Lam Research Corporation / LRCX

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$189.10	-14.58 -7.16%	-/-	$203.68

Market	NYSE
Industry	Semiconductors
Market data as of	Nov 20, 2026 11:32 PM EST

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
36.0 / 100	Cautious	high	92 / 100

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$184.00	$199.00	$175.00	40 / 100

Options stance	mixed
Tail-risk safety	23 / 100
JW Rank data coverage / as of	100.0% | Nov 20, 2026 6:50 PM EST

Key insight

LRCX Option Market Shows Uncertainty Amidst Declining Sentiment and Strong Bearish Trend

Market read

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Strategy context

The current market environment presents a mixed picture for LRCX options traders. While the recent price decline creates potential opportunities for bearish strategies, the elevated implied volatility and uncertain outlook warrant caution.

JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	**Bullish**
AI analysis updated	**Nov 20, 2026 2:03 PM EST**

Short-term scenario

Cautious / no aggressive new long. 1-3 week setup is a possible oversold bounce only if $182-$185 support holds; otherwise stay sidelined. Trend and sector sentiment remain against the stock, and today's move is largely macro/sentiment driven, so follow-through is uncertain. This is not a recommendation to buy or sell.

Three-month outlook

Cautiously constructive on fundamentals if AI-related wafer equipment spending stays firm: recent results and guidance were strong, a large buyback is in place, and published analyst targets still imply large upside from current levels. Offsetting that, the chart is damaged, China revenue is a clear risk, and investors are debating whether equipment spending is near a cyclical peak. A partial recovery toward the $220-$250 area is plausible if sentiment stabilizes, but a deeper test of the $160-$180 zone cannot be ruled out. Uncertainty is high around AI capex durability, geopolitics, and whether the current selloff is a reset or the start of a longer derating.

Market sentiment

Cautious to bearish in the near term. Posts frame LRCX as down roughly 50%+ from its 52-week high amid a broad AI and semiconductor drawdown, questioning whether the decline is a discount or a warning. Sector commentary shows chip-equipment names leading losses in a rotation out of crowded AI trades. Some longer-term accounts treat the name as higher quality at lower prices and more attractive below about $180, but high-conviction bullish flow is limited today. Sentiment is noisy and can reverse with the tape.

Supporting evidence

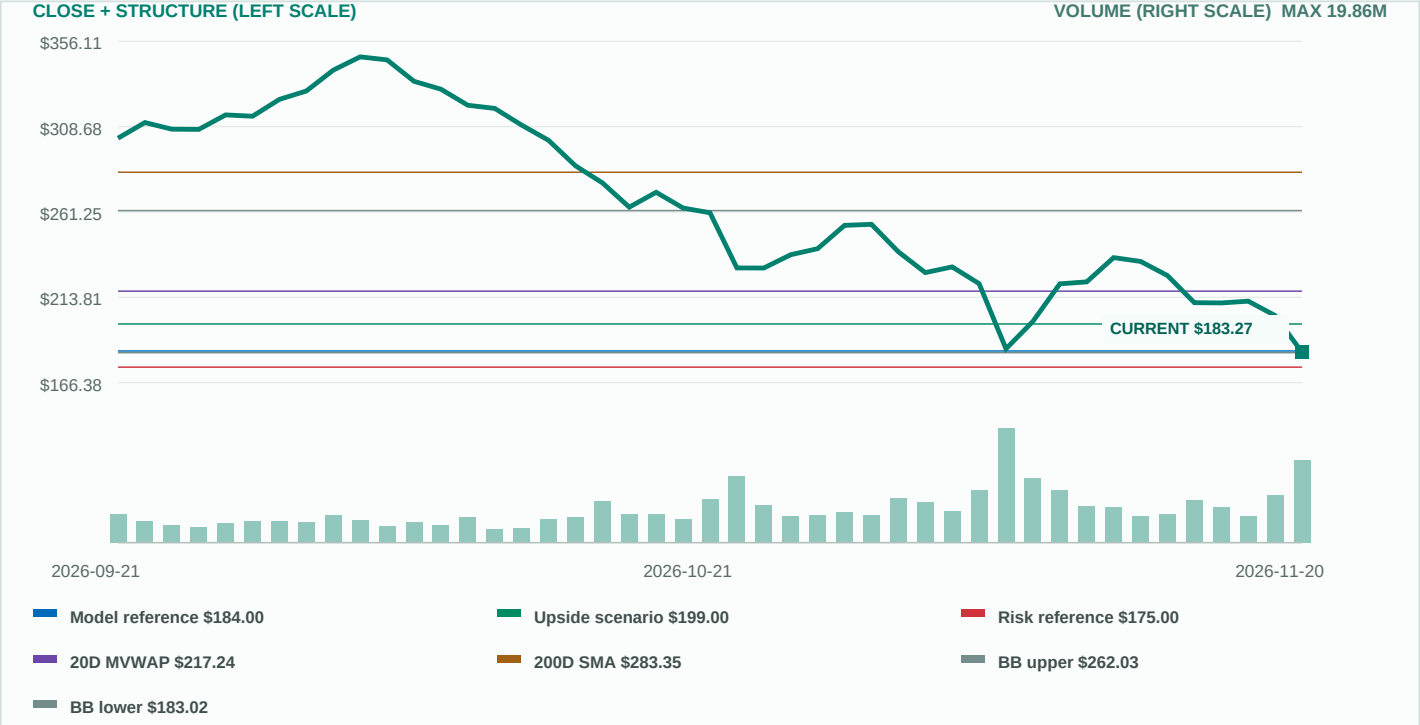
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Risk watch

Significant downside risk if AI capex spending slows down or China revenue declines further. | High beta stock susceptible to broader market volatility and sentiment shifts.

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 decelerating**
Trend signal	**STRONG BEAR**
RSI signal	**neutral**
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	**23.55 / 30.45 / 33.40**
RSI velocity	**-2.39**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**-18.71 / - / -18.23**
MACD acceleration	**-0.50**
Stochastic K / D	**26.94 / 34.31**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Below institutional MVWAP | Distribution bias**
Institutional flow	**-2.48**
20-day MVWAP	**$217.24**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**-12.95%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$188.27**
Price vs daily reference	**+0.44%**
Volume	**14.27M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Below 200-day trend | Negative macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**-2.04**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$222.52 / $283.35**
Bollinger range	**$183.02 - $262.03**
Bollinger position	**0.003**

Options and volatility intelligence

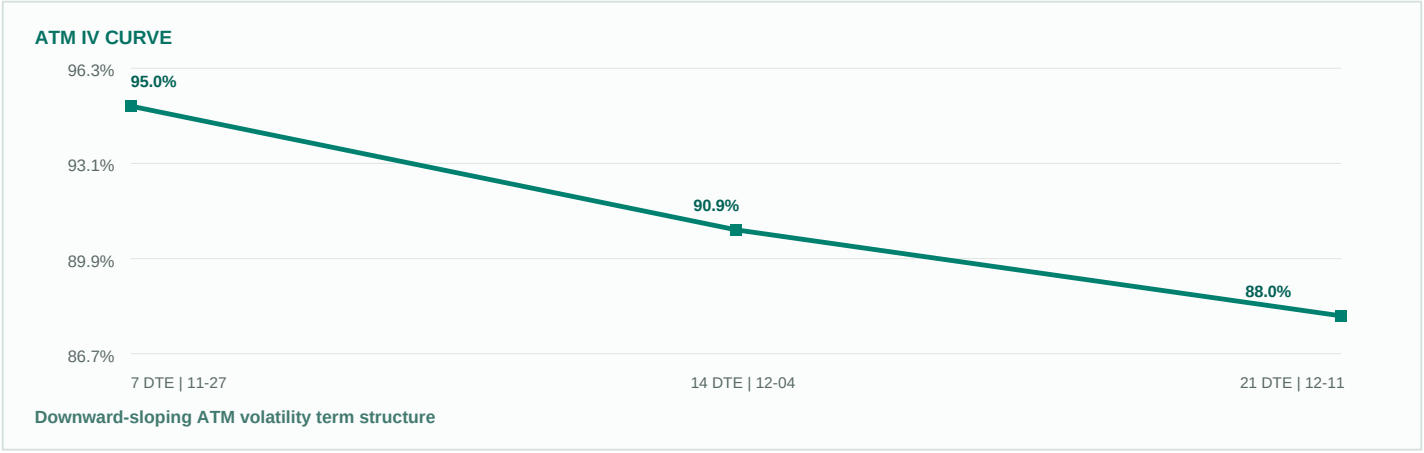
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
77 / 100	91 / 100	134.54	140.86

Market regime	**CRASH RISK**
Tail-risk regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-7.02 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 20, 2026 2:41 PM EST**
Options data quality	**Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



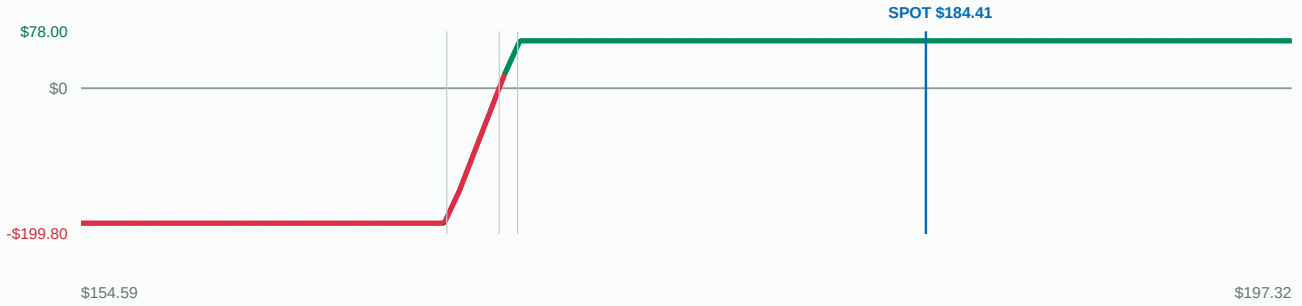
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-11-27	7	95.0%	-
2026-12-04	14	90.9%	-
2026-12-11	21	88.0%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

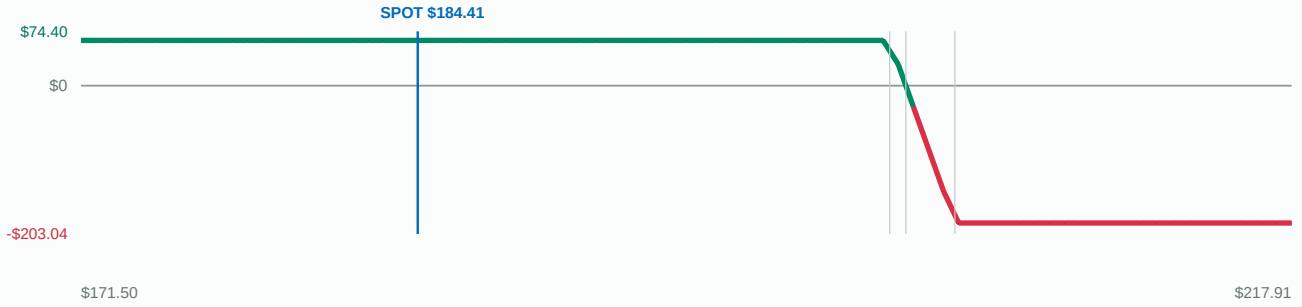
Short $170.00 | Long $167.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.65



Max profit $65.00 | Max loss -$185.00 | Break-even $169.35 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $202.50 | Long $205.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.62



Max profit $62.00 | Max loss -$188.00 | Break-even $203.12 | 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	**33.73**
VVIX	**134.54**
SKEW index	**140.86**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**110**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**110**

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

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Observed evidence

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Principal risks to monitor

Significant downside risk if AI capex spending slows down or China revenue declines further. | High beta stock susceptible to broader market volatility and sentiment shifts.

Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization	P/E (TTM)
$254.43B	**31.29**
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	**47.8%**
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 19, 2026 10:24 AM EST

Covered Call | 2026-11-20

At signal $216.27 | Current $189.10

SHORT **Option $217.50 B $4.25 / A $4.80**

Conservative | CR $4.53

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$16.28**
ATR as % of price	**8.9%**
Volatility environment	**high**
Current IV	**87.9%**
IV rank	**79 / 100**
IV percentile	**92 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Nov 20, 2026 3:11 PM EST**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**33 / 100**
Trend health	**25 / 100**
Momentum health	**56 / 100**
Volatility health	**0 / 100**
Structure health	**50 / 100**
Earnings risk / date	**low | 2027-01-27**
Macro risk	**unknown**
Volatility risk	**high**
Structure risk	**medium**

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	**$222.52 / $267.26 / $283.35**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$209.45 / $226.02**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$262.03 / $222.52 / $183.02**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.003**
True high / low	**$203.68 / $181.77**
5-day true high / low	**$225.92 / $181.77**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-2.041	**-**
SMA50	-2.090	**-**
MVWAP20	-2.482	**-**
MACD	-0.505	**-**
RSI	-2.391	**-**
Volume	2680175.000	**-**
ATR	0.029	**-**
T1	-	**-17.11 / 220.67 / 221.96 / 203.45**
T2	-	**-16.90 / 222.28 / 214.90 / 206.43**
T3	-	**-17.20 / 224.69 / 215.50 / 201.91**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$184.41**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Nov 20, 2026 2:41 PM EST**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX RISING**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-11-27 | 7 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**95.0%**
25-delta skew	**16.69**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$170.00 Delta -0.259 / $202.50 Delta 0.243**
Median option bid/ask spread	**9.7%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**110 / 110**

Price context

Last Price: 184.41 | Bid: 184.32 | Ask: 184.44 | Previous Close: 203.69 | Change: -19.28 | Daily change: -9.46% | Update Time: 2026-11-20T14:41:47.515817-05:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-11-20 | Latest History Price: 184.41

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-08-28 | Latest Date: 2026-11-20 | Latest Price: 184.41 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -46.93%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 86.67% | Iv Rank: 76.74 | Iv Percentile: 91.24 | Next Earnings Date: 2027-01-27 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-12-01

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