Microsoft Corp / MSFT

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$493.43	-3.69 -0.74%	$493.00/$493.48	$497.12

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Technology**
Market data as of	**Sep 16, 2026 11:32 PM EDT**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
71.8 / 100	Constructive	high	18 / 100

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$491.50	$512.00	$482.00	77 / 100

Options stance	**bullish**
Tail-risk safety	**56 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Sep 16, 2026 6:50 PM EDT**

Key insight

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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	**Sep 16, 2026 1:40 PM EDT**

Short-term scenario

Neutral/hold with dip-buy bias; mixed technicals and patch news create uncertainty—wait for hold of ~$491 support before adding. High short-term uncertainty from momentum fade, news flow, and pre-earnings positioning (earnings in ~6 weeks).

Three-month outlook

Constructive but uncertain: AI/cloud tailwinds, dividend growth, and analyst targets (~$550-573) support potential recovery toward $530-550 if Azure momentum holds. Risks include elevated capex, competition, valuation, macro, and Oct 28 earnings. Could trade 470-550 range; high uncertainty around AI returns vs spending and broader market.

Market sentiment

Mixed-to-cautiously optimistic. Long-term bulls cite Azure/AI growth, value after prior drawdown, and analyst outperform ratings; shorts note technical supply zones, recent weakness, and capex risks. Some insider/congressional buying mentioned. Overall sentiment leans constructive on fundamentals but wary of near-term volatility.

Supporting evidence

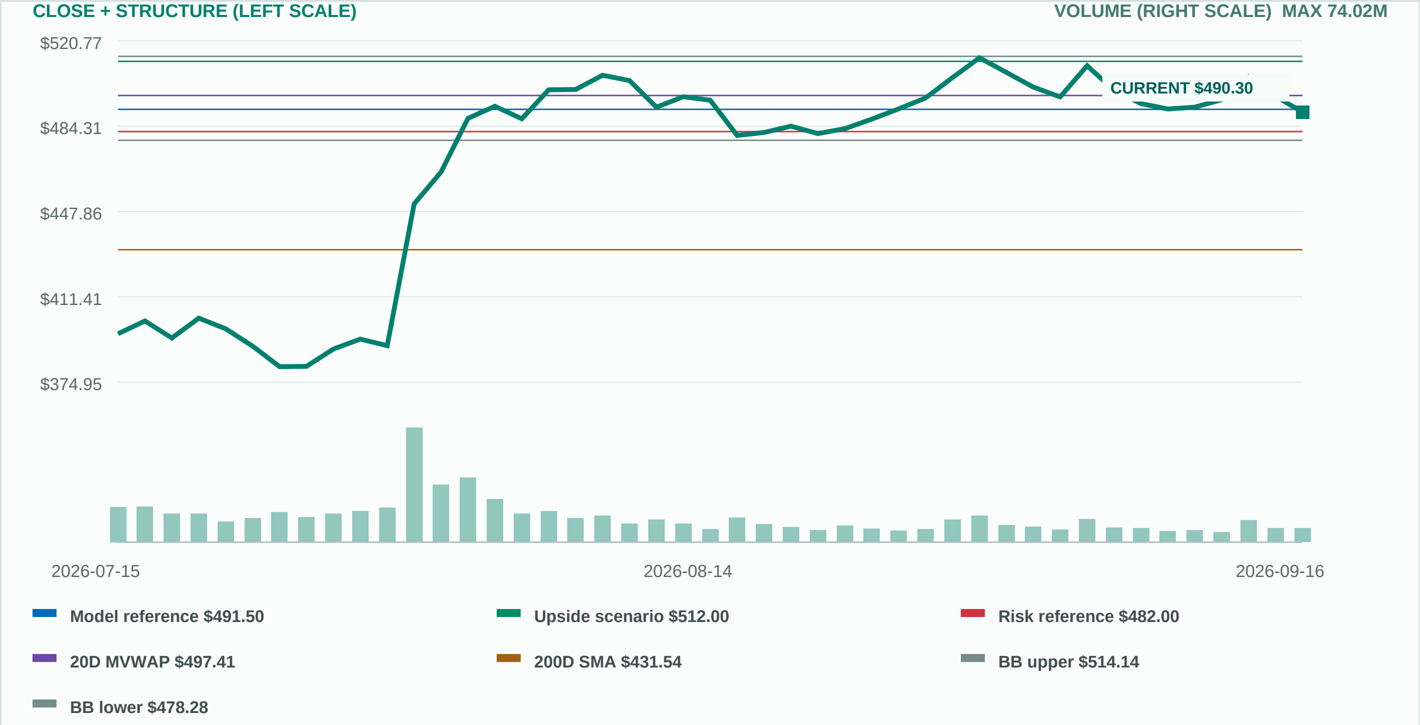
Elevated implied volatility (24.16%) suggests market anticipation of significant price movement around the next earnings release. | A put-demand elevated skew indicates investors are more concerned about downside risk than upside potential. | Strong long-term fundamentals, including Azure's 43% growth and a recent dividend increase, support the bullish outlook.

Risk watch

Upcoming earnings release on October 28th could trigger significant price swings.

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	Score (0–100)
Liquidity	100.0%	94.7
Strategy Fit	100.0%	76.7
Technical Trend	100.0%	80.1
Market Tail Risk	100.0%	56.3
Fundamental Quality	100.0%	84.2
Volatility Pressure	100.0%	45.1

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)	**42.40 / 51.72 / 55.36**
RSI velocity	**-1.66**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**8.12 / - / 11.60**
MACD acceleration	**-0.68**
Stochastic K / D	**37.19 / 42.75**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Below institutional MVWAP | Accumulation bias**
Institutional flow	**0.76**
20-day MVWAP	**$497.41**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**-0.80%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$491.17**
Price vs daily reference	**+0.46%**
Volume	**9.02M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Positive macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**0.59**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$496.21 / $431.54**
Bollinger range	**$478.28 - $514.14**
Bollinger position	**0.335**

Options and volatility intelligence

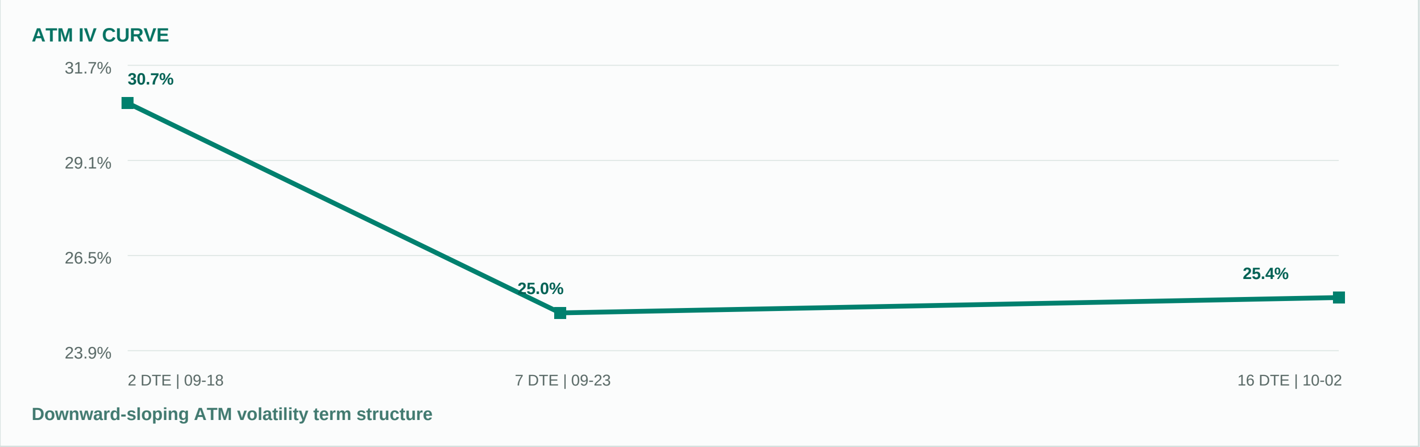
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
21 / 100	23 / 100	94.59	146.61

Market regime	**Calm**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-5.32 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 16, 2026 2:32 PM EDT**
Options data quality	**Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



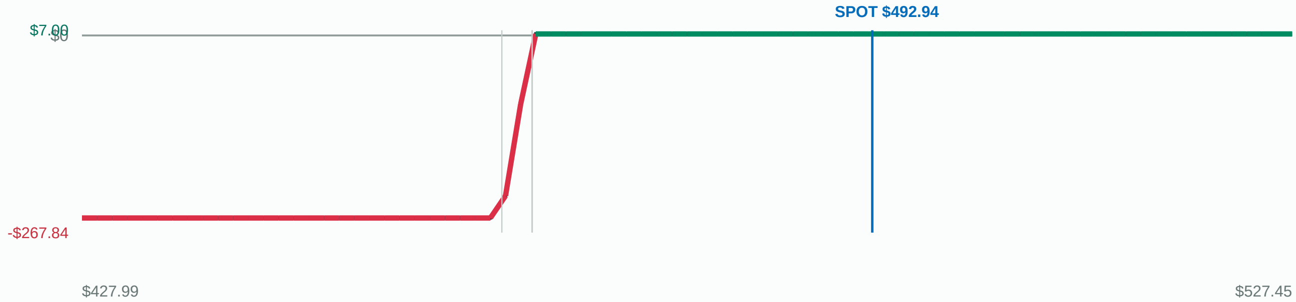
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-18	2	30.7%	-
2026-09-23	7	25.0%	-
2026-10-02	16	25.4%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

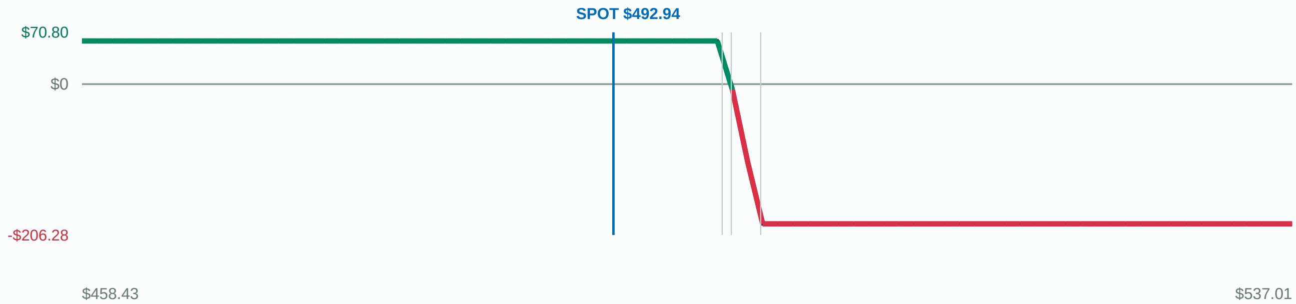
Short $465.00 | Long $462.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.02



Max profit $2.00 | Max loss -$248.00 | Break-even $464.98 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $500.00 | Long $502.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.59



Max profit $59.00 | Max loss -$191.00 | Break-even $500.59 | 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	**16.70**
VVIX	**94.59**
SKEW index	**146.61**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**119**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

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FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**119**

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 **$3.69T**	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 16, 2026 9:36 AM EDT

Covered Call | 2026-09-18

At signal $494.22 | Current $493.43

SHORT **Option $495.00 B $4.45 / A $4.80**

High turnover | CR $4.63

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$10.83**
ATR as % of price	**2.2%**
Volatility environment	**medium**
Current IV	**23.2%**
IV rank	**18 / 100**
IV percentile	**18 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 16, 2026 3:18 PM EDT**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**88 / 100**
Trend health	**92 / 100**
Momentum health	**94 / 100**
Volatility health	**77 / 100**
Structure health	**84 / 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)	**$496.21 / $460.20 / $431.54**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$496.48 / $492.07**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$514.14 / $496.21 / $478.28**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.335**
True high / low	**$497.12 / $487.23**
5-day true high / low	**$509.95 / $486.00**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	0.591	**-**
SMA50	2.178	**-**
MVWAP20	0.762	**-**
MACD	-0.682	**-**
RSI	-1.656	**-**
Volume	837977.000	**-**
ATR	0.056	**-**
T1	-	**9.38 / 496.74 / 505.90 / 495.54**
T2	-	**10.17 / 495.64 / 509.95 / 495.34**
T3	-	**10.17 / 495.12 / 498.97 / 492.44**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$492.94**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 16, 2026 2:32 PM EDT**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FLAT**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-09-18 | 2 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**30.7%**
25-delta skew	**8.58**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$465.00 / $500.00 Delta 0.271**
Median option bid/ask spread	**11.3%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**119 / 119**

Price context

Last Price: 492.94 | Bid: 492.86 | Ask: 493.03 | Previous Close: 497.12 | Change: -4.18 | Daily change: -0.84% | Update Time: 2026-09-16T14:32:22.101452-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-16 | Latest History Price: 492.91

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-23 | Latest Date: 2026-09-16 | Latest Price: 492.91 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -5.65%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 24.16% | Iv Rank: 21.46 | Iv Percentile: 23.11 | 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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