Microsoft Corp / MSFT

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$496.66	-1.27 -0.26%	$496.50/$497.17	$497.93

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Technology**
Market data as of	**Sep 25, 2026 12:29 AM EDT**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
67.6 / 100	Constructive	high	28 / 100

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$492.50	$514.00	$479.00	64 / 100

Options stance	**bullish**
Tail-risk safety	**32 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Sep 24, 2026 6:50 PM EDT**

Key insight

MSFT Shows Bullish Signs Despite Recent Dip

Market read

Microsoft (MSFT) is showing bullish signs despite a recent dip below its 50-day moving average. The stock has strong support around $490-$495, and analysts remain optimistic with price targets clustered near $570. While short-term momentum is fading, the long-term trend remains bullish.

Strategy context

The recent dip in MSFT presents an opportunity for investors seeking long-term upside. A successful hold of the $490-$495 support zone could signal a continuation of the uptrend.

JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	**Bullish**
AI analysis updated	**Sep 24, 2026 1:44 PM EDT**

Short-term scenario

Cautious buy on a successful hold of the $490-$495 support zone for a 1-3 week swing; do not chase a reclaim of $500 without follow-through. Bias is mildly bullish while price remains above the 50-day, but fading momentum and the failure to hold $500 argue for defined risk. A daily close below about $490 weakens the setup. This is not financial advice. Uncertainty is elevated because the quote was intraday, daily ATR is about $11, and rates or geopolitics can gap the stock.

Three-month outlook

Base case is moderately bullish, with a grind toward the low-to-mid $530s if MSFT reclaims $500-$518 and late-October earnings (estimated Oct 28) confirm strong Azure growth and stable margins. Street targets near $570 are 12-month views, not a three-month forecast. A realistic three-month band, after the recent 33-37% rebound and current consolidation, is roughly $470-$560. Upside needs a break of about $518 and constructive capex and Copilot commentary. Downside risk is a loss of $480-$473 that opens a retest toward the mid-$400s if rates rise, AI spending fears return, or Gulf conflict disrupts the infrastructure story. Uncertainty is high: earnings are the dominant catalyst inside the window, target dispersion is wide, and macro or geopolitical shocks can override the uptrend. Not a recommendation to buy or sell.

Market sentiment

Recent X discussion is mixed and noisy, with substantial promotional spam. Longer-term holders are constructive on Azure, enterprise software, and AI. Short-term traders describe sideways action under resistance, a possible bullish flag or spring, and frustration that MSFT sells off with index dips and shows little relative strength. Circulating tactical levels include adding only after a successful retest of about $490-$495, invalidation below about $480, and scale-outs near $510-$520, with some charts pointing at higher supply in the mid-$530s. Uncertainty: posts are anecdotal, often low-engagement, and are not a reliable read on institutional positioning.

Supporting evidence

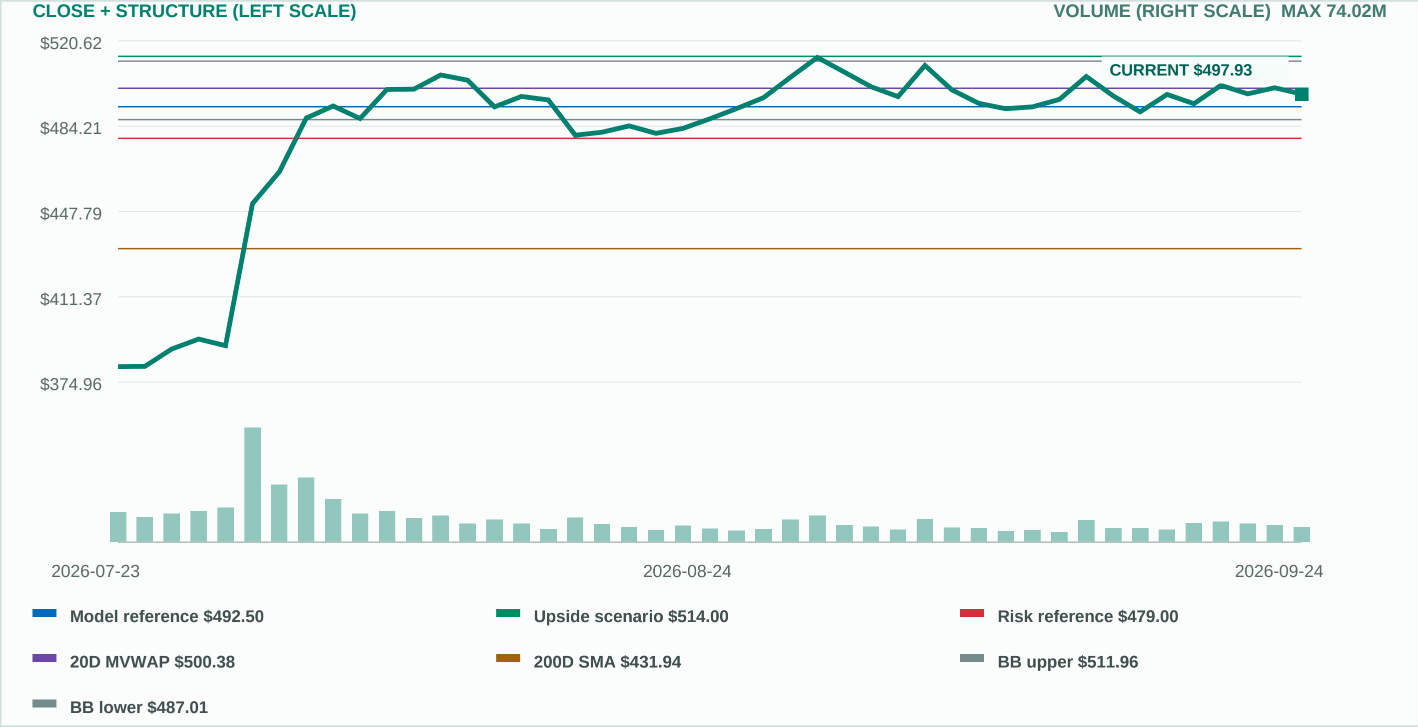
MSFT is trading above both its 50-day and 200-day moving averages. | Analysts maintain a mostly Buy or Moderate Buy rating with average price targets near $570. | Strong support levels are observed around $490-$495. | Azure growth remains a key driver for the bullish outlook.

Risk watch

Geopolitical risks related to infrastructure investments in the Middle East. | Potential for increased competition in the AI space.

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%	96.8
Strategy Fit	100.0%	63.7
Technical Trend	100.0%	81.5
Market Tail Risk	100.0%	32.0
Fundamental Quality	100.0%	84.2
Volatility Pressure	100.0%	45.0

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)	**50.64 / 54.36 / 56.61**
RSI velocity	**-0.93**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**5.73 / - / 7.74**
MACD acceleration	**-0.35**
Stochastic K / D	**45.80 / 44.34**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Below institutional MVWAP | Accumulation bias**
Institutional flow	**0.37**
20-day MVWAP	**$500.38**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**-0.74%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$496.02**
Price vs daily reference	**+0.13%**
Volume	**9.66M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Positive macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**0.35**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$499.48 / $431.94**
Bollinger range	**$487.01 - $511.96**
Bollinger position	**0.438**

Options and volatility intelligence

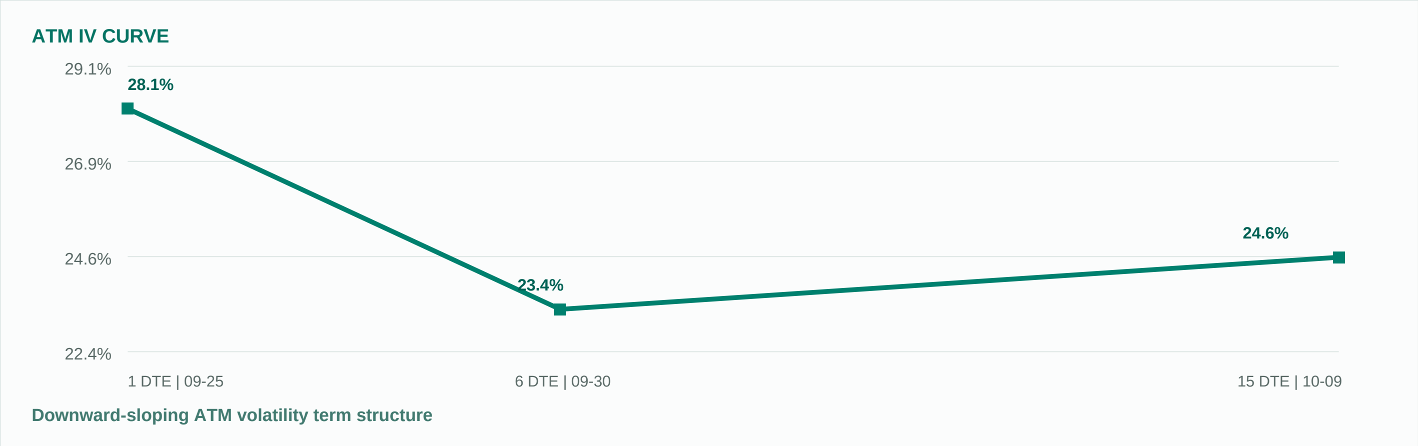
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
23 / 100	23 / 100	90.21	146.15

Market regime	**DANGER ZONE**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-3.51 pts**
Skew read	**balanced**
Liquidity / quote coverage	**99.3%**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 24, 2026 2:35 PM EDT**
Options data quality	**Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



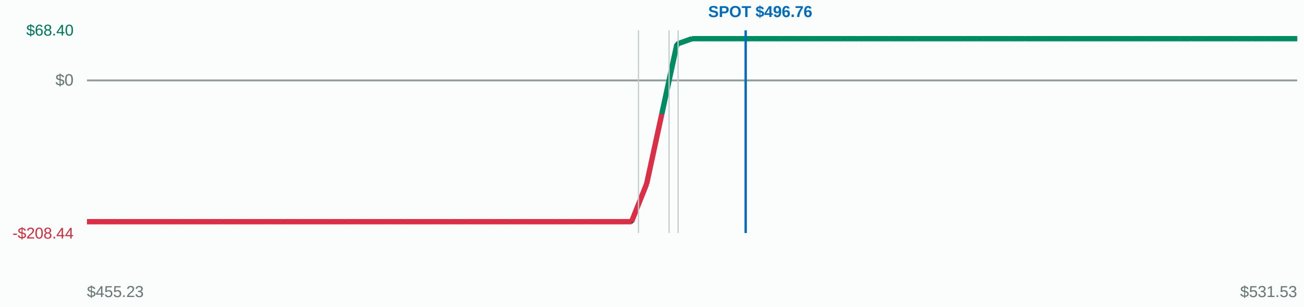
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-25	1	28.1%	-
2026-09-30	6	23.4%	-
2026-10-09	15	24.6%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

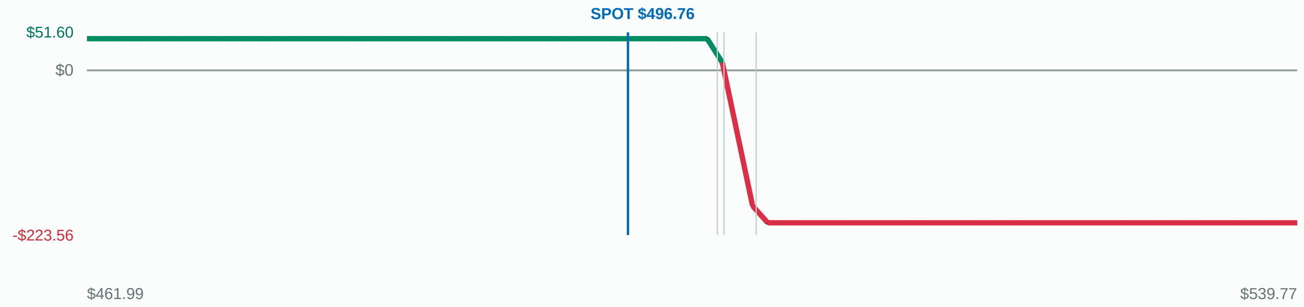
Short $492.50 | Long $490.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.57



Max profit $57.00 | Max loss -$193.00 | Break-even $491.93 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $502.50 | Long $505.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.43



Max profit $43.00 | Max loss -$207.00 | Break-even $502.93 | 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	**15.58**
VVIX	**90.21**
SKEW index	**146.15**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**141**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**140**

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

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Observed evidence

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Principal risks to monitor

Geopolitical risks related to infrastructure investments in the Middle East. | Potential for increased competition in the AI space.

Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization **$3.72T**	P/E (TTM) **28.22**
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 **-3.2%**
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 24, 2026 9:57 AM EDT

Covered Call | 2026-09-25

At signal $492.91 | Current $496.66

SHORT **Option $492.50 B $3.95 / A $4.15**

High turnover | CR $4.05

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$10.98**
ATR as % of price	**2.2%**
Volatility environment	**medium**
Current IV	**25.6%**
IV rank	**26 / 100**
IV percentile	**28 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 24, 2026 8:29 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	**77 / 100**
Structure health	**94 / 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)	**$499.48 / $473.51 / $431.94**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$498.01 / $494.83**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$511.96 / $499.48 / $487.01**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.438**
True high / low	**$500.59 / $491.22**
5-day true high / low	**$509.44 / $491.10**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	0.352	**-**
SMA50	2.167	**-**
MVWAP20	0.367	**-**
MACD	-0.349	**-**
RSI	-0.926	**-**
Volume	-1252399.000	**-**
ATR	0.123	**-**
T1	-	**6.17 / 500.31 / 509.44 / 495.88**
T2	-	**6.36 / 499.85 / 508.50 / 493.65**
T3	-	**6.78 / 499.28 / 501.87 / 491.33**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$496.76**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 24, 2026 2:35 PM EDT**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FLAT**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-09-25 | 1 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**28.1%**
25-delta skew	**-0.42**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$492.50 Delta -0.281 / $502.50 Delta 0.231**
Median option bid/ask spread	**9.1%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**141 / 140**

Price context

Last Price: 496.76 | Bid: 496.72 | Ask: 496.84 | Previous Close: 500.59 | Change: -3.83 | Daily change: -0.77% | Update Time: 2026-09-24T14:35:32.623152-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-24 | Latest History Price: 496.78

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-07-01 | Latest Date: 2026-09-24 | Latest Price: 496.78 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -5.15%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 24.48% | Iv Rank: 22.58 | Iv Percentile: 22.71 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-28 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-11-18

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Scope, limitations, risk and permitted interpretation

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