



KLA Corp / KLAC

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
\$196.50	-0.96 -0.49%	\$196.22/\$196.76	\$197.46

Market	NYSE
Industry	Semiconductors
Market data as of	Oct 7, 2026 11:31 PM EDT

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
79.3 / 100	Constructive	high	77 / 100
Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
\$194.00	\$208.00	\$186.50	80 / 100

Options stance	bullish
Tail-risk safety	56 / 100
JW Rank data coverage / as of	100.0% Oct 7, 2026 7:50 PM EDT

Key insight

KLAC Shows Bullish Signs Despite Recent Pullback

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

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Short-term scenario

Cautious tactical long only on a dip, or hold existing positions with defined risk. Avoid chasing strength ahead of the Oct 28 earnings event. Scale in and respect the stop; near-term outcome is highly uncertain due to event risk and mixed technicals.

Three-month outlook

Moderately constructive but uncertain. The enlarged AI-linked backlog, raised industry equipment forecasts, and advanced-packaging growth provide fundamental support and visibility into 2027, consistent with analyst targets above the current price. Offsets include a still-rich valuation, the sizable decline from the 52-week high, possible guidance disappointment on Oct 28, supply or cycle risks, and potential multiple compression. Base case assumes demand holds and sequential growth continues; a weaker print or softer industry tone would pressure the shares. Position size should reflect earnings binary risk and the unresolved valuation debate.

Market sentiment

Genuine discussion is thin. Most recent posts are promotional watchlists or automated alerts rather than substantive analysis; KLAC appears alongside other semiconductor-equipment names. A few comments treat the pullback as potentially supported by the backlog/AI thesis, while at least one trader reported an intraday stop-out. Overall X tone is noisy and not strongly directional. Uncertainty is high because the volume of organic, high-engagement investor posts is low and promotional content dominates.

Supporting evidence

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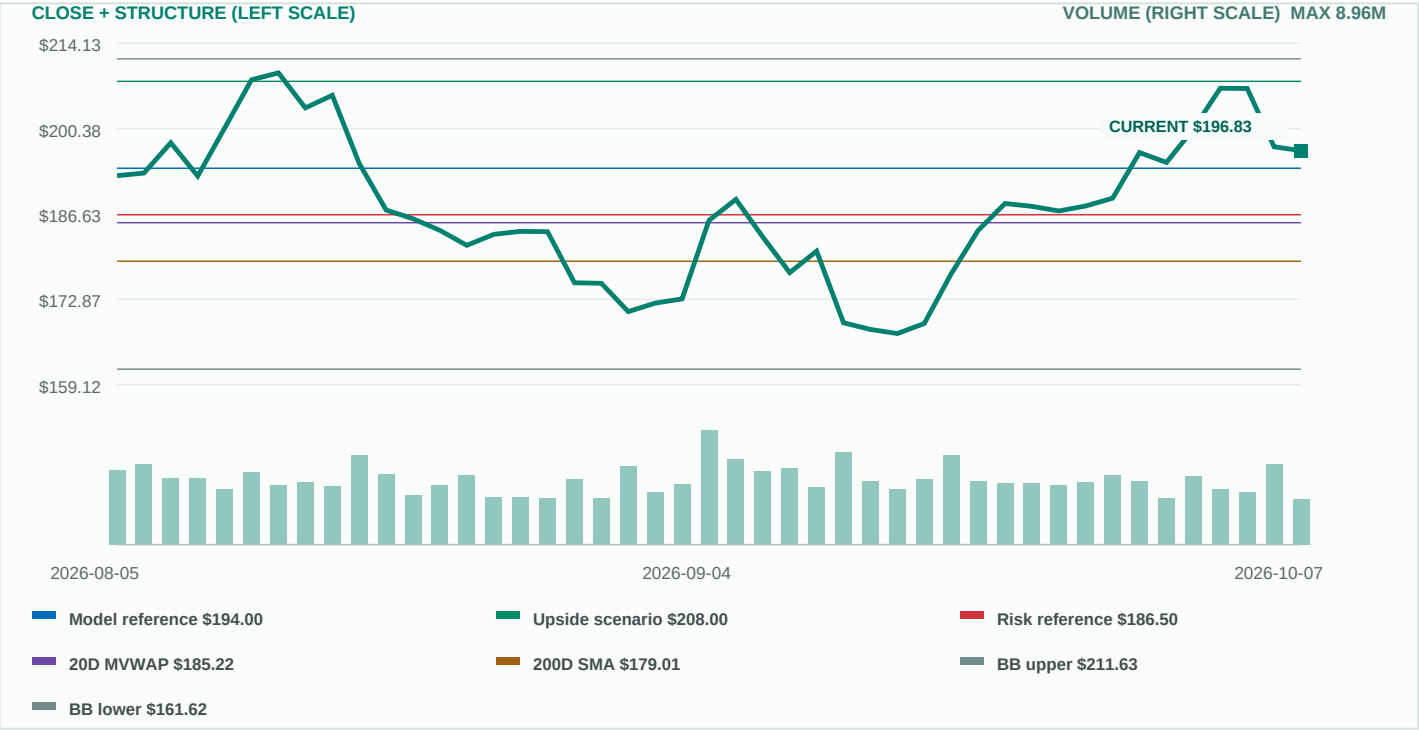
Risk watch

KLAC's valuation is elevated, with a TTM P/E near 53.



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)	55.64 / 56.05 / 53.23
RSI velocity	-3.73
MACD line / signal / histogram	4.28 / - / 2.12
MACD acceleration	0.26
Stochastic K / D	79.41 / 87.74

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	Above institutional MVWAP Accumulation bias
Institutional flow	0.69
20-day MVWAP	\$185.22
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	+6.09%
Daily reference VWAP	\$195.07
Price vs daily reference	+0.73%
Volume	3.59M

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	Above 200-day trend Positive macro velocity
Macro velocity	0.73
20-day / 200-day SMA	\$186.62 / \$179.01
Bollinger range	\$161.62 - \$211.63
Bollinger position	0.704



Options and volatility intelligence

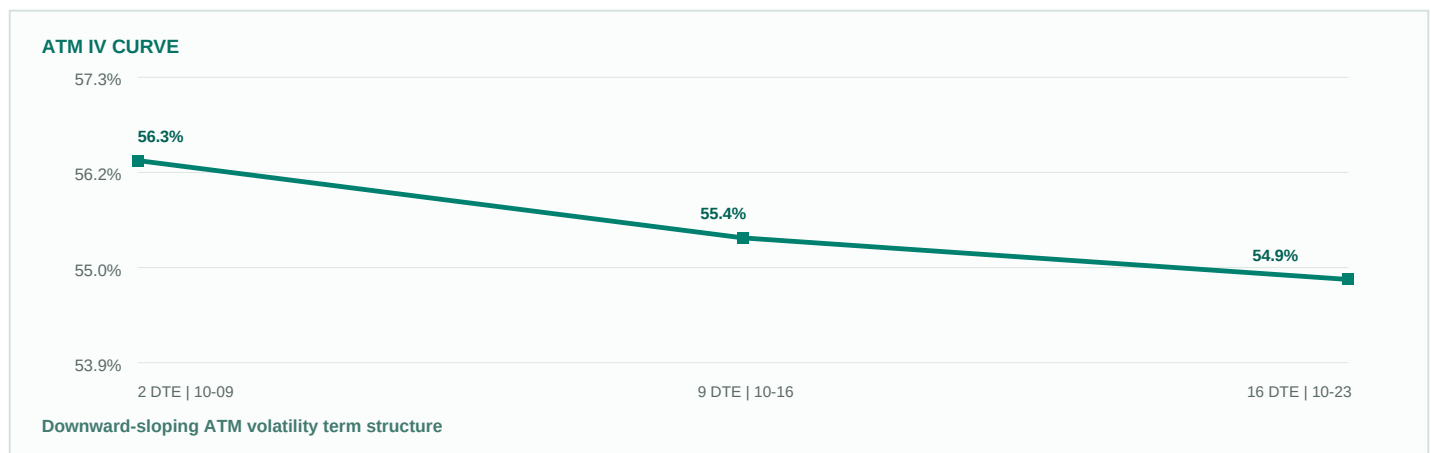
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
39 / 100	78 / 100	84.24	141.21

Market regime	Calm
Tail-risk regime	NORMAL TAIL RISK
Term structure	flat
Term slope	-1.43 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 7, 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	2	56.3%	-
2026-10-16	9	55.4%	-
2026-10-23	16	54.9%	-

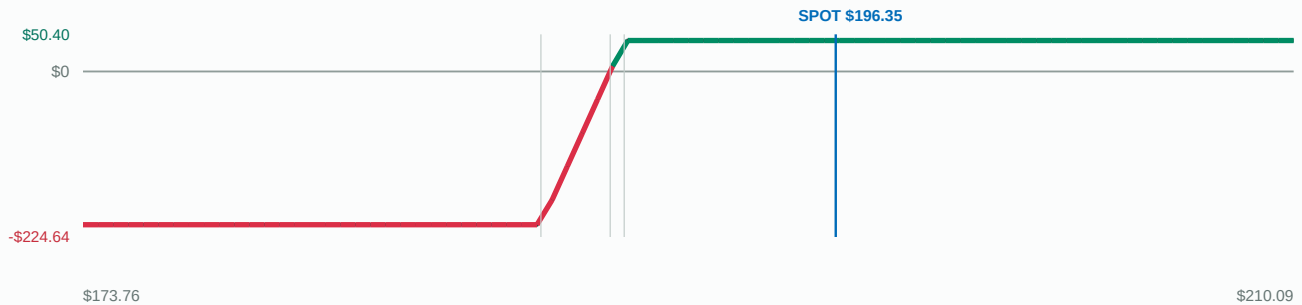


Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

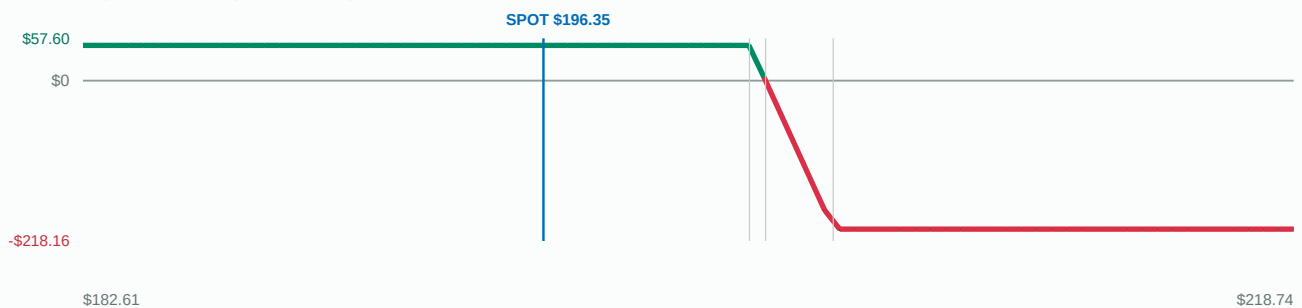
Short \$190.00 | Long \$187.50 | Width \$2.50 | Net credit \$0.42



Max profit \$42.00 | Max loss -\$208.00 | Break-even \$189.58 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short \$202.50 | Long \$205.00 | Width \$2.50 | Net credit \$0.48



Max profit \$48.00 | Max loss -\$202.00 | Break-even \$202.98 | 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	15.14
VVIX	84.24
SKEW index	141.21
Observation confidence	high
Option quote quality	reliable
Contracts observed	60



Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	60

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

Market structure

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Options context

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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)
\$257.69B	53.83
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	
\$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	87.8%
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 \$196.50	
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	\$7.74
ATR as % of price	3.9%
Volatility environment	medium
Current IV	61.3%
IV rank	38 / 100
IV percentile	77 / 100
Technical Snapshot IV source	Private fundamentals snapshot
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 7, 2026 3:50 PM EDT

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	83 / 100
Trend health	92 / 100
Momentum health	98 / 100
Volatility health	51 / 100
Structure health	80 / 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)	\$186.62 / \$187.15 / \$179.01
EMA (9 / 21)	\$196.74 / \$191.26
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	\$211.63 / \$186.62 / \$161.62



Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	0.704
True high / low	\$197.46 / \$191.20
5-day true high / low	\$208.68 / \$191.20

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	0.728	-
SMA50	-0.024	-
MVWAP20	0.686	-
MACD	0.256	-
RSI	-3.727	-
Volume	-245727.000	-
ATR	0.030	-
T1	-	4.42 / 184.81 / 207.66 / 196.83
T2	-	4.47 / 184.09 / 206.89 / 199.60
T3	-	3.52 / 183.16 / 208.68 / 200.33



Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	\$196.35
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
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Options data coverage	88.9%
SKEW regime	HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW
VVIX regime	VVIX FLAT
Front expiration / DTE	2026-10-09 2 DTE
Front at-the-money IV	56.3%
25-delta skew	-1.28
Put / Call 25-delta	\$190.00 Delta -0.208 / \$202.50 Delta 0.244
Median option bid/ask spread	12.8%
Bid/ask spread	-
Contracts observed / quoted	60 / 60

Price context

Last Price: 196.35 | Bid: 196.34 | Ask: 196.37 | Previous Close: 197.46 | Change: -1.11 | Daily change: -0.56% | Update Time: 2026-10-07T14:46:25.574359-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-10-07 | Latest History Price: 196.35

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-07-15 | Latest Date: 2026-10-07 | Latest Price: 196.35 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -25.45%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 61.59% | Iv Rank: 38.73 | Iv Percentile: 78.09 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-28 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-08-16



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