Microsoft Corp / MSFT

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$497.87	**-3.15 -0.63%**	**$497.53/$497.97**	**$501.02**

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Technology**
Market data as of	**Sep 2, 2026 11:31 PM EDT**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
74.9 / 100	**Constructive**	**high**	**24 / 100**

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$492.00	**$515.00**	**$478.00**	**73 / 100**

Options stance	**bullish**
Tail-risk safety	**64 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Sep 2, 2026 7:50 PM EDT**

Key insight

MSFT Option Market Prices in Azure Growth and AI Optimism

Market read

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Strategy context

The bullish sentiment is supported by strong earnings results, robust revenue growth, and a positive outlook for future AI-driven innovation.

JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	**Bullish**
AI analysis updated	**Sep 2, 2026 1:41 PM EDT**

Short-term scenario

Cautious/wait-and-see or small dip-buy; high uncertainty from post-rally pullback, mixed short-term technicals (fading MACD, RSI reset), upcoming CPI, and capex/AI spending debates. Prefer confirmation of $490-495 support hold before adding. Not financial advice.

Three-month outlook

Moderately bullish toward $540-580 range (10-17% upside) if Azure 45%+ growth, Copilot monetization, and custom silicon efficiencies continue, supported by analyst upgrades and $678B backlog. However, high uncertainty: $175B+ capex could pressure FCF/margins if AI ROI delays, potential software-sector rotation, macro (rates, recession), competition, and valuation (still premium). Volatility likely; could retest $475 support or stall near $520 if sentiment sours. Identify uncertainty: outcomes depend on Q1 FY27 execution, AI demand sustainability, and broader market risk appetite.

Market sentiment

Mixed-to-bullish on X. Long-term optimism from Azure/AI growth, earnings beat, FCF-positive despite capex, custom chips, and compounding (some see $1000+ potential). Short-term caution: recent 30%+ rally, overbought unwind, possible mean-reversion to $489 support, capex scrutiny, and OpenAI customer cash-burn concerns. Analyst disagreement noted (targets $400-$690, consensus ~$548). Some traders watching $498-500 hold for upside to $515; others flag politician selling and leverage ETF effects. Overall constructive but wary of near-term volatility.

Supporting evidence

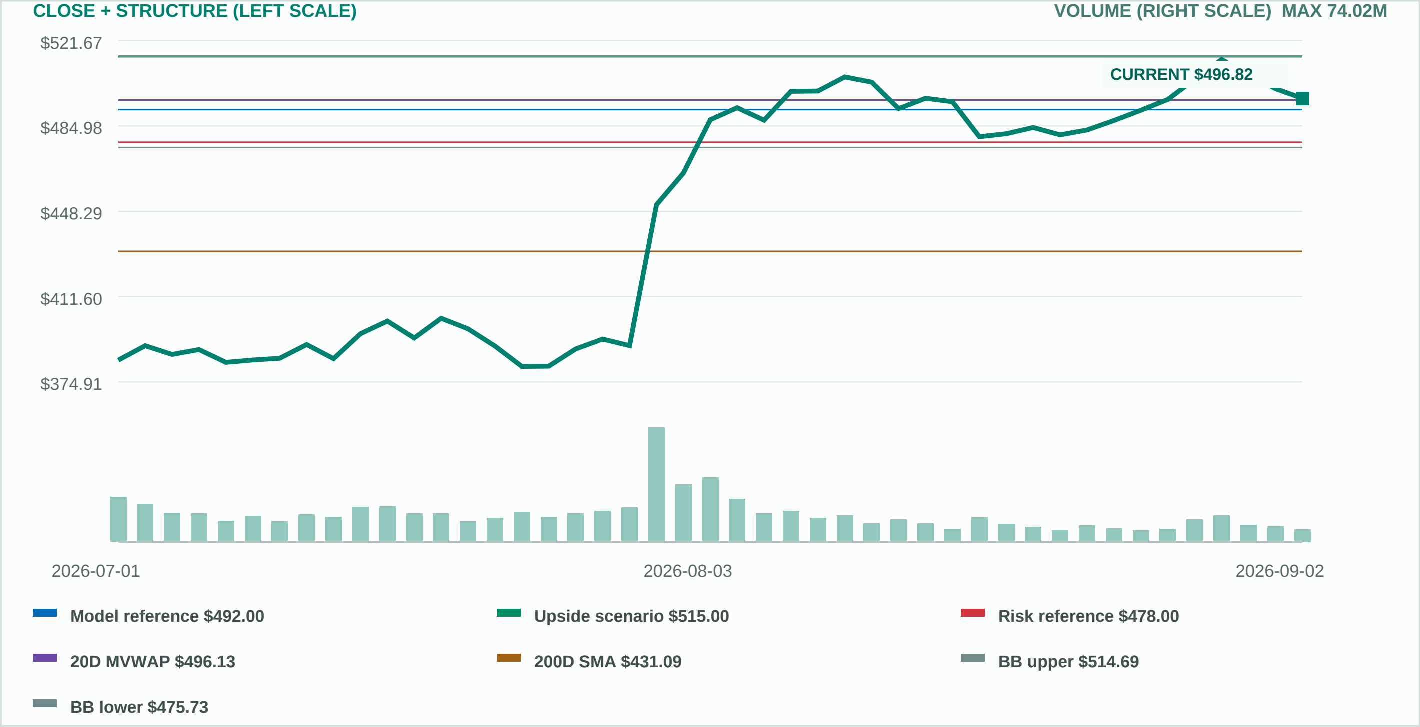
Strong technical indicators like the golden cross and above-average volume suggest bullish momentum. | The market is pricing in strong Azure growth and AI adoption, as evidenced by analyst upgrades and positive sentiment surrounding Microsoft's custom silicon chips. | Despite a recent pullback, the option market sees support holding around $490, indicating confidence in continued upside potential.

Risk watch

Elevated valuations could lead to profit-taking if the market experiences a broader correction. | Competition in the cloud computing space and potential delays in realizing the full benefits of AI investments pose risks.

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

JW RANK FACTOR PROFILE	COVERAGE	0 – 50 – 100
Liquidity	100.0%	95.2
Strategy Fit	100.0%	73.2
Technical Trend	100.0%	88.0
Market Tail Risk	100.0%	63.8
Fundamental Quality	100.0%	84.2
Volatility Pressure	100.0%	44.6

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)	**52.63 / 60.83 / 61.89**
RSI velocity	**-4.08**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**16.43 / - / 18.71**
MACD acceleration	**-0.77**
Stochastic K / D	**60.45 / 71.54**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Above institutional MVWAP | Accumulation bias**
Institutional flow	**1.03**
20-day MVWAP	**$496.13**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**+0.35%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$496.97**
Price vs daily reference	**+0.18%**
Volume	**8.16M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Positive macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**0.62**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$495.21 / $431.09**
Bollinger range	**$475.73 - $514.69**
Bollinger position	**0.541**

Options and volatility intelligence

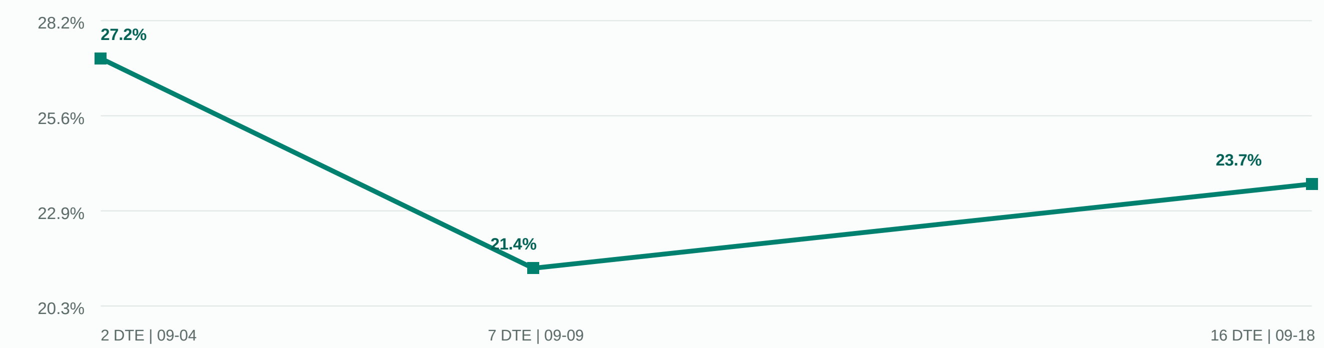
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
18 / 100	21 / 100	87.01	149.23

Market regime	**Calm**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-3.49 pts**
Skew read	**balanced**
Liquidity / quote coverage	**100.0%**
Options observation	**Sep 2, 2026 4:34 PM EDT | Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



Downward-sloping ATM volatility term structure

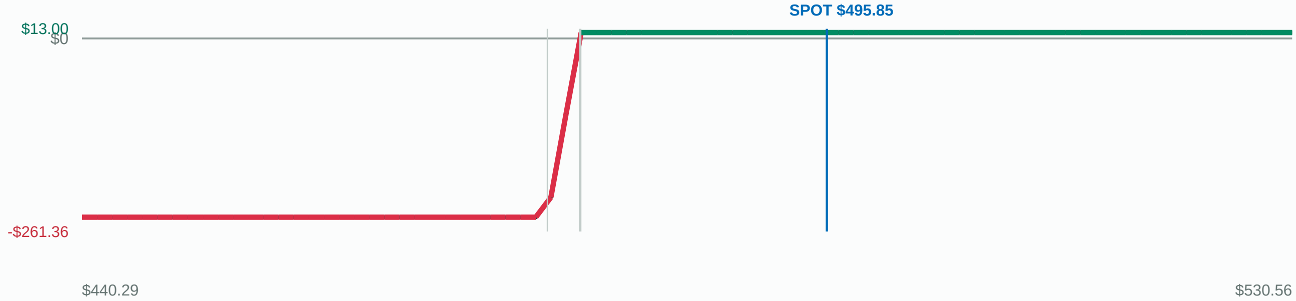
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-04	2	27.2%	-
2026-09-09	7	21.4%	-
2026-09-18	16	23.7%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

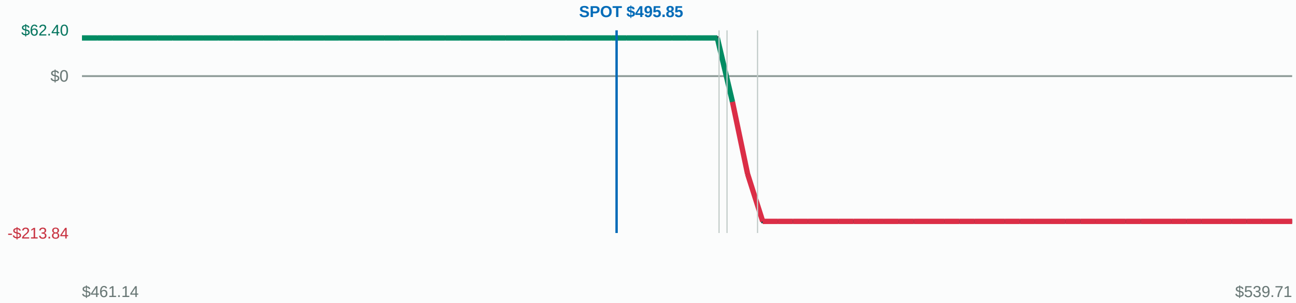
Short $477.50 | Long $475.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.08



Max profit $8.00 | Max loss -$242.00 | Break-even $477.42 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $502.50 | Long $505.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.52



Max profit $52.00 | Max loss -$198.00 | Break-even $503.02 | Per contract at expiry

Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	**2026-10-28**
Earnings IV-crush risk	**NOT MEASURED**
VIX	**15.21**
VVIX	**87.01**
SKEW index	**149.23**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**134**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**134**

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 **$3.72T**	P/E (TTM) **27.66**
ROE **33.2%**	Revenue growth **16.1%**
EPS growth **22.8%**	Operating margin **46.7%**
Net profit margin **40.3%**	Gross margin **-**
Free cash flow CAGR **3.6%**	Debt / equity **0.24**
Dividend yield **0.8%**	Beta **1.06**
52-week range **$349.20 - $553.72**	

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name **Microsoft Corp**	Market **NYSE**
Industry **Technology**	Country **US**
Currency **USD**	IPO date **1986-03-13**
Shares outstanding **7.43B**	52-week return **-0.8%**
Book value per share **$59.56**	Revenue per share **$44.60**

Website	**microsoft.com / En In**

Latest strategy observation

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

MSFT Covered Call signal

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Covered Call | 2026-09-04

At signal $498.27 | Current $497.87

SHORT **Option $497.50 B $4.95 / A $5.35**

High turnover | CR $5.15

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$11.32**
ATR as % of price	**2.3%**
Volatility environment	**medium**
Current IV	**23.8%**
IV rank	**20 / 100**
IV percentile	**24 / 100**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**89 / 100**
Trend health	**92 / 100**
Momentum health	**90 / 100**
Volatility health	**76 / 100**
Structure health	**96 / 100**
Earnings risk / date	**low | 2026-10-28**
Macro risk	**unknown**
Volatility risk	**medium**
Structure risk	**low**

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	**$495.21 / $438.34 / $431.09**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$498.42 / $485.67**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$514.69 / $495.21 / $475.73**
Bollinger %B	**0.541**
True high / low	**$501.02 / $493.81**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
5-day true high / low	**$517.78 / $490.08**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	0.620	**-**
SMA50	2.563	**-**
MVWAP20	1.035	**-**
MACD	-0.772	**-**
RSI	-4.078	**-**
Volume	-2960990.330	**-**
ATR	-0.252	**-**
T1	-	**17.65 / 495.68 / 507.29 / 496.78**
T2	-	**18.53 / 494.94 / 513.53 / 506.39**
T3	-	**18.75 / 493.02 / 517.78 / 504.86**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$495.85**
Options intelligence as of	**Sep 2, 2026 4:34 PM EDT**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FLAT**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-09-04 | 2 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**27.2%**
25-delta skew	**3.16**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$477.50 / $502.50 Delta 0.272**
Median option bid/ask spread	**7.7%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**134 / 134**

Price context

Last Price: 495.85 | Bid: 495.82 | Ask: 495.87 | Previous Close: 501.02 | Change: -5.17 | Daily change: -1.03% | Update Time: 2026-09-02T14:37:11.821131-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-02 | Latest History Price: 495.87

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-09 | Latest Date: 2026-09-02 | Latest Price: 495.87 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -12.54%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 23.18% | Iv Rank: 17.97 | Iv Percentile: 21.03 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-28 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-08-19 | Dividend Yield: 73.00

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