Microsoft Corp / MSFT

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$492.20	**-1.75 -0.35%**	**$491.87/$492.19**	**$493.95**

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Technology**
Market data as of	**Sep 9, 2026 11:32 PM EDT**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
69.3 / 100	**Constructive**	**high**	**26 / 100**

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$488.00	**$515.00**	**$475.00**	**65 / 100**

Options stance	**bullish**
Tail-risk safety	**32 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Sep 9, 2026 7:50 PM EDT**

Key insight

MSFT Option Market Prices in Continued Growth and AI Optimism

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	**Sep 9, 2026 1:40 PM EDT**

Short-term scenario

Cautious accumulation on any further pullbacks; fundamentals remain strong but short-term technicals indicate consolidation with mixed momentum. High uncertainty from broader market volatility, AI capex concerns, and potential profit-taking.

Three-month outlook

Moderately constructive with potential for 10-16% upside toward consensus analyst targets near $560-600 if Azure growth and AI monetization continue. Significant uncertainty remains around high capital expenditures, possible margin compression, macroeconomic conditions, competitive AI landscape, and the late-October earnings report. Outcomes not guaranteed and could include range-bound trading or downside if AI narrative or execution disappoints.

Market sentiment

Leaning bullish with investors highlighting Azure, Copilot, and AI infrastructure as long-term strengths; MAG7 dip-buying and golden cross viewed positively. Options flow showing call-heavy interest. Some mixed or cautious notes on valuation, AI spending, and short-term sentiment scores, but overall emphasis on multi-year runway. Mentions of accumulation around $480-485 levels.

Supporting evidence

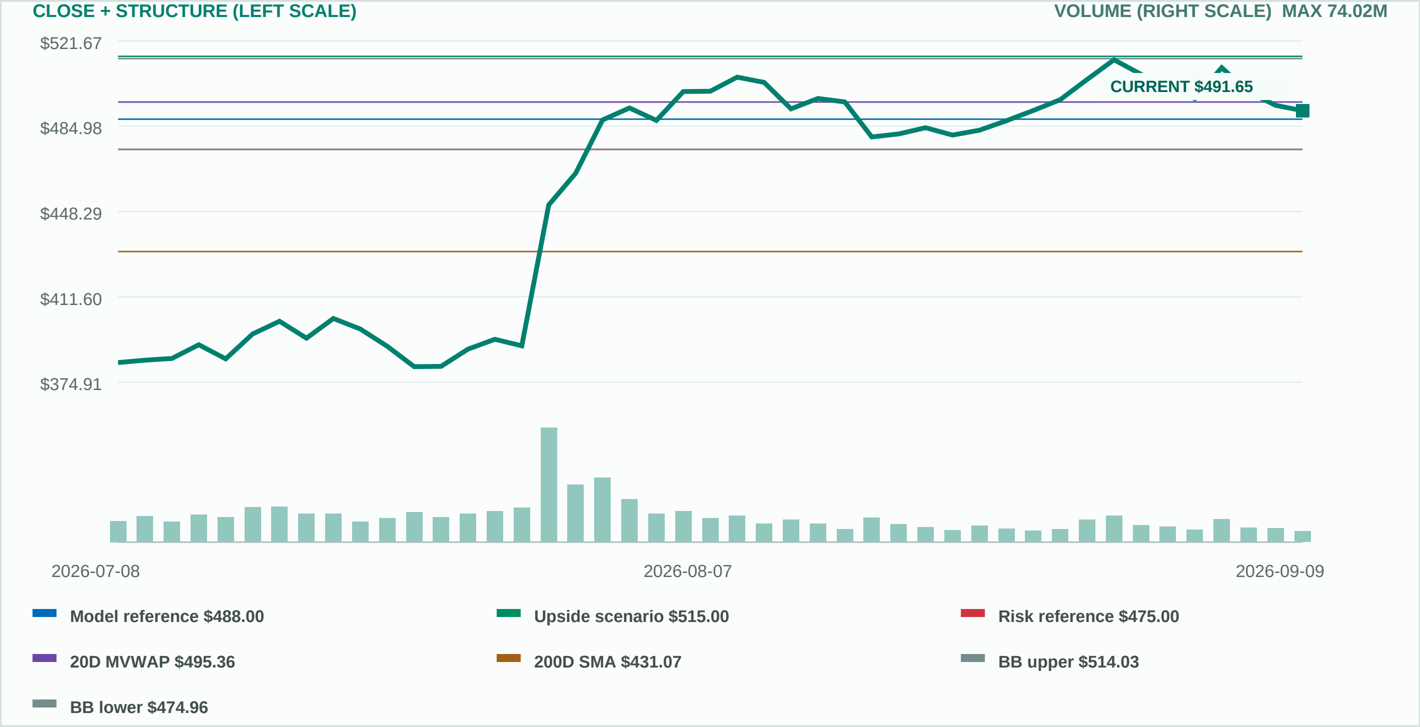
Elevated implied volatility (25.55%) indicates market expectation for significant price movement. | Put-demand-elevated skew suggests investors are more concerned about downside risk than upside potential. | Backwardated term structure with near-term higher IV compared to longer-dated options implies anticipation of positive news or earnings surprises in the near future.

Risk watch

Elevated implied volatility could lead to larger price swings than usual.

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%	99.8
Strategy Fit	100.0%	64.8
Technical Trend	100.0%	83.5
Market Tail Risk	100.0%	32.0
Fundamental Quality	100.0%	84.2
Volatility Pressure	100.0%	47.7

Decision summary

Primary model reads before the detailed indicator appendix

Momentum	Institutional flow	Structure	Volatility
strong_bull	**Below 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)	**44.12 / 54.62 / 57.66**
RSI velocity	**-3.83**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**12.28 / - / 15.95**
MACD acceleration	**-1.36**
Stochastic K / D	**42.74 / 54.36**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Below institutional MVWAP | Distribution bias**
Institutional flow	**-0.51**
20-day MVWAP	**$495.36**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**-0.64%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$491.95**
Price vs daily reference	**+0.05%**
Volume	**7.08M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Negative macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**-0.41**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$494.50 / $431.07**
Bollinger range	**$474.96 - $514.03**
Bollinger position	**0.427**

Options and volatility intelligence

Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

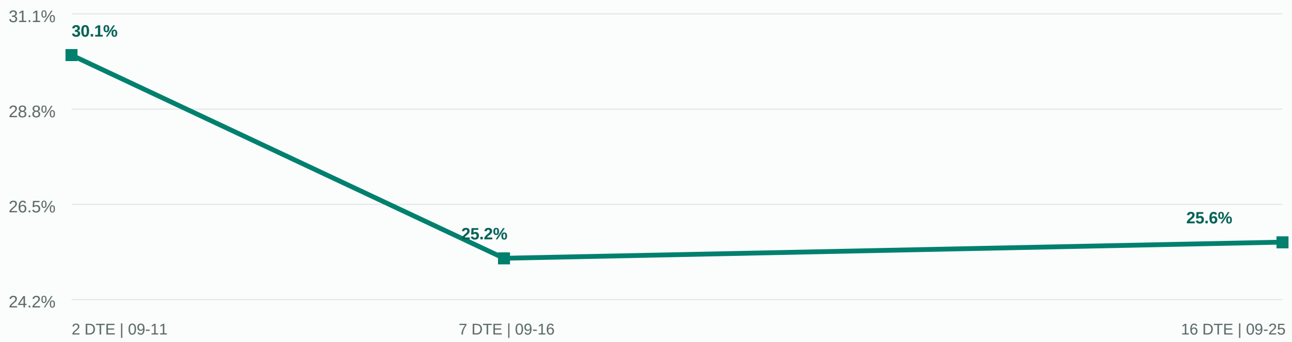
IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
26 / 100	**28 / 100**	**93.31**	**148.86**

Market regime	**DANGER ZONE**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-4.52 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	**Sep 9, 2026 2:34 PM EDT**
Options data quality	**Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration

ATM IV CURVE



Downward-sloping ATM volatility term structure

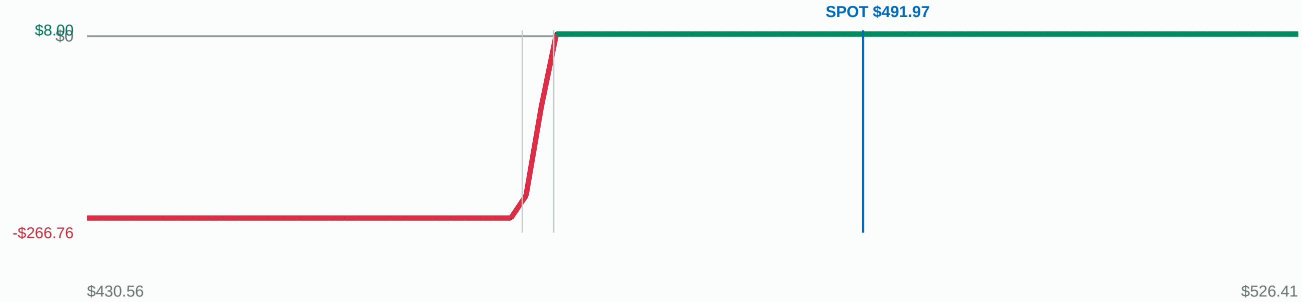
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-11	2	30.1%	-
2026-09-16	7	25.2%	-
2026-09-25	16	25.6%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

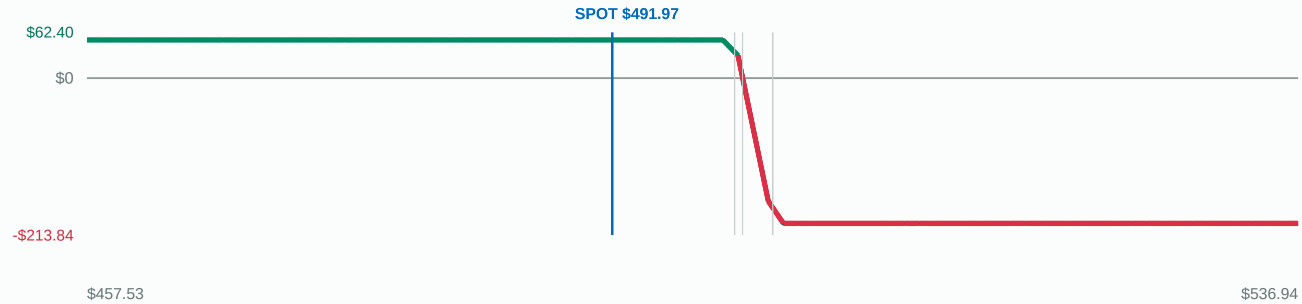
Short $467.50 | Long $465.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.03



Max profit $3.00 | Max loss -$247.00 | Break-even $467.47 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $500.00 | Long $502.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.52



Max profit $52.00 | Max loss -$198.00 | Break-even $500.52 | 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	**16.21**
VVIX	**93.31**
SKEW index	**148.86**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**89**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

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FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**89**

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 **$3.67T**	P/E (TTM) **27.74**
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 **0.9%**
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

Sep 9, 2026 9:36 AM EDT

Covered Call | 2026-09-11

At signal $492.56 | Current $492.20

SHORT **Option $495.00 B $3.60 / A $4.15**

High turnover | CR $3.88

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$11.17**
ATR as % of price	**2.3%**
Volatility environment	**medium**
Current IV	**25.0%**
IV rank	**24 / 100**
IV percentile	**26 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 9, 2026 3:50 PM EDT**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**91 / 100**
Trend health	**92 / 100**
Momentum health	**99 / 100**
Volatility health	**76 / 100**
Structure health	**93 / 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)	**$494.50 / $449.05 / $431.07**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$497.71 / $489.62**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$514.03 / $494.50 / $474.96**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.427**
True high / low	**$494.39 / $489.80**
5-day true high / low	**$515.65 / $489.80**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-0.409	**-**
SMA50	2.606	**-**
MVWAP20	-0.509	**-**
MACD	-1.356	**-**
RSI	-3.829	**-**
Volume	-2592150.000	**-**
ATR	-0.228	**-**
T1	-	**13.78 / 495.88 / 499.70 / 490.15**
T2	-	**15.26 / 496.85 / 511.00 / 499.36**
T3	-	**16.34 / 496.89 / 515.65 / 496.82**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$491.97**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 9, 2026 2:34 PM EDT**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FLAT**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-09-11 | 2 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**30.1%**
25-delta skew	**5.57**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$467.50 / $500.00 Delta 0.245**
Median option bid/ask spread	**8.9%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**89 / 89**

Price context

Last Price: 491.97 | Bid: 491.95 | Ask: 492.00 | Previous Close: 493.95 | Change: -1.98 | Daily change: -0.40% | Update Time: 2026-09-09T14:34:25.552035-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-09 | Latest History Price: 491.97

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-15 | Latest Date: 2026-09-09 | Latest Price: 491.97 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -11.74%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 25.55% | Iv Rank: 26.38 | Iv Percentile: 28.29 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-28 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-08-19

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Scope, limitations, risk and permitted interpretation

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