



KLA Corp / KLAC

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
\$195.02	-11.83 -5.72%	\$194.92/\$195.60	\$206.85

Market	NYSE
Industry	Semiconductors
Market data as of	Oct 6, 2026 11:31 PM EDT

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
78.0 / 100	Constructive	high	77 / 100
Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
\$197.50	\$209.00	\$191.50	80 / 100

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

Key insight

KLAC Option Market Implies Uncertainty After Recent Decline

Market read

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Strategy context

The recent price drop has created opportunities for both bullish and bearish strategies. However, the lack of clear directional bias suggests caution is warranted.



JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias

Bearish

AI analysis updated

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Short-term scenario

Cautious tactical long only, small size, on a hold of the 196-198 area over 1-3 weeks into the Oct 28 earnings date. Do not chase a breakdown. This is not a high-conviction setup: the decline looks valuation- and sector-driven, RSI was stretched, and earnings can gap through both the target and the stop.

Three-month outlook

Base case is a choppy recovery rather than a straight retest of the 52-week high, supported by AI-related process-control demand, a large backlog, and management's view of stronger second-half 2026 WFE and packaging revenue, with consensus targets still implying mid-teens upside over a longer horizon. A reasonable three-month band if the Oct 28 report confirms the ~\$4B quarter and 2027 visibility is roughly the low-\$200s to mid-\$220s; a miss, softer WFE commentary, or further multiple compression could push the stock back toward the 50-day/low-\$180s or lower. Uncertainty is material: valuation is still rich versus history, analyst targets were just cut, China/Taiwan mix and supply timing remain swing factors, and social/price action does not confirm a durable bottom.

Market sentiment

Recent posts are thin and mixed, with spam diluting the feed. Traders are grouping KLAC with other equipment and memory names (for example LRCX, STX, WDC) that are also down several percent, and some are asking whether the memory/AI-capex trade is stalling. A smaller set still frames the pullback as a buy on AI backlog and process-control demand. Net short-term social tone is cautious rather than bullish; it is not a high-conviction sentiment signal. Uncertainty: volume of serious commentary is low and easily skewed by promotional accounts.

Supporting evidence

Implied volatility is at 60.64%, suggesting potential for significant price swings in the near term. | The term structure is flat, with little difference in implied volatility between near-term and longer-dated options. | The delta 25 skew is balanced, indicating equal pricing pressure on both call and put options.

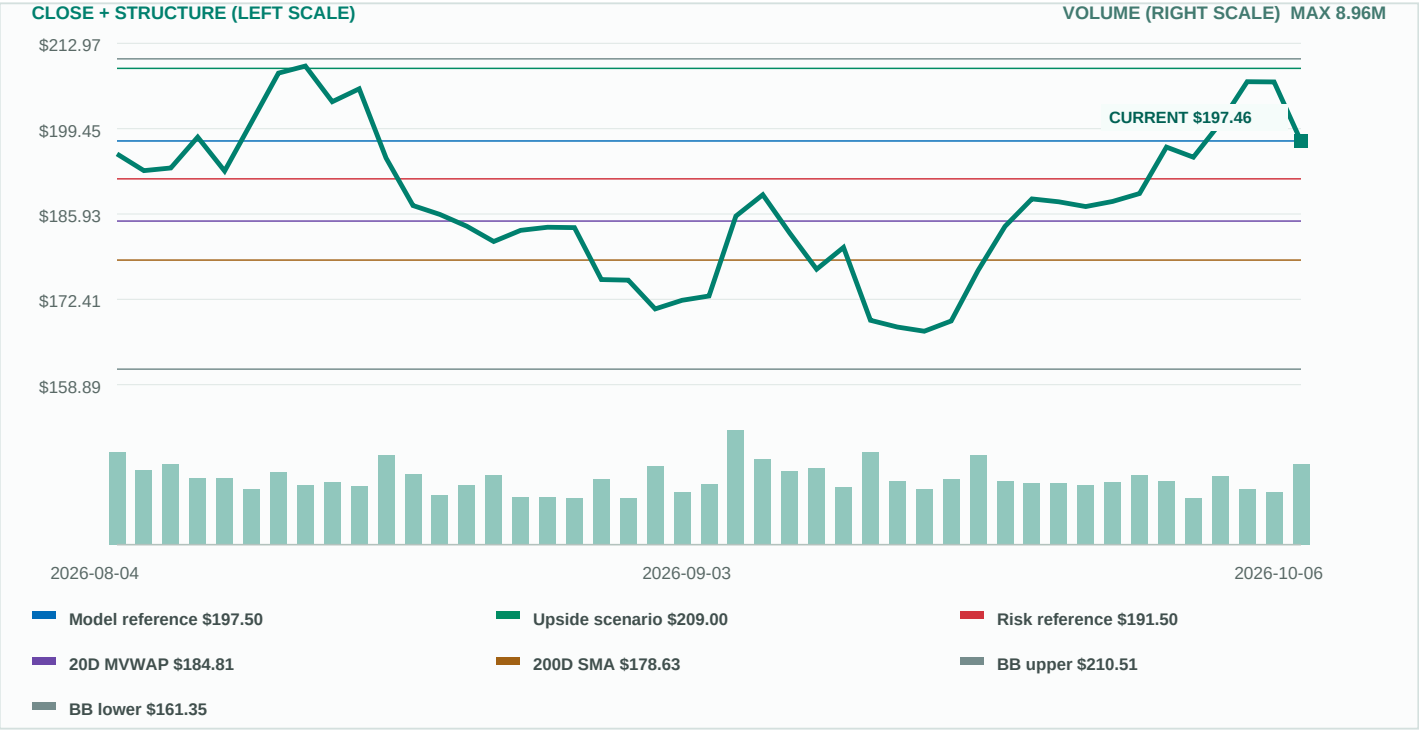
Risk watch

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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)	57.00 / 56.68 / 53.59
RSI velocity	-2.14
MACD line / signal / histogram	4.42 / - / 1.58
MACD acceleration	0.73
Stochastic K / D	88.15 / 92.69

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	Above institutional MVWAP Accumulation bias
Institutional flow	1.04
20-day MVWAP	\$184.81
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	+5.52%
Daily reference VWAP	\$200.65
Price vs daily reference	-2.81%
Volume	6.27M

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	Above 200-day trend Positive macro velocity
Macro velocity	1.06
20-day / 200-day SMA	\$185.93 / \$178.63
Bollinger range	\$161.35 - \$210.51
Bollinger position	0.735



Options and volatility intelligence

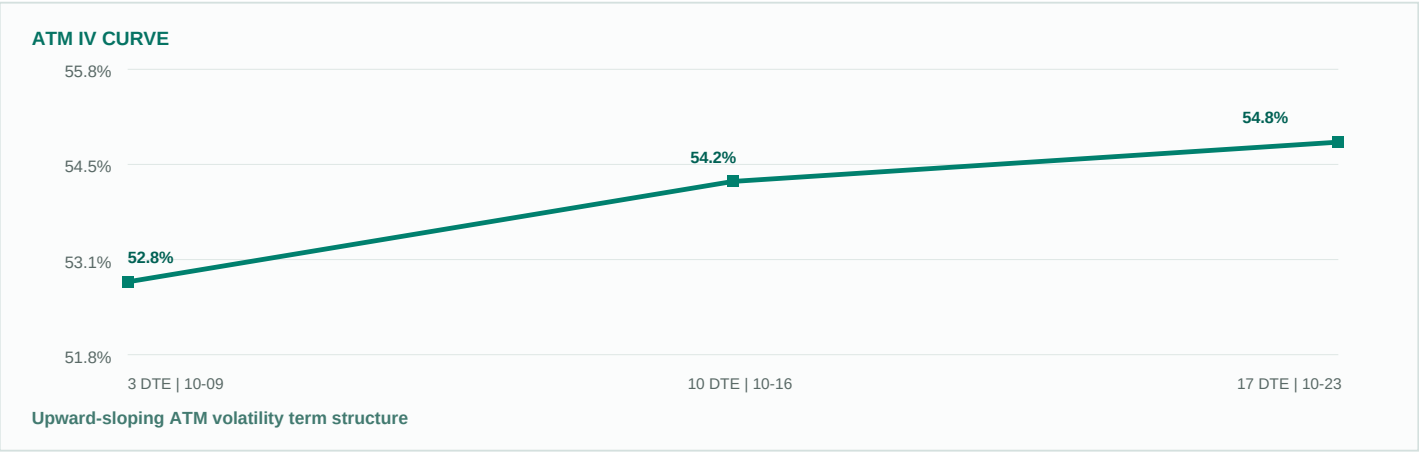
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
37 / 100	76 / 100	82.09	143.04

Market regime	Calm
Tail-risk regime	NORMAL TAIL RISK
Term structure	flat
Term slope	+1.92 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 6, 2026 2:46 PM EDT
Options data quality	Coverage 88.9%

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration

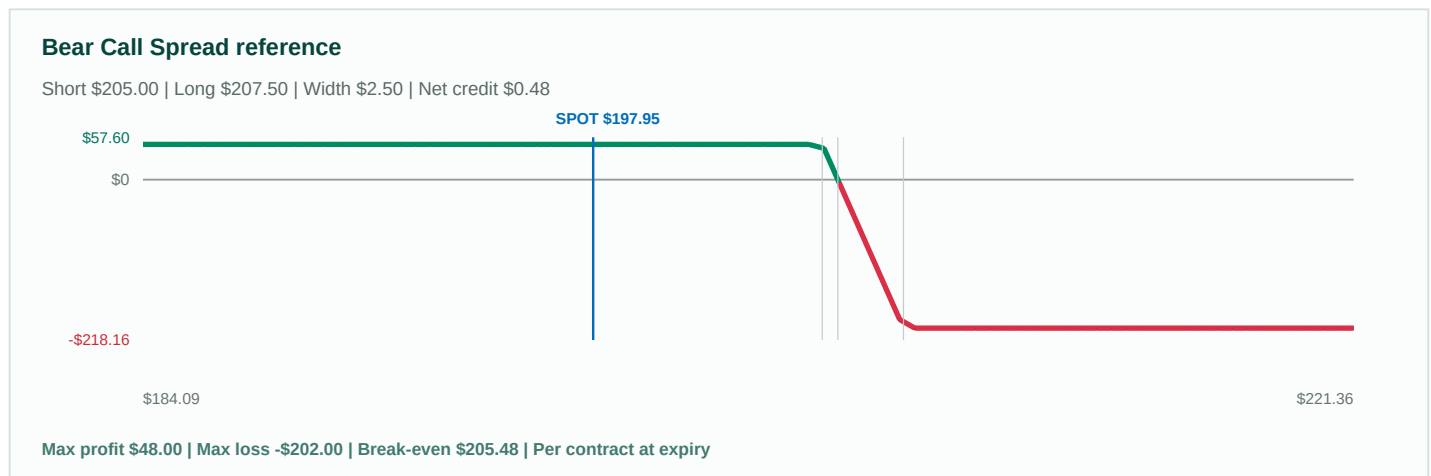
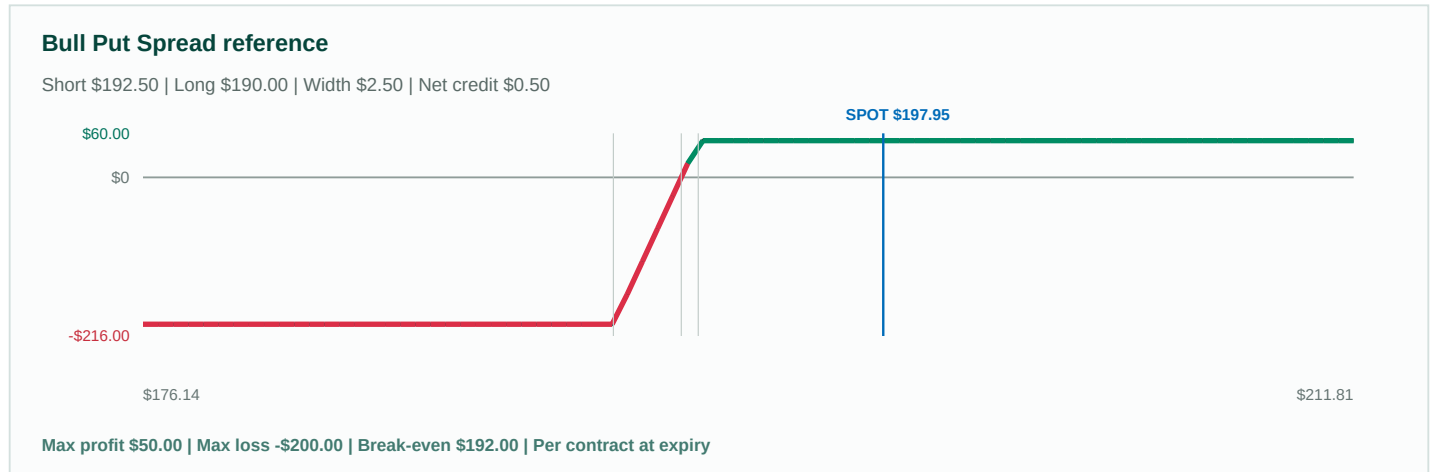


EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-10-09	3	52.8%	-
2026-10-16	10	54.2%	-
2026-10-23	17	54.8%	-



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	15.03
VVIX	82.09
SKEW index	143.04
Observation confidence	high
Option quote quality	reliable
Contracts observed	66



Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	66

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

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Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization	P/E (TTM)
\$269.94B	55.72
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%	1.45
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	81.6%
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 \$195.02	
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	\$7.85
ATR as % of price	4.0%
Volatility environment	medium
Current IV	61.1%
IV rank	38 / 100
IV percentile	77 / 100
Technical Snapshot IV source	Private fundamentals snapshot
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 6, 2026 7:31 PM EDT

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	82 / 100
Trend health	92 / 100
Momentum health	97 / 100
Volatility health	50 / 100
Structure health	77 / 100
Earnings risk / date	medium 2026-10-28
Macro risk	unknown
Volatility risk	medium
Structure risk	low

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	\$185.93 / \$187.03 / \$178.63
EMA (9 / 21)	\$196.72 / \$190.71
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	\$210.51 / \$185.93 / \$161.35



Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	0.735
True high / low	\$207.66 / \$196.83
5-day true high / low	\$208.68 / \$193.95

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	1.061	-
SMA50	-0.143	-
MVWAP20	1.037	-
MACD	0.728	-
RSI	-2.143	-
Volume	295382.000	-
ATR	0.086	-
T1	-	4.47 / 184.09 / 206.89 / 199.60
T2	-	3.52 / 183.16 / 208.68 / 200.33
T3	-	2.24 / 181.70 / 201.98 / 194.90



Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	\$197.95
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
Options Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 6, 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 3 DTE
Front at-the-money IV	52.8%
25-delta skew	-1.34
Put / Call 25-delta	\$192.50 Delta -0.272 / \$205.00 Delta 0.250
Median option bid/ask spread	12.2%
Bid/ask spread	-
Contracts observed / quoted	66 / 66

Price context

Last Price: 197.95 | Bid: 197.93 | Ask: 197.95 | Previous Close: 206.86 | Change: -8.91 | Daily change: -4.31% | Update Time: 2026-10-06T14:46:42.187763-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-10-06 | Latest History Price: 197.95

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-07-14 | Latest Date: 2026-10-06 | Latest Price: 197.95 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -27.35%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 60.64% | Iv Rank: 37.14 | Iv Percentile: 76.49 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-28 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-08-16



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