Mastercard Incorporated / MA

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$645.98	-15.73 -2.38%	$645.11/$649.46	$661.71

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Financial Services**
Market data as of	**Nov 17, 2026 11:31 PM EST**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
69.1 / 100	Constructive	high	39 / 100

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$645.00	$668.00	$630.00	70 / 100

Options stance	**neutral**
Tail-risk safety	**32 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Nov 17, 2026 6:50 PM EST**

Key insight

MA Option Market Implies Balanced Outlook with Potential for Volatility

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 17, 2026 2:02 PM EST**

Short-term scenario

Cautious buy-the-dip for a possible 1-3 week bounce if the broader selloff stabilizes, with small size only. Uncertainty is high because of the unresolved swipe-fee ruling, Nvidia-related market volatility, and short-term technical softness.

Three-month outlook

Constructive but uncertain. Secular digital-payments growth, value-added services strength (about 19% in Q3), buybacks, and company guidance for revenue growth at the high end of the low-double-digit range support a path toward the roughly $720 analyst consensus if volumes hold and the fee settlement is resolved without a sharp structural cut. Offsetting risks are a premium multiple (forward P/E near 29x), regulatory outcomes, and further multiple compression if the tech-led risk-off persists or growth slows toward the low teens. Base case is modest upside with volatility rather than a straight-line move; a negative ruling or deeper market drawdown could keep the stock range-bound or lower. This is not a forecast with high confidence over a three-month window.

Market sentiment

Quality discussion is thin. Recent posts note that short-term price action looks uncertain and has not confirmed a sustained advance, while others question whether current valuations justify new buys even though Mastercard and Visa are viewed as excellent businesses. Slightly older posts frame MA as a high-margin compounder with strong free cash flow and analyst targets near $721, with forward growth assumptions that look achievable if volume expansion continues. Promotional and low-engagement posts are common. Net tone is fundamentally constructive but cautious on the near-term tape and multiple. Uncertainty: the X sample is small, noisy, and not a robust real-time sentiment measure.

Supporting evidence

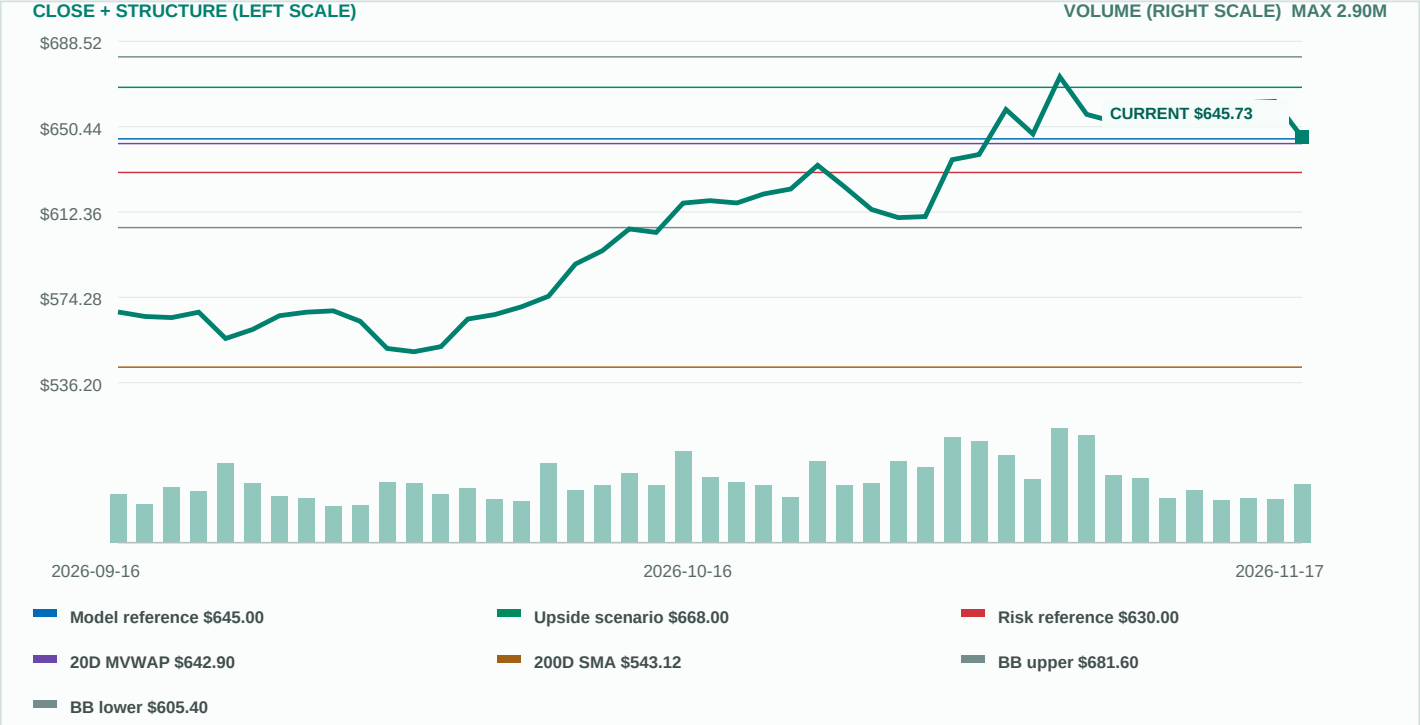
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Risk watch

Uncertainty surrounding the outcome of the swipe-fee settlement could significantly impact MA's stock price.

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_bull	Above MVWAP	Above 200D trend	medium

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)	**45.66 / 55.40 / 58.01**
RSI velocity	**-2.02**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**15.50 / - / 17.34**
MACD acceleration	**-0.83**
Stochastic K / D	**63.77 / 67.44**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Above institutional MVWAP | Accumulation bias**
Institutional flow	**1.55**
20-day MVWAP	**$642.90**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**+0.48%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$649.83**
Price vs daily reference	**-0.59%**
Volume	**1.47M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Positive macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**1.91**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$643.50 / $543.12**
Bollinger range	**$605.40 - $681.60**
Bollinger position	**0.529**

Options and volatility intelligence

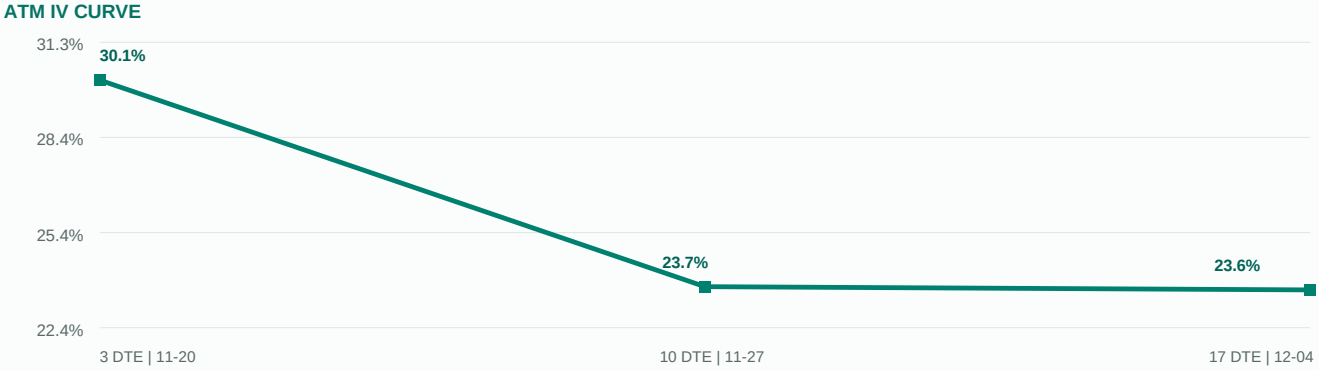
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
47 / 100	**39 / 100**	**124.35**	**146.33**

Market regime	**DANGER ZONE**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-6.52 pts**
Skew read	**balanced**
Liquidity / quote coverage	**100.0%**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Nov 17, 2026 2:40 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

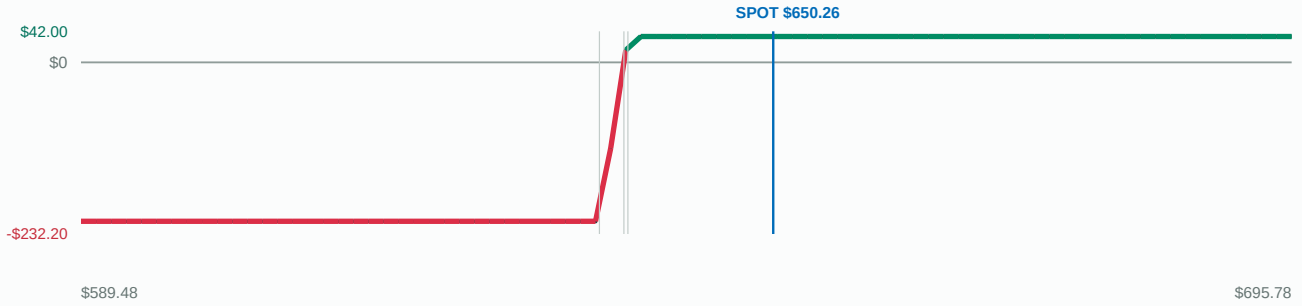
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-11-20	3	30.1%	-
2026-11-27	10	23.7%	-
2026-12-04	17	23.6%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

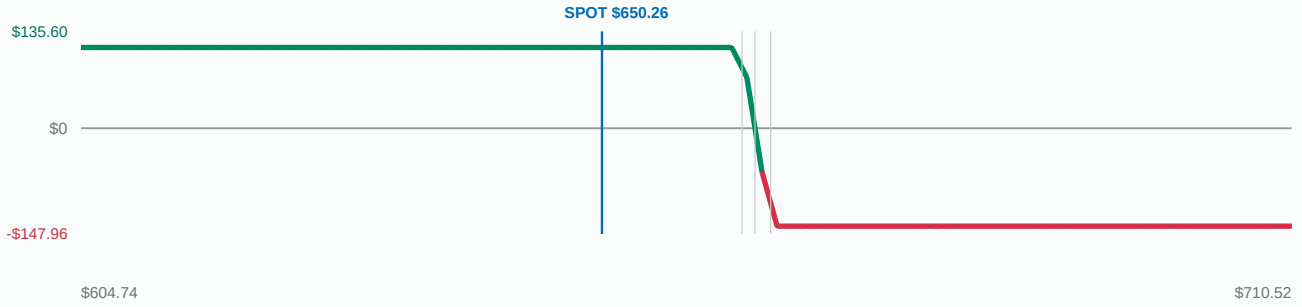
Short $637.50 | Long $635.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.35



Max profit $35.00 | Max loss -$215.00 | Break-even $637.15 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $662.50 | Long $665.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $1.13



Max profit $113.00 | Max loss -$137.00 | Break-even $663.63 | Per contract at expiry

Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	**2027-01-28**
Earnings IV-crush risk	**NOT MEASURED**
VIX	**25.99**
VVIX	**124.35**
SKEW index	**146.33**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**138**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**138**

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

Market structure

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Principal risks to monitor

Uncertainty surrounding the outcome of the swipe-fee settlement could significantly impact MA's stock price.

Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization	P/E (TTM)
$576.47B	**33.99**
ROE	Revenue growth
252.9%	**13.8%**
EPS growth	Operating margin
17.3%	**58.6%**
Net profit margin	Gross margin
46.7%	**-**
Free cash flow CAGR	Debt / equity
20.3%	**2.46**
Dividend yield	Beta
0.6%	**0.75**

52-week range

$464.52 - $681.99

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name	Market
Mastercard Incorporated	**NYSE**
Industry	Country
Financial Services	**US**
Currency	IPO date
USD	**2006-05-25**
Shares outstanding	52-week return
871.18M	**19.0%**
Book value per share	Revenue per share
$7.74	**$41.42**

Website	**mastercard.us**

Latest strategy observation

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

MA Covered Call signal

Nov 16, 2026 9:39 AM EST

Covered Call | 2026-11-20

At signal $665.95 | Current $645.98

SHORT **Option $635.00 B $30.40 / A $35.30**

Conservative | CR $32.85

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$14.10**
ATR as % of price	**2.2%**
Volatility environment	**medium**
Current IV	**23.7%**
IV rank	**47 / 100**
IV percentile	**39 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Nov 17, 2026 6:31 PM EST**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**92 / 100**
Trend health	**92 / 100**
Momentum health	**99 / 100**
Volatility health	**77 / 100**
Structure health	**97 / 100**
Earnings risk / date	**low | 2027-01-28**
Macro risk	**unknown**
Volatility risk	**medium**
Structure risk	**low**

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	**$643.50 / $603.20 / $543.12**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$653.54 / $641.05**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$681.60 / $643.50 / $605.40**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.529**
True high / low	**$661.71 / $644.88**
5-day true high / low	**$668.31 / $644.88**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	1.907	**-**
SMA50	1.552	**-**
MVWAP20	1.554	**-**
MACD	-0.827	**-**
RSI	-2.016	**-**
Volume	133440.330	**-**
ATR	-0.166	**-**
T1	-	**17.29 / 641.70 / 668.31 / 659.48**
T2	-	**17.68 / 639.86 / 662.75 / 652.60**
T3	-	**17.98 / 638.24 / 667.51 / 652.08**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$650.26**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Nov 17, 2026 2:40 PM EST**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FLAT**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-11-20 | 3 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**30.1%**
25-delta skew	**4.31**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$637.50 Delta -0.248 / $662.50 Delta 0.248**
Median option bid/ask spread	**28.3%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**138 / 138**

Price context

Last Price: 650.26 | Bid: 650.15 | Ask: 650.23 | Previous Close: 661.71 | Change: -11.45 | Daily change: -1.73% | Update Time: 2026-11-17T14:40:12.198183-05:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-11-17 | Latest History Price: 650.19

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-08-25 | Latest Date: 2026-11-17 | Latest Price: 650.19 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -8.24%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 23.65% | Iv Rank: 47.47 | Iv Percentile: 38.65 | Next Earnings Date: 2027-01-28 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-10-08

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