



Microsoft Corp / MSFT

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
\$517.19	+4.39 +0.86%	-/-	\$512.80

Market	NYSE
Industry	Technology
Market data as of	Oct 2, 2026 11:32 PM EDT

JW Intelligence Report

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
83.1 / 100	Strong setup	high	76 / 100
Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
\$508.00	\$538.00	\$494.00	85 / 100

Options stance	bullish
Tail-risk safety	56 / 100
JW Rank data coverage / as of	100.0% Oct 2, 2026 7:50 PM EDT

Key insight

MSFT Option Market Implies Continued Upside Potential

Market read

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Strategy context

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JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias

Bearish

AI analysis updated

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Short-term scenario

Cautious buy on dips / hold. Prefer scaling in on a pullback toward support rather than chasing current levels after the large quarterly advance. Short-term bias is mildly positive if \$510 holds, but fresh EU DMA headlines and proximity to late-October earnings add event risk. This is not a high-conviction momentum chase; uncertainty is elevated.

Three-month outlook

Moderately bullish base case toward the \$550-\$580 area (prior highs and consensus targets) if Azure growth stays near guided levels and Copilot monetization continues to support the narrative, consistent with the Strong Buy consensus and absence of sell ratings. Key uncertainties include the timing and scope of any EU DMA obligations on Azure, OpenAI-related regulatory or cybersecurity scrutiny, margin pressure from ongoing AI CapEx and depreciation, valuation after the sharp rerating, and the market reaction to the October 28 earnings report. Downside scenarios toward the \$480-\$500 zone are plausible on negative regulatory or growth surprises. Outlook is probabilistic, not guaranteed, and volatility is likely.

Market sentiment

Recent X discussion is relatively light and low-engagement. Visible posts include MSFT in selective long-term buy-and-hold lists and constructive comments on its AI distribution moat, Azure, and Copilot scaling, alongside circulating notes of analyst upgrades. Broader recent narrative has shifted more positive as monetization evidence improved versus mid-2026 CapEx skepticism. Some prediction-market caution versus Street optimism is noted in secondary coverage. Overall tone is cautiously constructive rather than euphoric; real-time sentiment can change rapidly and is not a reliable signal.

Supporting evidence

The stock price is trading above its 20-, 50-, and 200-day moving averages, indicating a strong upward trend. | Implied volatility for near-term options is elevated due to the upcoming earnings release on October 28th. | Analyst consensus remains strongly bullish with an average price target above current levels. | Positive news flow surrounding Azure growth and Copilot adoption contributes to the optimistic sentiment.

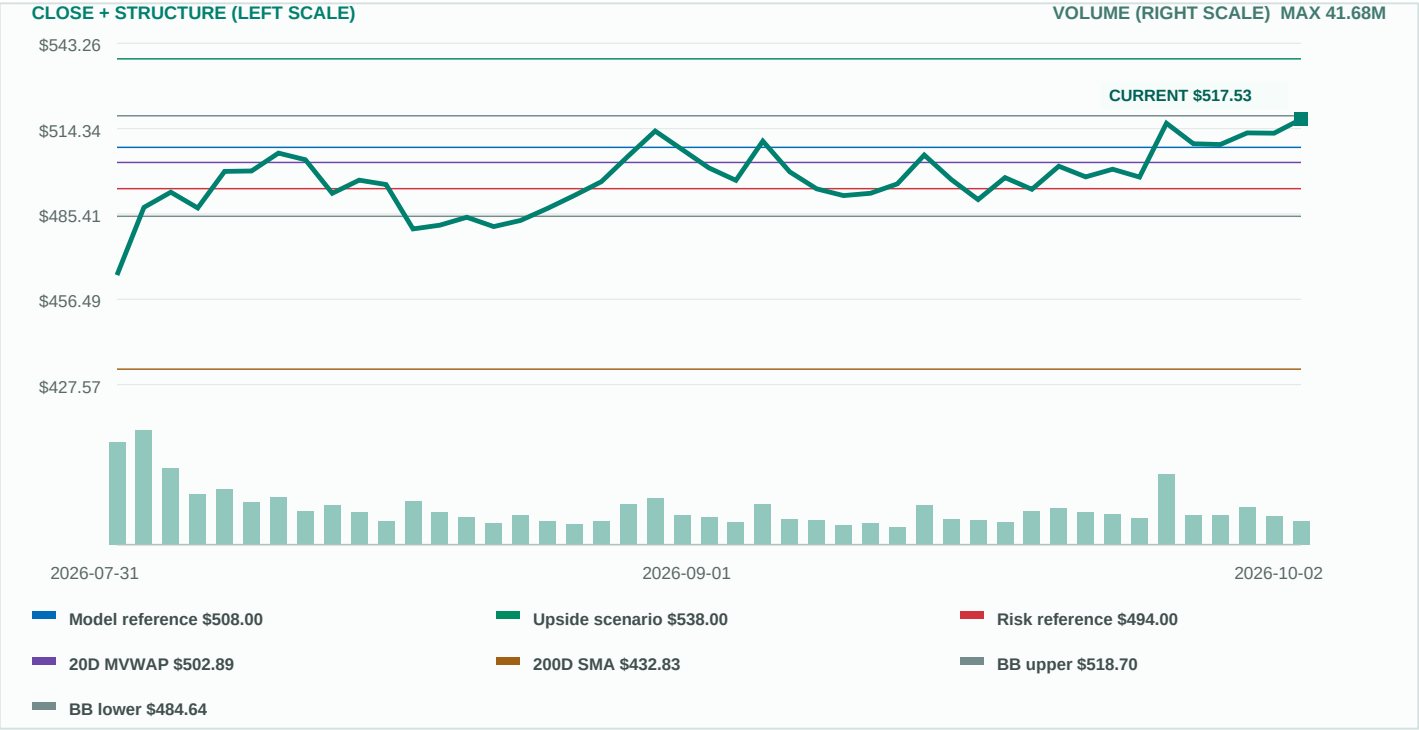
Risk watch

Regulatory scrutiny surrounding Azure's dominance and OpenAI partnership could impact future growth.



Enhanced price structure

45 trading days with volume, model levels and current technical reference bands

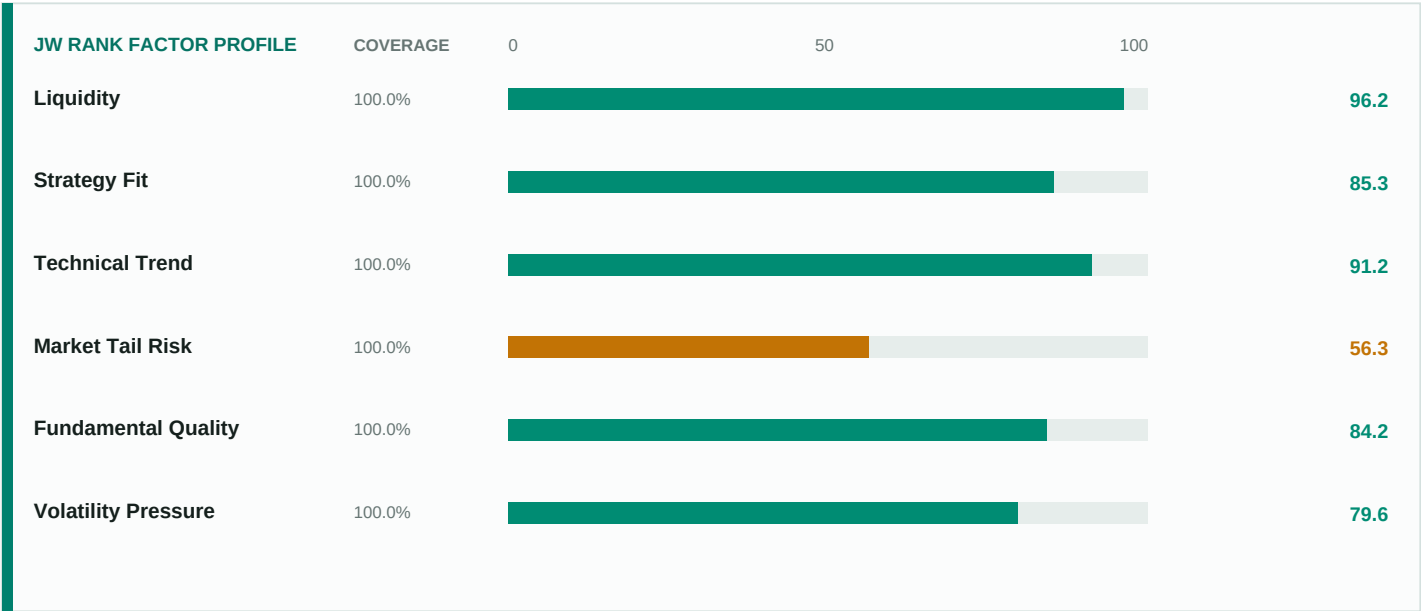


45 complete trading-session observations



JW Rank factors

Score, source coverage and interpretation for each decision factor



Decision summary

Primary model reads before the detailed indicator appendix

Momentum

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Institutional flow

Above MVWAP

Structure

Above 200D trend

Volatility

medium



Decision indicators

Detailed momentum, institutional and structural observations

Momentum kinematics

Direction, velocity and oscillator state

Current read	STRONG BULL neutral MACD accelerating
Trend signal	STRONG BULL
RSI signal	neutral
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	67.88 / 62.62 / 61.66
RSI velocity	1.41
MACD line / signal / histogram	7.80 / - / 7.45
MACD acceleration	0.26
Stochastic K / D	78.53 / 74.65

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	Above institutional MVWAP Accumulation bias
Institutional flow	0.61
20-day MVWAP	\$502.89
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	+2.84%
Daily reference VWAP	\$517.90
Price vs daily reference	-0.14%
Volume	8.63M

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	\$501.67 / \$432.83
Bollinger range	\$484.64 - \$518.70
Bollinger position	0.966



Options and volatility intelligence

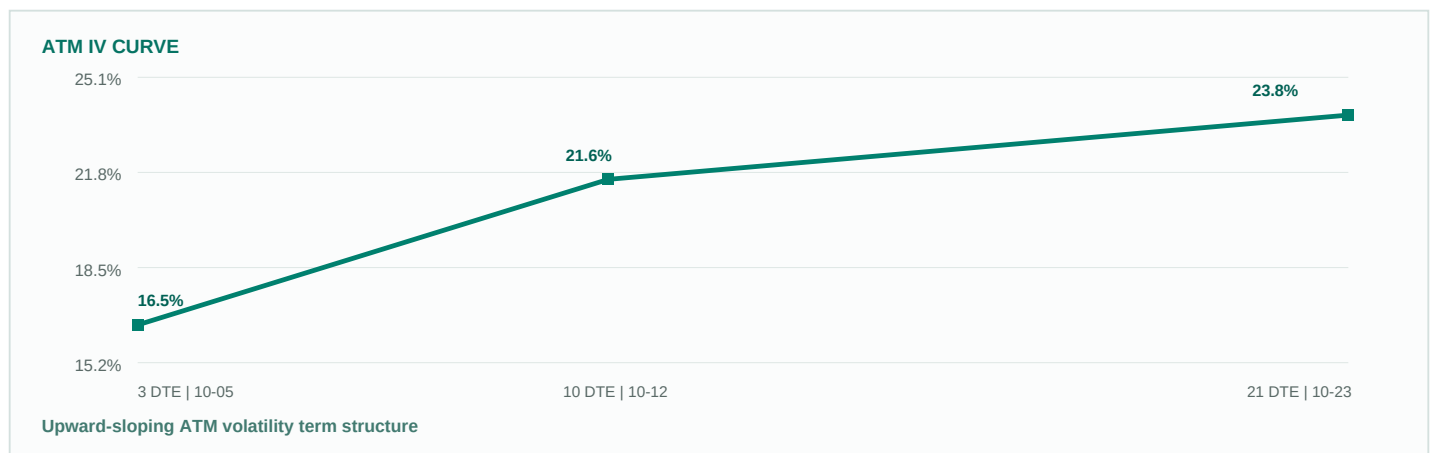
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank 51 / 100	IV percentile 77 / 100	VVIX 88.65	SKEW 142.77
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Market regime	Calm
Tail-risk regime	NORMAL TAIL RISK
Term structure	contango
Term slope	+7.25 pts
Skew read	balanced
Liquidity / quote coverage	100.0%
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
Options Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 2, 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
2026-10-05	3	16.5%	-
2026-10-12	10	21.6%	-
2026-10-23	21	23.8%	-

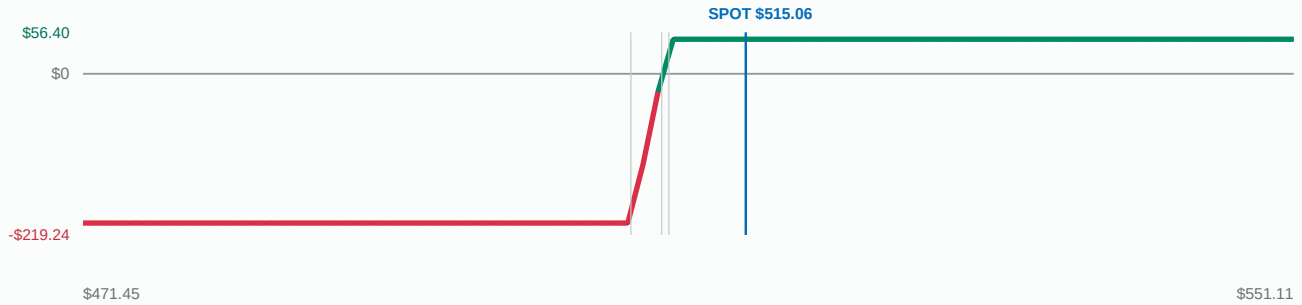


Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

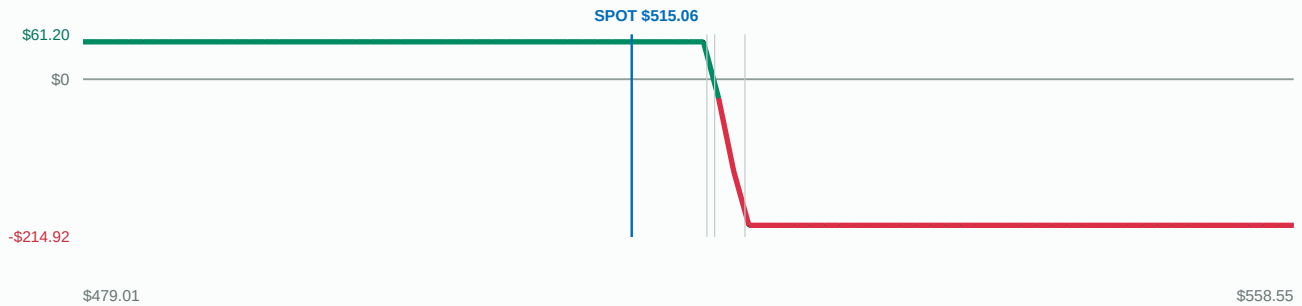
Short \$510.00 | Long \$507.50 | Width \$2.50 | Net credit \$0.47



Max profit \$47.00 | Max loss -\$203.00 | Break-even \$509.53 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short \$520.00 | Long \$522.50 | Width \$2.50 | Net credit \$0.51



Max profit \$51.00 | Max loss -\$199.00 | Break-even \$520.51 | 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	15.59
VVIX	88.65
SKEW index	142.77
Observation confidence	high
Option quote quality	reliable
Contracts observed	125



Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	125

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

Market structure

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Principal risks to monitor

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Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization	P/E (TTM)
\$3.81T	28.76
ROE	Revenue growth
33.2%	16.1%
EPS growth	Operating margin
22.8%	46.7%
Net profit margin	Gross margin
40.3%	-
Free cash flow CAGR	Debt / equity
3.6%	0.24
Dividend yield	Beta
0.8%	1.06
52-week range	
\$349.20 - \$553.72	

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name	Market
Microsoft Corp	NYSE
Industry	Country
Technology	US
Currency	IPO date
USD	1986-03-13
Shares outstanding	52-week return
7.43B	-1.0%
Book value per share	Revenue per share
\$59.56	\$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

Covered Call | 2026-10-02

At signal \$513.18 | Current \$517.19

SHORT Option \$512.50 B \$5.90 / A \$6.20

High turnover | CR \$6.05

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Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	\$11.59
ATR as % of price	2.2%
Volatility environment	medium
Current IV	32.1%
IV rank	49 / 100
IV percentile	76 / 100
Technical Snapshot IV source	Private fundamentals snapshot
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 2, 2026 3:50 PM EDT

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	80 / 100
Trend health	92 / 100
Momentum health	86 / 100
Volatility health	76 / 100
Structure health	53 / 100
Earnings risk / date	low 2026-10-28
Macro risk	unknown
Volatility risk	medium
Structure risk	medium

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	\$501.67 / \$487.72 / \$432.83
EMA (9 / 21)	\$509.42 / \$502.80
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	\$518.70 / \$501.67 / \$484.64



Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	0.966
True high / low	\$522.50 / \$512.80
5-day true high / low	\$522.85 / \$502.22

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	0.588	-
SMA50	2.490	-
MVWAP20	0.606	-
MACD	0.261	-
RSI	1.413	-
Volume	-710705.670	-
ATR	-0.099	-
T1	-	7.42 / 502.70 / 522.85 / 512.17
T2	-	7.29 / 501.87 / 519.83 / 508.96
T3	-	7.02 / 501.07 / 513.64 / 502.40



Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	\$515.06
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
Options Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 2, 2026 2:35 PM EDT
Options data coverage	88.9%
SKEW regime	HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW
VVIX regime	VVIX FLAT
Front expiration / DTE	2026-10-05 3 DTE
Front at-the-money IV	16.5%
25-delta skew	0.37
Put / Call 25-delta	\$510.00 Delta -0.252 / \$520.00 Delta 0.278
Median option bid/ask spread	11.9%
Bid/ask spread	-
Contracts observed / quoted	125 / 125

Price context

Last Price: 515.06 | Bid: 515.06 | Ask: 515.16 | Previous Close: 512.80 | Change: 2.26 | Daily change: 0.44% | Update Time: 2026-10-02T14:35:53.877991-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-10-02 | Latest History Price: 515.12

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-07-10 | Latest Date: 2026-10-02 | Latest Price: 515.12 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -5.15%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 32.38% | Iv Rank: 50.56 | Iv Percentile: 77.29 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-28 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-11-18



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