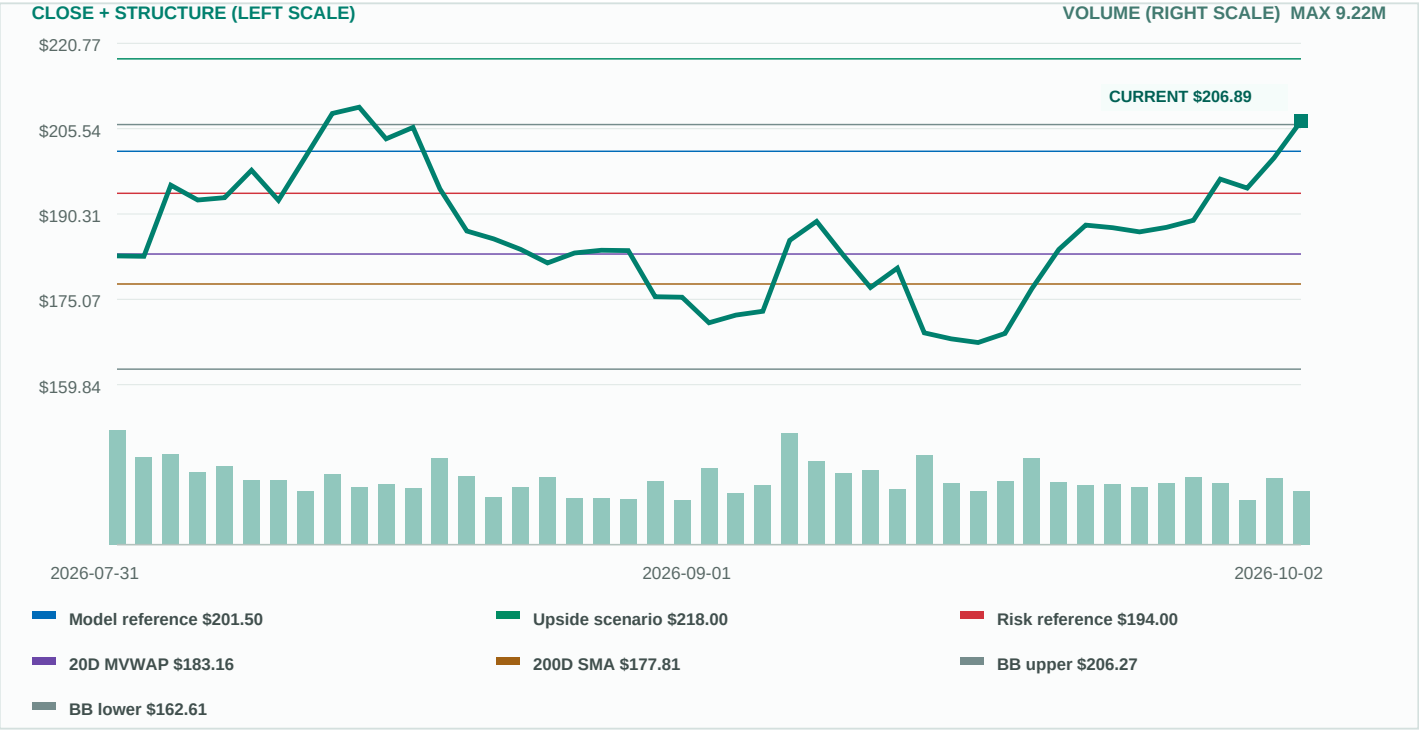
Risk watch

Elevated RSI(14) approaching overbought territory. | Valuation concerns with a forward P/E near 37x. | Earnings report on October 28th could impact price direction.



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

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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)	82.94 / 67.23 / 59.27
RSI velocity	2.09
MACD line / signal / histogram	3.52 / - / -0.04
MACD acceleration	1.00
Stochastic K / D	94.27 / 94.37

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	Above institutional MVWAP Accumulation bias
Institutional flow	1.26
20-day MVWAP	\$183.16
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	+13.21%
Daily reference VWAP	\$206.54
Price vs daily reference	+0.39%
Volume	4.31M

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	Above 200-day trend Positive macro velocity
Macro velocity	1.43
20-day / 200-day SMA	\$184.44 / \$177.81
Bollinger range	\$162.61 - \$206.27
Bollinger position	1.014



Options and volatility intelligence

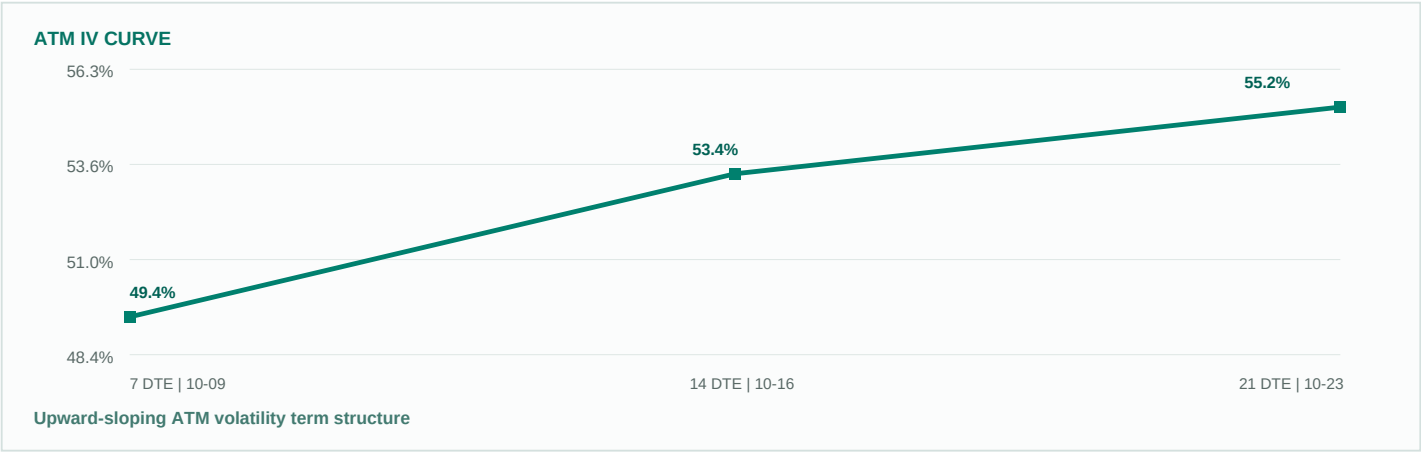
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
34 / 100	75 / 100	88.65	142.77

Market regime	Calm
Tail-risk regime	NORMAL TAIL RISK
Term structure	contango
Term slope	+5.82 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 2, 2026 2:46 PM EDT
Options data quality	Coverage 88.9%

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration

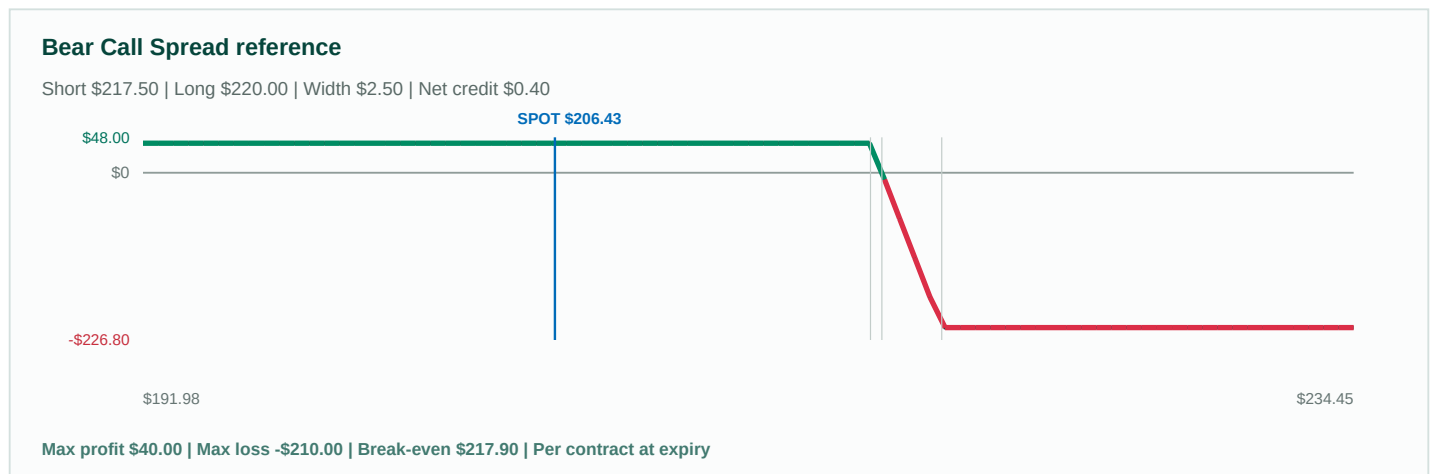
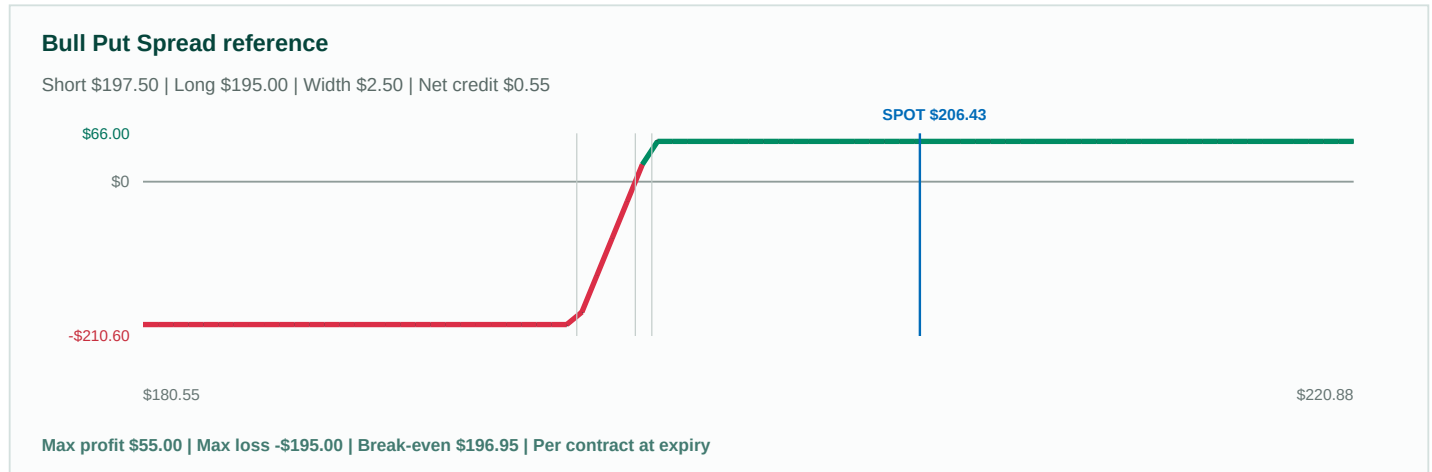


EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-10-09	7	49.4%	-
2026-10-16	14	53.4%	-
2026-10-23	21	55.2%	-



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	15.56
VVIX	88.65
SKEW index	142.77
Observation confidence	high
Option quote quality	reliable
Contracts observed	58



Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	58

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

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Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization	P/E (TTM)
\$261.43B	54.23
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%	1.44
52-week range	
\$98.10 - \$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	80.7%
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	Oct 2, 2026 12:35 PM EDT
Covered Call 2026-10-16	
At signal \$206.77 Current \$207.35	
SHORT Option \$210.00 B \$7.10 / A \$7.70	
Conservative CR \$7.40	



Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	\$7.65
ATR as % of price	3.7%
Volatility environment	medium
Current IV	62.1%
IV rank	40 / 100
IV percentile	79 / 100
Technical Snapshot IV source	Private fundamentals snapshot
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 2, 2026 7:31 PM EDT

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	73 / 100
Trend health	92 / 100
Momentum health	78 / 100
Volatility health	55 / 100
Structure health	49 / 100
Earnings risk / date	low 2026-10-28
Macro risk	unknown
Volatility risk	medium
Structure risk	high

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	\$184.44 / \$187.22 / \$177.81
EMA (9 / 21)	\$193.96 / \$188.35
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	\$206.27 / \$184.44 / \$162.61



Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	1.014
True high / low	\$208.68 / \$200.33
5-day true high / low	\$208.68 / \$182.70

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	1.434	-
SMA50	-0.326	-
MVWAP20	1.259	-
MACD	1.003	-
RSI	2.086	-
Volume	-206265.670	-
ATR	-0.098	-
T1	-	2.24 / 181.70 / 201.98 / 194.90
T2	-	1.25 / 180.42 / 197.60 / 193.95
T3	-	0.51 / 179.38 / 197.47 / 189.17



Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	\$206.43
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
Options Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 2, 2026 2:46 PM EDT
Options data coverage	88.9%
SKEW regime	HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW
VVIX regime	VVIX FLAT
Front expiration / DTE	2026-10-09 7 DTE
Front at-the-money IV	49.4%
25-delta skew	-1.35
Put / Call 25-delta	\$197.50 Delta -0.245 / \$217.50 Delta 0.245
Median option bid/ask spread	13.6%
Bid/ask spread	-
Contracts observed / quoted	58 / 58

Price context

Last Price: 206.43 | Bid: 206.42 | Ask: 206.45 | Previous Close: 200.33 | Change: 6.10 | Daily change: 3.04% | Update Time: 2026-10-02T14:46:13.603097-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-10-02 | Latest History Price: 206.42

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-07-10 | Latest Date: 2026-10-02 | Latest Price: 206.42 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -27.71%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 58.74% | Iv Rank: 33.95 | Iv Percentile: 74.50 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-28 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-08-16



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