Lam Research Corporation / LRCX

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$214.46	-11.46 -5.07%	$213.35/$214.51	$225.92

Market	NYSE
Industry	Semiconductors
Market data as of	Nov 16, 2026 11:31 PM EST

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
41.1 / 100	Cautious	high	54 / 100

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$208.00	$232.00	$192.00	50 / 100

Options stance	mixed
Tail-risk safety	38 / 100
JW Rank data coverage / as of	100.0% | Nov 16, 2026 6:50 PM EST

Key insight

LRCX Shows Mixed Signals: Bearish Technicals, Bullish Fundamentals

Market read

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Strategy context

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JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	**Bullish**
AI analysis updated	**Nov 16, 2026 2:10 PM EST**

Short-term scenario

Cautious tactical long only, small size, for a 1-3 week bounce if support holds. Not a high-conviction trend trade. Uncertainty is high: Nvidia earnings and further AI-capex or China-export headlines can overwhelm company fundamentals in this window. Scale in rather than chase. Stand aside if support fails.

Three-month outlook

Base case is constructive but volatile, not a straight recovery. Record margins, the $25B buyback, and management's view of rising wafer-fab equipment spending (mid-$150B in 2026 and above $200B in 2027, led by DRAM) can support a partial rebound if AI and memory capex commentary stabilizes. Street targets still imply large upside from about $212, but they assume the spending cycle holds and multiples do not compress further. Downside risks include prolonged AI spending fears after the Nvidia leadership shock, shipment delays from component shortages, China export restrictions, and the existing downtrend. A plausible 3-month range under current information is roughly $185-$280, with a bias toward holding above $200 and only a grind higher if sector sentiment repairs. This is uncertain: equipment stocks can re-rate sharply in either direction, and no price path is assured.

Market sentiment

Near-term X sentiment is cautious to bearish. Traders frame the drop as chip-sector risk-off tied to Nvidia leadership uncertainty and AI spending nerves, not a Lam operating miss. Options posts cite sizeable longer-dated bearish flow. Some retail accounts are buying the semiconductor dip, including LRCX. Other posts still cite Street Buy ratings and $350-$380 targets based on etch and deposition intensity and memory spending. Institutional-trim headlines, including Tiger Global, are adding to the risk-off tone. Net read: short-term fear dominates, while longer-term bulls have not abandoned the AI equipment thesis. Sentiment can flip quickly around Nvidia earnings.

Supporting evidence

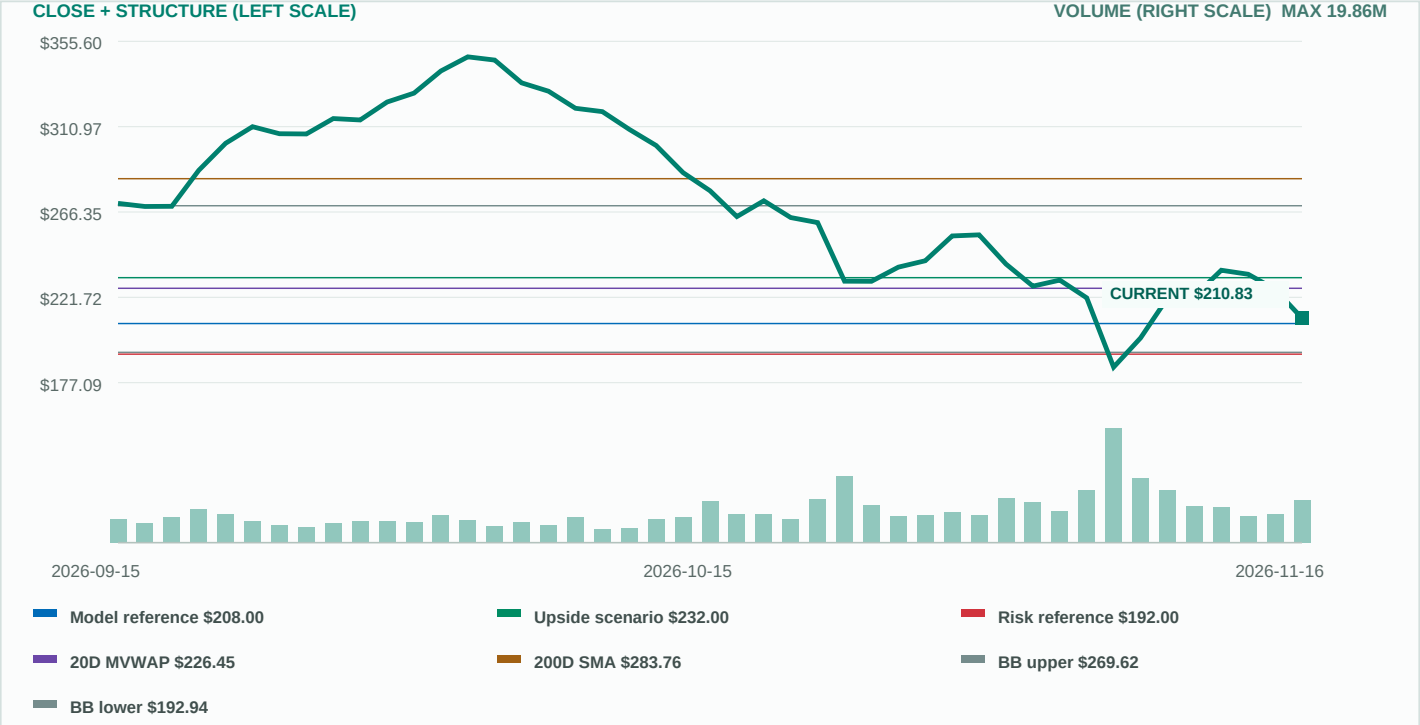
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Risk watch

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Enhanced price structure

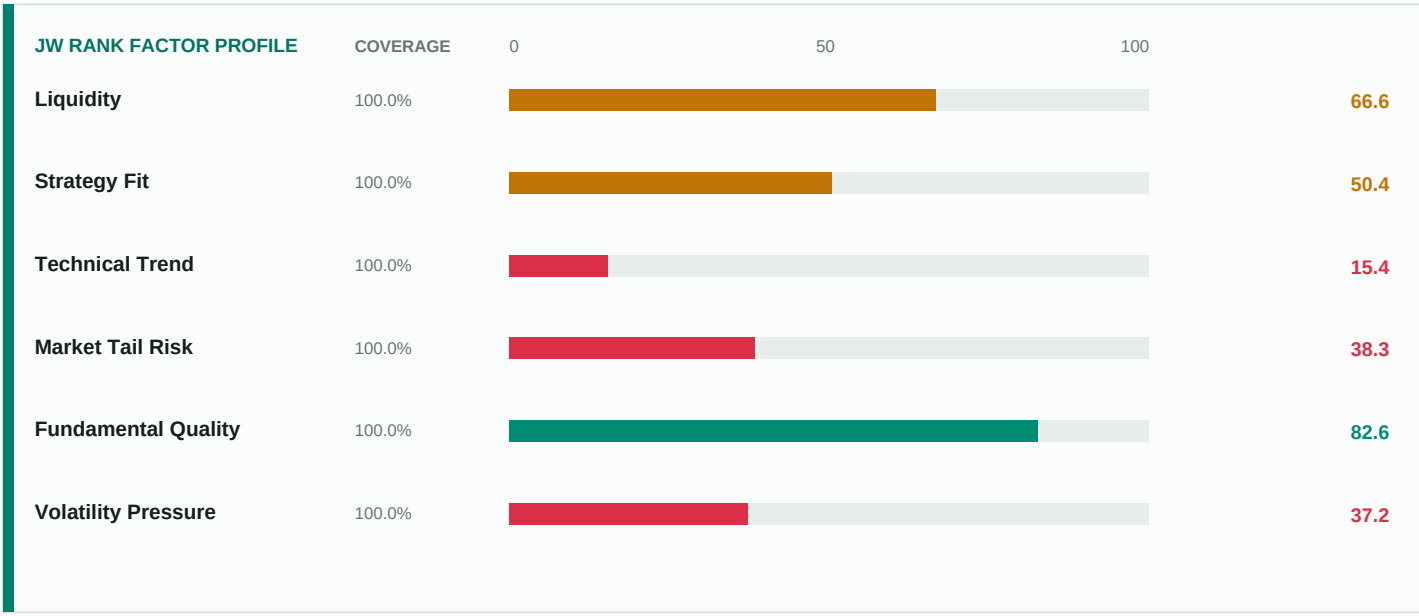
45 trading days with volume, model levels and current technical reference bands



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	Institutional flow	Structure	Volatility
strong_bear	Below MVWAP	Below 200D trend	high

Decision indicators

Detailed momentum, institutional and structural observations

Momentum kinematics

Direction, velocity and oscillator state

Current read	**STRONG BEAR | neutral | MACD accelerating**
Trend signal	**STRONG BEAR**
RSI signal	**neutral**
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	**37.56 / 37.66 / 38.41**
RSI velocity	**-2.46**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**-17.23 / - / -19.10**
MACD acceleration	**0.90**
Stochastic K / D	**51.43 / 58.21**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Below institutional MVWAP | Distribution bias**
Institutional flow	**-1.92**
20-day MVWAP	**$226.45**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**-5.29%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$212.52**
Price vs daily reference	**+0.91%**
Volume	**7.37M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Below 200-day trend | Negative macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**-2.38**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$231.28 / $283.76**
Bollinger range	**$192.94 - $269.62**
Bollinger position	**0.233**

Options and volatility intelligence

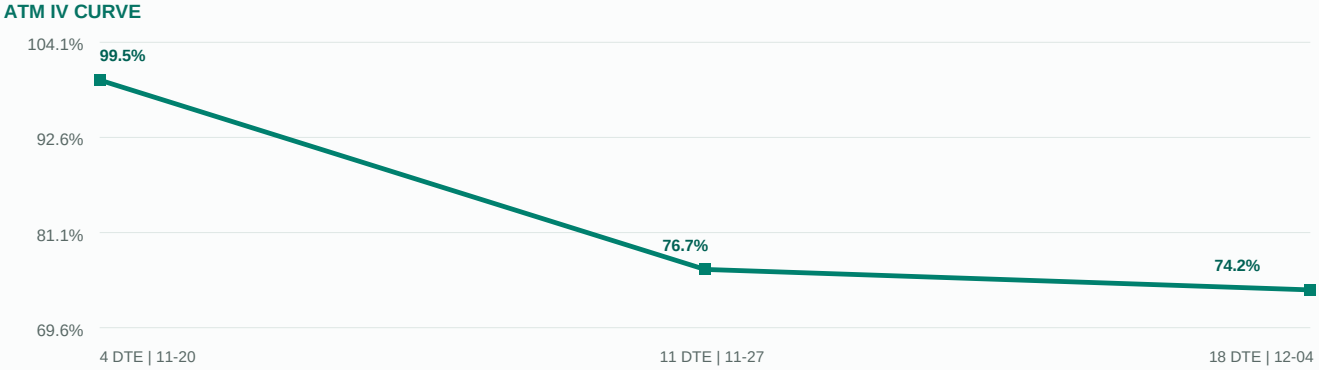
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
37 / 100	51 / 100	111.88	147.14

Market regime	**DANGER ZONE**
Tail-risk regime	**LOW TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-25.30 pts**
Skew read	**PUT DEMAND ELEVATED**
Liquidity / quote coverage	**100.0%**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Nov 16, 2026 2:43 PM EST**
Options data quality	**Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



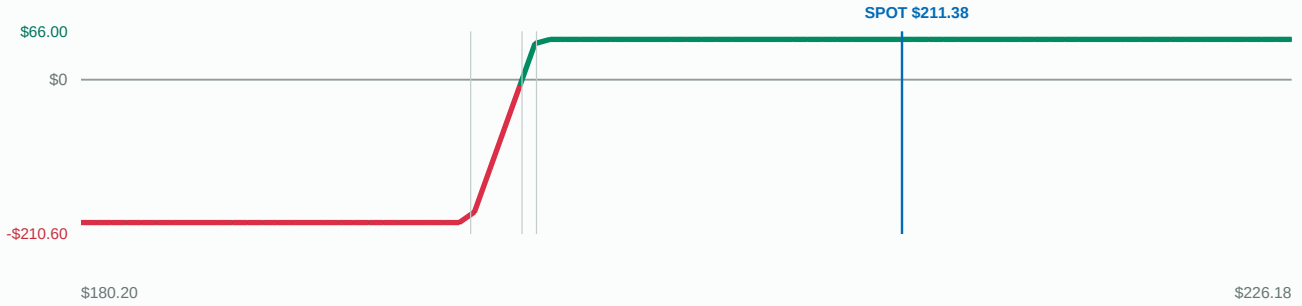
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-11-20	4	99.5%	-
2026-11-27	11	76.7%	-
2026-12-04	18	74.2%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

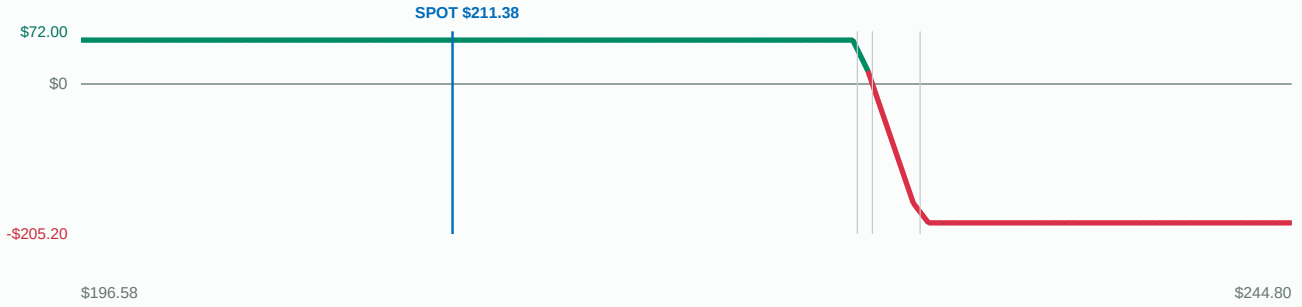
Short $197.50 | Long $195.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.55



Max profit $55.00 | Max loss -$195.00 | Break-even $196.95 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $227.50 | Long $230.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.60



Max profit $60.00 | Max loss -$190.00 | Break-even $228.10 | Per contract at expiry

Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	**2027-01-27**
Earnings IV-crush risk	**NOT MEASURED**
VIX	**23.50**
VVIX	**111.88**
SKEW index	**147.14**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**142**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

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FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**142**

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)
$265.29B	**33.40**
ROE	Revenue growth
71.8%	**10.1%**
EPS growth	Operating margin
20.2%	**37.0%**
Net profit margin	Gross margin
32.3%	**-**
Free cash flow CAGR	Debt / equity
8.6%	**0.30**
Dividend yield	Beta
1.1%	**2.03**

52-week range

$135.50 - $438.50

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name	Market
Lam Research Corporation	**NYSE**
Industry	Country
Semiconductors	**US**
Currency	IPO date
USD	**1984-05-11**
Shares outstanding	52-week return
1.25B	**47.4%**
Book value per share	Revenue per share
$11.13	**$20.81**

Website	**lamresearch.com**

Latest strategy observation

Most recent shared general market signal available when this report was generated

LRCX Covered Call signal

Nov 13, 2026 9:34 AM EST

Covered Call | 2026-11-20

At signal $232.77 | Current $214.46

SHORT **Option $235.00 B $7.90 / A $8.50**

Conservative | CR $8.20

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$16.40**
ATR as % of price	**7.8%**
Volatility environment	**high**
Current IV	**63.3%**
IV rank	**37 / 100**
IV percentile	**54 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Nov 16, 2026 6:31 PM EST**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**41 / 100**
Trend health	**25 / 100**
Momentum health	**69 / 100**
Volatility health	**0 / 100**
Structure health	**73 / 100**
Earnings risk / date	**low | 2027-01-27**
Macro risk	**unknown**
Volatility risk	**high**
Structure risk	**low**

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	**$231.28 / $275.73 / $283.76**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$223.48 / $237.52**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$269.62 / $231.28 / $192.94**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.233**
True high / low	**$225.92 / $209.89**
5-day true high / low	**$241.60 / $209.89**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-2.385	**-**
SMA50	-1.454	**-**
MVWAP20	-1.918	**-**
MACD	0.898	**-**
RSI	-2.460	**-**
Volume	382374.330	**-**
ATR	-0.158	**-**
T1	-	**-17.03 / 228.77 / 233.78 / 218.90**
T2	-	**-18.06 / 230.17 / 239.67 / 227.35**
T3	-	**-19.92 / 232.20 / 241.60 / 222.39**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$211.38**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Nov 16, 2026 2:43 PM EST**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FALLING**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-11-20 | 4 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**99.5%**
25-delta skew	**8.89**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$197.50 Delta -0.249 / $227.50 Delta 0.248**
Median option bid/ask spread	**7.3%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**142 / 142**

Price context

Last Price: 211.38 | Bid: 211.35 | Ask: 211.41 | Previous Close: 225.92 | Change: -14.54 | Daily change: -6.44% | Update Time: 2026-11-16T14:43:32.248334-05:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-11-16 | Latest History Price: 211.36

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-08-24 | Latest Date: 2026-11-16 | Latest Price: 211.36 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -46.70%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 62.86% | Iv Rank: 36.63 | Iv Percentile: 51.39 | Next Earnings Date: 2027-01-27 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-12-01

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Scope, limitations, risk and permitted interpretation

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