



KLA Corp / KLAC

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
\$187.18	-8.39 -4.29%	\$186.45/\$187.35	\$195.57

Market	NYSE
Industry	Semiconductors
Market data as of	Oct 12, 2026 11:31 PM EDT

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
68.3 / 100	Constructive	high	82 / 100
Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
\$190.00	\$202.00	\$185.00	67 / 100

Options stance	neutral
Tail-risk safety	32 / 100
JW Rank data coverage / as of	100.0% Oct 12, 2026 6:50 PM EDT

Key insight

KLAC Option Market Implies Uncertainty Ahead of Earnings

Market read

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Strategy context

The upcoming earnings release is likely driving current option activity. Traders are positioning for potential price swings based on the company's performance and guidance.



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 if \$189-\$191 support holds; otherwise stand aside. Uncertainty is high because of the ongoing slide, mixed indicators, and the Oct 28 earnings report inside this 1-3 week window. Not a high-conviction setup.

Three-month outlook

Base case is a choppy recovery toward the low-to-mid \$210s if Oct 28 results and guidance confirm AI-driven process-control demand, backlog conversion, and the raised wafer-fab spending outlook, which would be consistent with a Buy consensus and average targets near \$220-\$235. That path is not assured. Downside risk is material if guidance disappoints, export controls tighten, or the de-rating continues given a rich trailing multiple near 52x and conflicting valuation models. Uncertainty is high over the next three months due to the imminent earnings print, semiconductor cyclicalities, customer concentration, and inconsistent technical signals. This is a scenario view, not a guaranteed outcome.

Market sentiment

Oct 12 X discussion is low-volume and low-engagement. The tone is cautiously constructive rather than high-conviction: swing-trade buy notes cite AI demand and the approaching earnings print, one post flags a possible bullish spring after six down days, and technical posts treat roughly \$191 as critical support with the reversal unconfirmed. A visible options print showed about \$637k of March 2027 \$242 calls purchased. Promotional posts are also present. Overall, traders appear to be watching support and the Oct 28 report more than expressing strong directional conviction.

Supporting evidence

KLAC's implied volatility is currently at 63.5%, suggesting heightened market expectations for potential price swings around earnings. | The term structure of KLAC options exhibits backwardation, with near-term options more expensive than those further out, indicating a potential expectation for short-term volatility. | Recent news sentiment surrounding KLAC is cautiously constructive, with some analysts expressing optimism about the company's AI-driven growth prospects while others remain cautious on valuation.

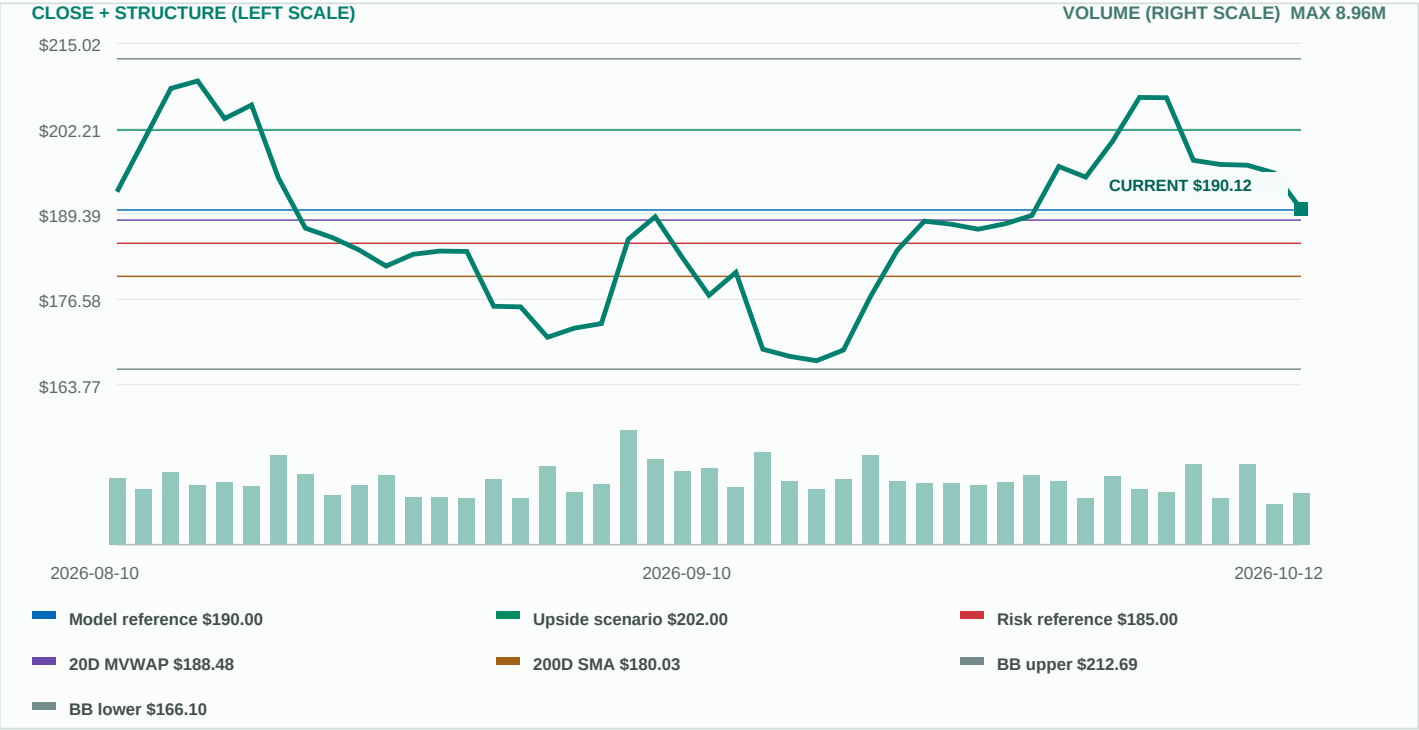
Risk watch

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Enhanced price structure

45 trading days with volume, model levels and current technical reference bands

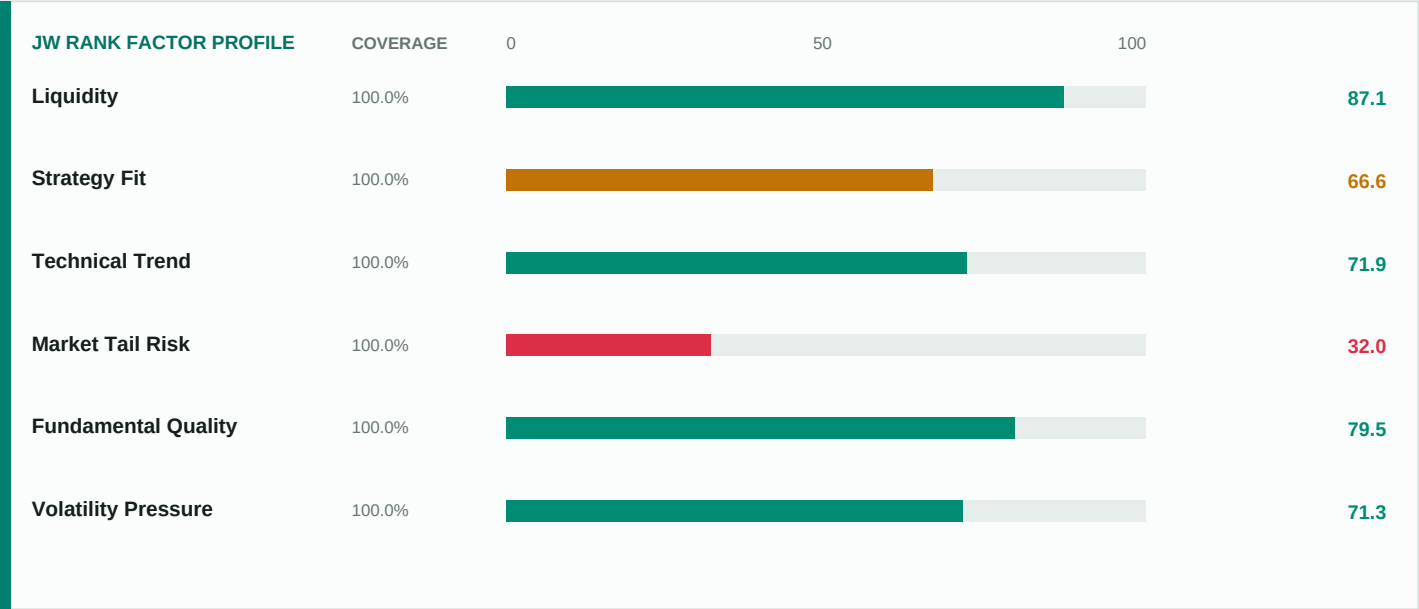


45 complete trading-session observations



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

Below MVWAP

Structure

Above 200D trend

Volatility

high



Decision indicators

Detailed momentum, institutional and structural observations

Momentum kinematics

Direction, velocity and oscillator state

Current read	STRONG BULL neutral MACD decelerating
Trend signal	STRONG BULL
RSI signal	neutral
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	40.00 / 48.89 / 49.21
RSI velocity	-2.39
MACD line / signal / histogram	3.16 / - / 2.86
MACD acceleration	-0.38
Stochastic K / D	48.84 / 59.40

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	Below institutional MVWAP Accumulation bias
Institutional flow	1.09
20-day MVWAP	\$188.48
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	-0.69%
Daily reference VWAP	\$191.18
Price vs daily reference	-2.09%
Volume	4.06M

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	Above 200-day trend Positive macro velocity
Macro velocity	0.93
20-day / 200-day SMA	\$189.40 / \$180.03
Bollinger range	\$166.10 - \$212.69
Bollinger position	0.516



Options and volatility intelligence

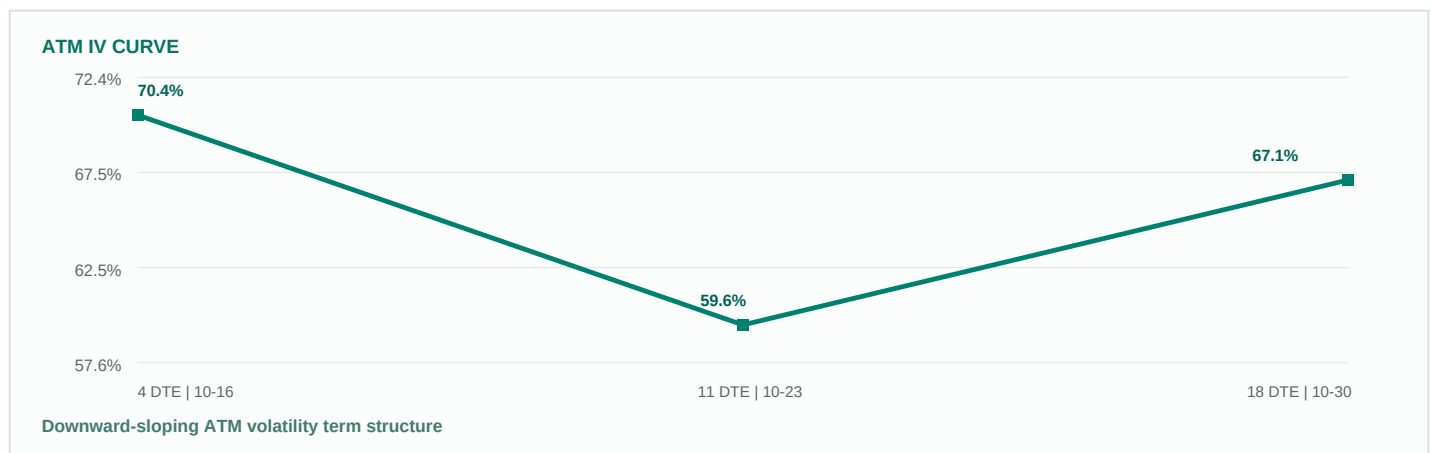
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
42 / 100	81 / 100	86.99	154.34

Market regime	DANGER ZONE
Tail-risk regime	NORMAL TAIL RISK
Term structure	backwardation
Term slope	-3.36 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 12, 2026 2:45 PM EDT
Options data quality	Coverage 77.8%

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-10-16	4	70.4%	-
2026-10-23	11	59.6%	-
2026-10-30	18	67.1%	-



Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	2026-10-28
Earnings IV-crush risk	unknown
VIX	15.25
VVIX	86.99
SKEW index	154.34
Observation confidence	medium
Option quote quality	reliable
Contracts observed	54
Contracts with quotes	54

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	P/E (TTM)
\$255.22B	52.83
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%	1.45
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	85.6%
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
Covered Call | 2026-10-16
At signal \$198.44 | Current \$187.18
SHORT Option \$207.50 B \$3.10 / A \$3.60
Conservative | CR \$3.35

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Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	\$7.76
ATR as % of price	4.1%
Volatility environment	high
Current IV	64.8%
IV rank	44 / 100
IV percentile	82 / 100
Technical Snapshot IV source	Private fundamentals snapshot
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 12, 2026 7:31 PM EDT

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	84 / 100
Trend health	92 / 100
Momentum health	89 / 100
Volatility health	49 / 100
Structure health	98 / 100
Earnings risk / date	medium 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)	\$189.40 / \$188.13 / \$180.03
EMA (9 / 21)	\$195.23 / \$191.92
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	\$212.69 / \$189.40 / \$166.10



Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	0.516
True high / low	\$195.57 / \$189.44
5-day true high / low	\$207.66 / \$189.44

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	0.925	-
SMA50	0.327	-
MVWAP20	1.087	-
MACD	-0.376	-
RSI	-2.385	-
Volume	140926.330	-
ATR	0.007	-
T1	-	3.85 / 187.03 / 201.71 / 195.08
T2	-	4.12 / 186.40 / 202.22 / 191.09
T3	-	4.28 / 185.22 / 197.46 / 191.20



Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	\$190.69
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Options data coverage	77.8%
SKEW regime	HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW
VVIX regime	VVIX FLAT
Front expiration / DTE	2026-10-16 4 DTE
Front at-the-money IV	70.4%
25-delta skew	-0.56
Put / Call 25-delta	\$182.50 Delta -0.261 / \$202.50 Delta 0.224
Median option bid/ask spread	11.3%
Bid/ask spread	-
Contracts observed / quoted	54 / 54

Price context

Last Price: 190.69 | Bid: 190.67 | Ask: 190.71 | Previous Close: 195.57 | Change: -4.88 | Daily change: -2.50% | Update Time: 2026-10-12T14:45:19.442369-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-10-12 | Latest History Price: 190.59

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-07-20 | Latest Date: 2026-10-12 | Latest Price: 190.59 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -23.49%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 63.50% | Iv Rank: 41.91 | Iv Percentile: 81.27 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-28 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-08-16



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