Microsoft Corp / MSFT

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$493.99	**-3.76 -0.76%**	**-/-**	**$497.75**

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Technology**
Market data as of	**Sep 18, 2026 11:32 PM EDT**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
70.9 / 100	**Constructive**	**high**	**18 / 100**

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$490.00	**$510.00**	**$480.00**	**73 / 100**

Options stance	**bullish**
Tail-risk safety	**56 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Sep 18, 2026 6:50 PM EDT**

Key insight

MSFT Option Market Implies Continued Growth Potential

Market read

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Strategy context

The reference spreads suggest potential for both bull and bear strategies depending on the investor's outlook.

JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	**Bullish**
AI analysis updated	**Sep 18, 2026 1:41 PM EDT**

Short-term scenario

Cautious hold or scale in on dip. Recent rally + fading short-term momentum + mixed X/tech signals suggest consolidation possible. High uncertainty from macro/Fed, AI news, and technicals; 1-3 week range likely 480-510.

Three-month outlook

Moderately bullish with high uncertainty. Azure/AI execution and analyst targets (~15% upside) support $530-550 potential if growth holds. Risks: elevated capex pressuring margins, AI safety/regulation/news controversies, post-rally valuation, broader market/Fed policy, and Oct earnings. Pullbacks or sideways action possible before next catalyst.

Market sentiment

Mixed-to-cautiously constructive. Bulls cite Azure/AI/Copilot strength, analyst reiterates (PT $550), some adding on dips targeting $535+. Cautions: 27% rally off July lows, PE ~28 seen as fair-to-full near-term, high capex, possible software H&S pattern, Fed jitters. Professional lean long-term positive but watchful short-term.

Supporting evidence

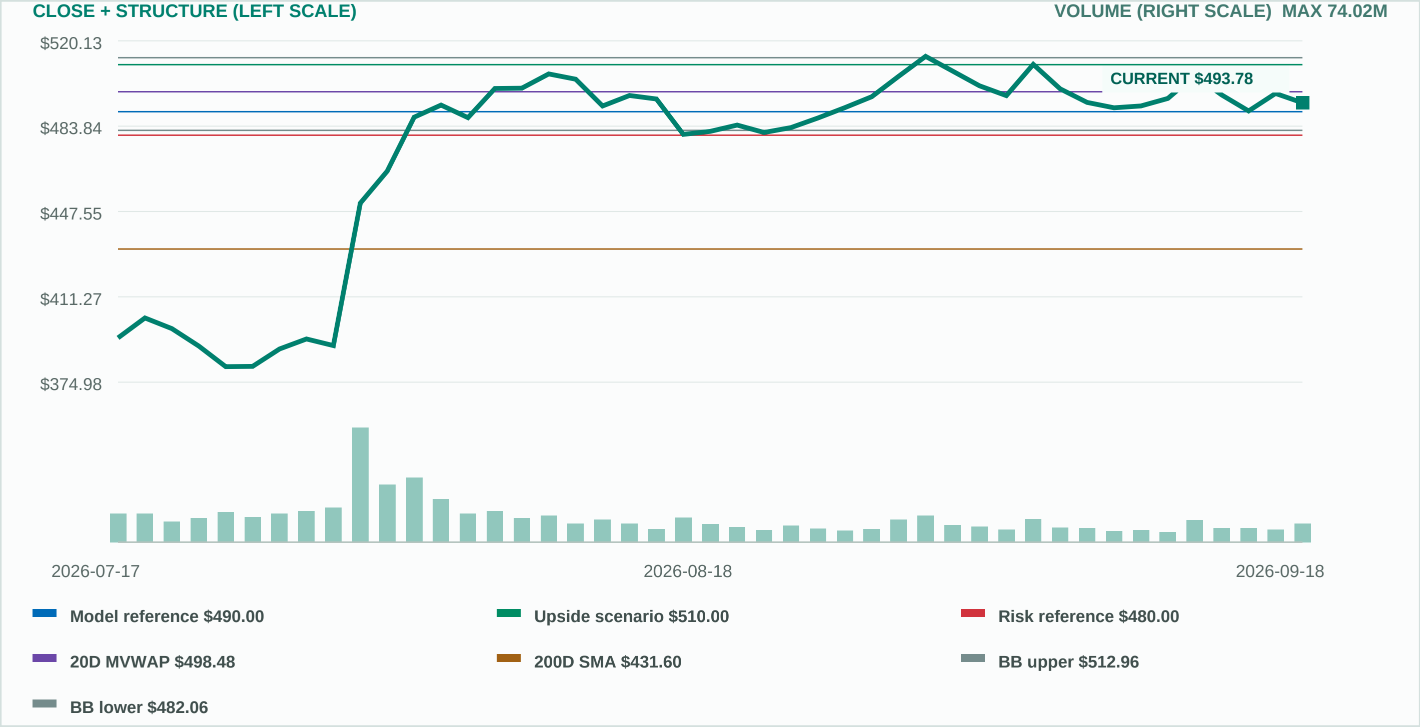
Strong technical indicators with the stock trading above both its 20-day and 50-day moving averages. | Positive analyst sentiment with a Strong Buy rating and an average price target above current levels. | High implied volatility, suggesting market expectation for continued price movement. | Contango term structure, indicating bullishness and anticipation of future price increases.

Risk watch

Elevated capex could pressure margins in the near term. | AI safety, regulation, and news controversies pose potential risks to future growth.

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%	98.0
Strategy Fit	100.0%	73.3
Technical Trend	100.0%	81.7
Market Tail Risk	100.0%	56.3
Fundamental Quality	100.0%	84.2
Volatility Pressure	100.0%	37.3

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)	**47.03 / 53.14 / 56.05**
RSI velocity	**-0.90**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**6.85 / - / 10.01**
MACD acceleration	**-0.85**
Stochastic K / D	**25.58 / 30.42**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Below institutional MVWAP | Accumulation bias**
Institutional flow	**0.58**
20-day MVWAP	**$498.48**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**-0.90%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$494.51**
Price vs daily reference	**-0.11%**
Volume	**12.12M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Positive macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**0.58**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$497.51 / $431.60**
Bollinger range	**$482.06 - $512.96**
Bollinger position	**0.379**

Options and volatility intelligence

Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

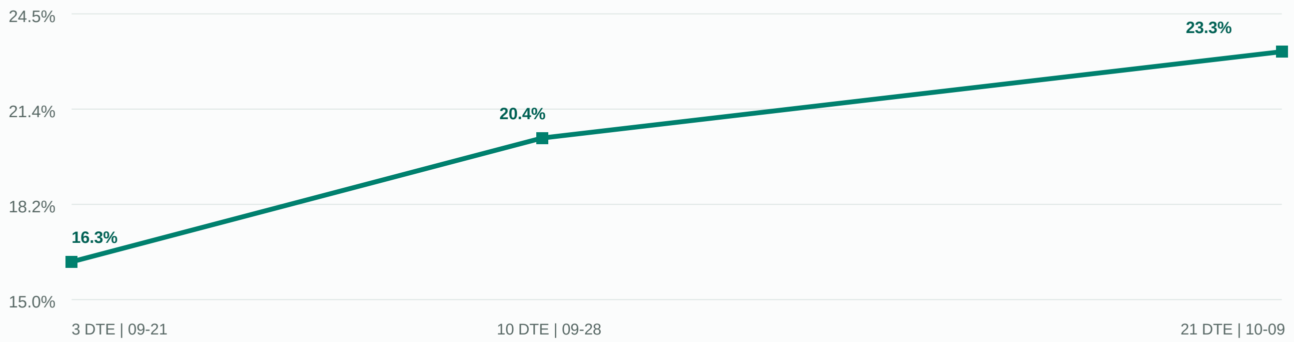
IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
16 / 100	**16 / 100**	**87.93**	**145.70**

Market regime	**Calm**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**contango**
Term slope	**+6.96 pts**
Skew read	**balanced**
Liquidity / quote coverage	**100.0%**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 18, 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



Upward-sloping ATM volatility term structure

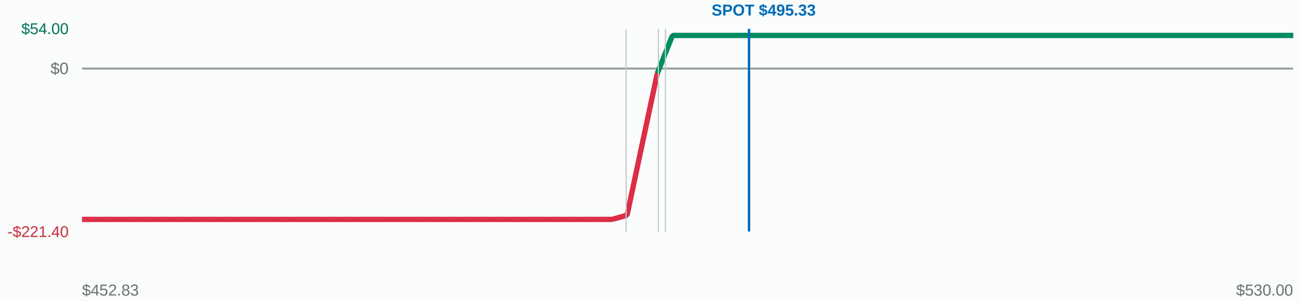
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-21	3	16.3%	-
2026-09-28	10	20.4%	-
2026-10-09	21	23.3%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

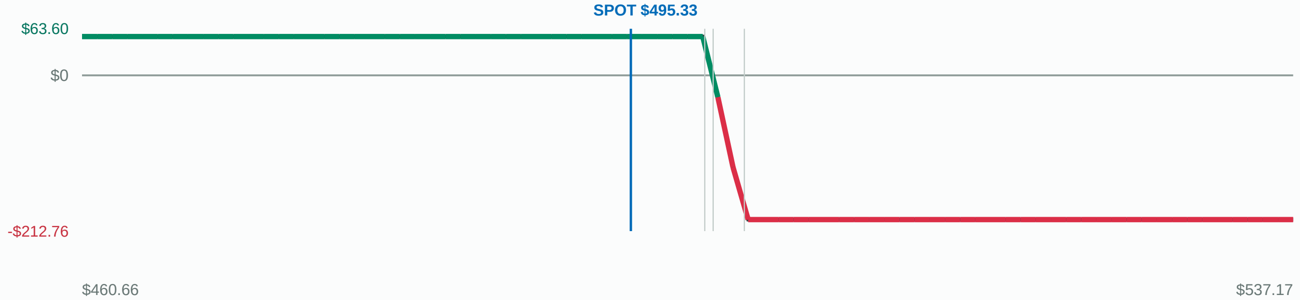
Short $490.00 | Long $487.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.45



Max profit $45.00 | Max loss -$205.00 | Break-even $489.55 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $500.00 | Long $502.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.53



Max profit $53.00 | Max loss -$197.00 | Break-even $500.53 | 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	**15.13**
VVIX	**87.93**
SKEW index	**145.70**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**101**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**101**

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 **$3.70T**	P/E (TTM) **27.51**
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 **-3.7%**
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 18, 2026 9:43 AM EDT

Covered Call | 2026-09-21

At signal $493.70 | Current $493.99

SHORT **Option $492.50 B $3.95 / A $4.20**

High turnover | CR $4.08

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$10.62**
ATR as % of price	**2.2%**
Volatility environment	**medium**
Current IV	**23.6%**
IV rank	**19 / 100**
IV percentile	**18 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 18, 2026 7:32 PM EDT**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**90 / 100**
Trend health	**92 / 100**
Momentum health	**97 / 100**
Volatility health	**78 / 100**
Structure health	**88 / 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)	**$497.51 / $464.68 / $431.60**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$496.14 / $492.70**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$512.96 / $497.51 / $482.06**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.379**
True high / low	**$498.65 / $491.10**
5-day true high / low	**$509.95 / $487.23**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	0.579	**-**
SMA50	2.169	**-**
MVWAP20	0.582	**-**
MACD	-0.845	**-**
RSI	-0.903	**-**
Volume	994761.670	**-**
ATR	-0.095	**-**
T1	-	**7.64 / 498.06 / 501.47 / 490.30**
T2	-	**8.12 / 497.41 / 497.12 / 487.23**
T3	-	**9.38 / 496.74 / 505.90 / 495.54**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$495.33**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 18, 2026 2:34 PM EDT**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FLAT**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-09-21 | 3 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**16.3%**
25-delta skew	**1.15**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$490.00 Delta -0.233 / $500.00 Delta 0.274**
Median option bid/ask spread	**9.9%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**101 / 101**

Price context

Last Price: 495.33 | Bid: 495.30 | Ask: 495.36 | Previous Close: 497.75 | Change: -2.42 | Daily change: -0.49% | Update Time: 2026-09-18T14:34:23.583949-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-18 | Latest History Price: 495.33

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-25 | Latest Date: 2026-09-18 | Latest Price: 495.33 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -5.15%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 22.69% | Iv Rank: 16.23 | Iv Percentile: 15.94 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-28 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-11-18

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