Lam Research Corporation / LRCX

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$216.50	+5.81 +2.76%	$215.83/$216.37	$210.69

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Semiconductors**
Market data as of	**Nov 18, 2026 11:31 PM EST**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
47.7 / 100	Cautious	high	76 / 100

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$204.50	$220.00	$196.00	64 / 100

Options stance	**bearish**
Tail-risk safety	**56 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Nov 18, 2026 6:50 PM EST**

Key insight

LRCX Faces Headwinds, Options Market Reflects Cautious Sentiment

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	**Nov 18, 2026 2:09 PM EST**

Short-term scenario

Cautious tactical long only near support, small size. The 1-3 week tape is still a downtrend with sector volatility; this is not a high-conviction breakout trade. Uncertainty is high: a failed hold of ~$200 could extend the slide, while a bounce may stall at nearby resistance. Not investment advice.

Three-month outlook

Fundamentals remain strong (AI-linked etch/deposition and packaging demand, record margins, a large buyback, and management's view that wafer-fab equipment spending can exceed $200B in 2027), and consensus targets imply substantial upside if estimates hold. That is not the same as a reliable three-month path. The stock has already de-rated on supply constraints, a lower expected China mix, and doubts about the pace of AI capex. A sentiment stabilization could allow a recovery toward roughly $240-$280, but a continuation of the downtrend toward the mid-$180s is also plausible. Key uncertainties: whether supply constraints ease, China revenue, peer/AI-capex sentiment, and the late-January earnings reaction. Treat any price path as uncertain.

Market sentiment

X discussion is noisy with promotional posts, but substantive comments focus on a roughly 20% drop over about 30 days (and a larger multi-month drawdown) despite record results. Tone is cautious near term: traders note the lack of a confirmed bullish trend and flag support near the mid-$200s (one setup cited about $204.6). Some dip-interest appeared alongside a semiconductor bounce narrative after Nvidia results, and analyst-linked posts still highlight Bernstein remaining constructive. Overall social sentiment is defensive-to-mixed, not euphoric, and is a poor standalone signal.

Supporting evidence

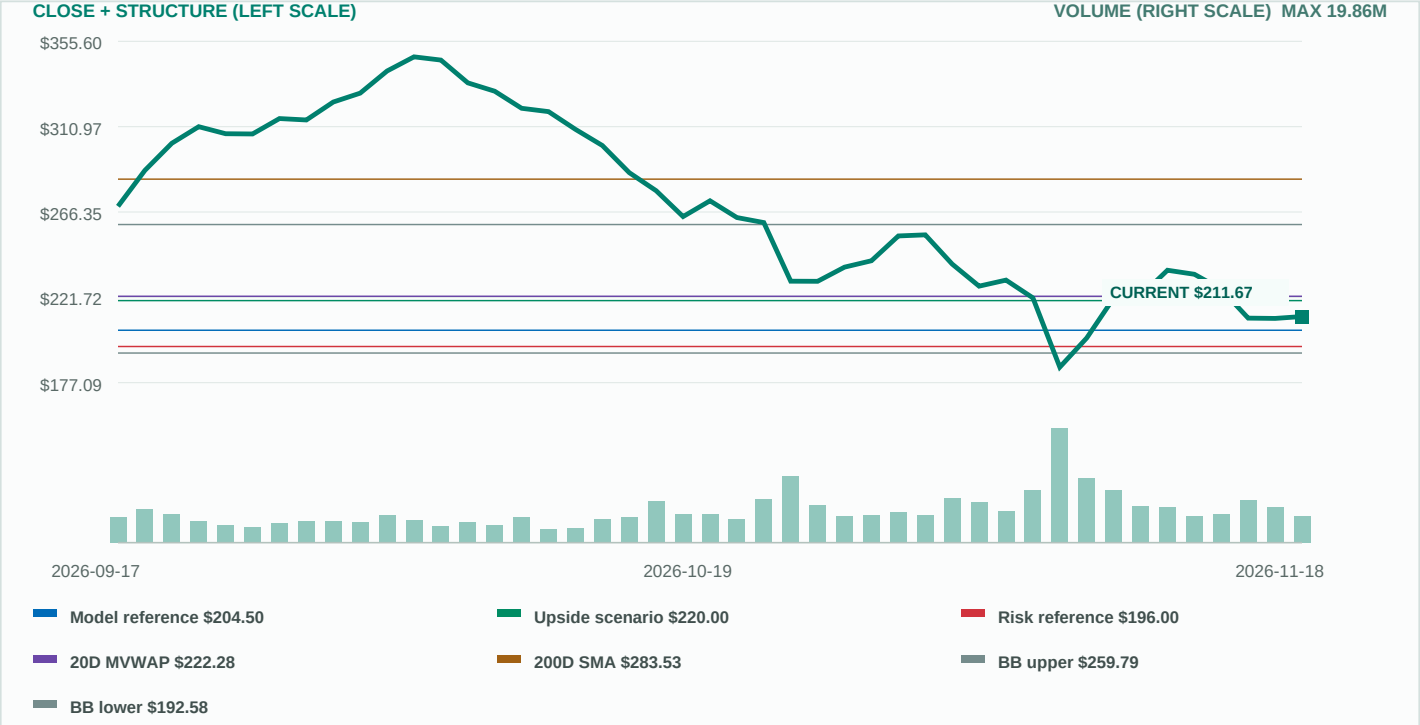
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Risk watch

Supply chain constraints could continue to weigh on earnings. | A slowdown in China revenue growth could further impact the company's performance.

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)	**38.53 / 38.10 / 38.69**
RSI velocity	**-1.28**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**-16.90 / - / -18.35**
MACD acceleration	**0.04**
Stochastic K / D	**38.33 / 43.71**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Below institutional MVWAP | Distribution bias**
Institutional flow	**-2.16**
20-day MVWAP	**$222.28**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**-2.60%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$211.00**
Price vs daily reference	**+2.61%**
Volume	**4.54M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Below 200-day trend | Negative macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**-2.72**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$226.19 / $283.53**
Bollinger range	**$192.58 - $259.79**
Bollinger position	**0.284**

Options and volatility intelligence

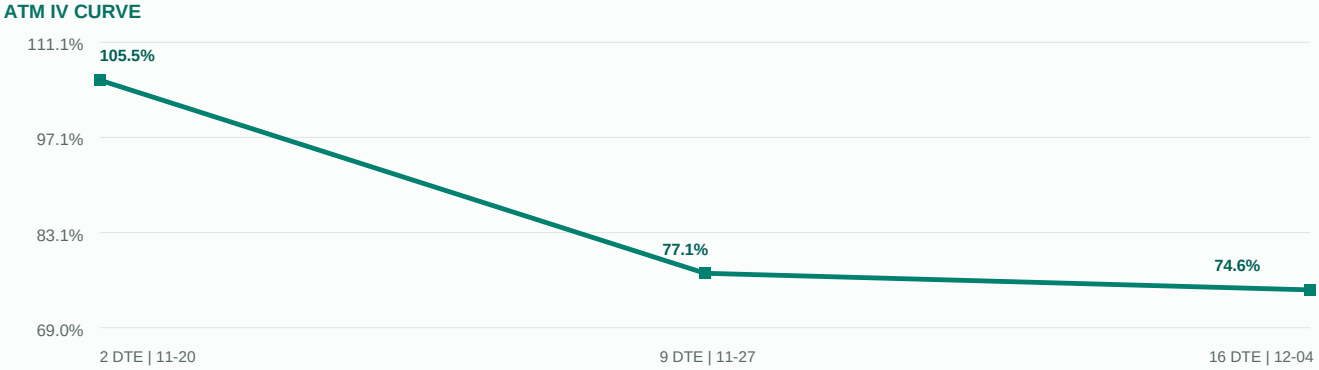
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
48 / 100	78 / 100	114.92	145.11

Market regime	**Calm**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-30.90 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 18, 2026 2:43 PM EST**
Options data quality	**Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



Downward-sloping ATM volatility term structure

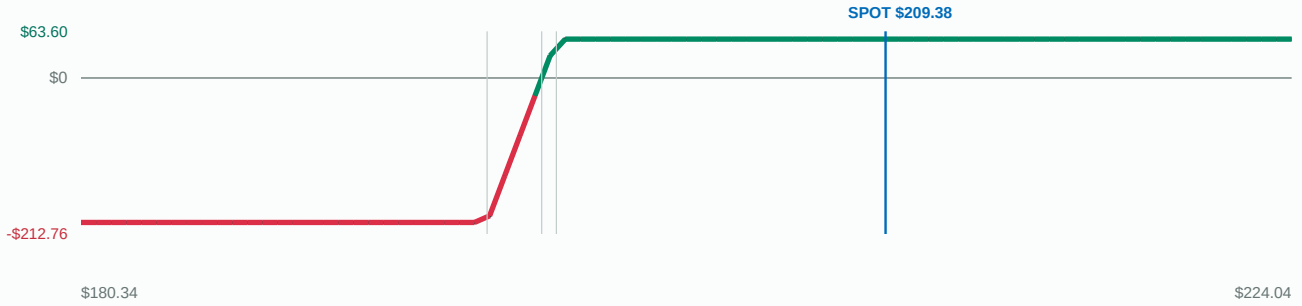
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-11-20	2	105.5%	-
2026-11-27	9	77.1%	-
2026-12-04	16	74.6%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

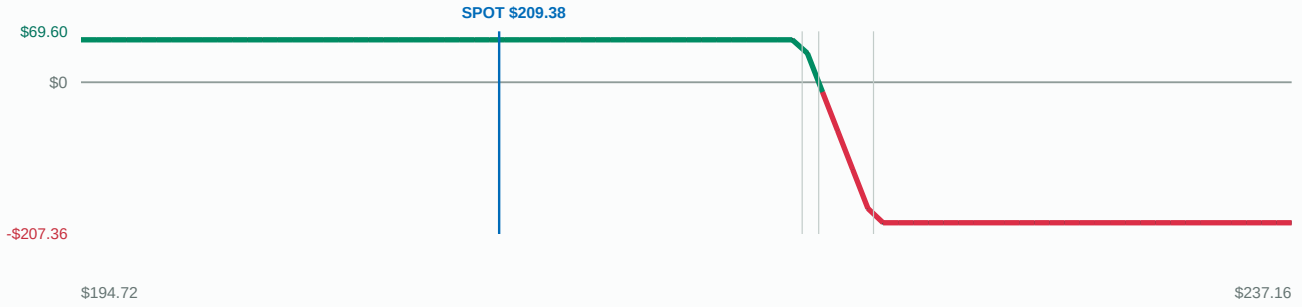
Short $197.50 | Long $195.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.53



Max profit $53.00 | Max loss -$197.00 | Break-even $196.97 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $220.00 | Long $222.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.58



Max profit $58.00 | Max loss -$192.00 | Break-even $220.58 | 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	**24.28**
VVIX	**114.92**
SKEW index	**145.11**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**144**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**144**

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

Market structure

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Principal risks to monitor

Supply chain constraints could continue to weigh on earnings. | A slowdown in China revenue growth could further impact the company's performance.

Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization	P/E (TTM)
$263.19B	**31.15**
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%	**2.04**

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	**42.9%**
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 18, 2026 10:06 AM EST

Covered Call | 2026-11-20

At signal $210.99 | Current $216.50

SHORT **Option $212.50 B $5.85 / A $6.55**

Conservative | CR $6.20

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$15.65**
ATR as % of price	**7.4%**
Volatility environment	**high**
Current IV	**68.6%**
IV rank	**46 / 100**
IV percentile	**76 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Nov 18, 2026 6:31 PM EST**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**42 / 100**
Trend health	**25 / 100**
Momentum health	**70 / 100**
Volatility health	**0 / 100**
Structure health	**78 / 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)	**$226.19 / $271.45 / $283.53**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$219.07 / $232.95**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$259.79 / $226.19 / $192.58**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.284**
True high / low	**$214.90 / $206.43**
5-day true high / low	**$239.67 / $201.91**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-2.721	**-**
SMA50	-2.072	**-**
MVWAP20	-2.164	**-**
MACD	0.042	**-**
RSI	-1.283	**-**
Volume	-149785.330	**-**
ATR	-0.260	**-**
T1	-	**-17.20 / 224.69 / 215.50 / 201.91**
T2	-	**-17.23 / 226.45 / 225.92 / 209.89**
T3	-	**-17.03 / 228.77 / 233.78 / 218.90**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$209.38**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Nov 18, 2026 2:43 PM EST**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX RISING**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-11-20 | 2 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**105.5%**
25-delta skew	**9.02**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$197.50 Delta -0.233 / $220.00 Delta 0.266**
Median option bid/ask spread	**8.7%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**144 / 144**

Price context

Last Price: 209.38 | Bid: 209.30 | Ask: 209.47 | Previous Close: 210.69 | Change: -1.31 | Daily change: -0.62% | Update Time: 2026-11-18T14:43:14.847045-05:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-11-18 | Latest History Price: 209.38

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-08-26 | Latest Date: 2026-11-18 | Latest Price: 209.38 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -46.70%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 69.53% | Iv Rank: 47.86 | Iv Percentile: 78.49 | Next Earnings Date: 2027-01-27 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-12-01

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