Microsoft Corporation / MSFT

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$517.40	-6.48 -1.24%	$517.00/$517.68	$523.88

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Technology**
Market data as of	**Nov 16, 2026 11:31 PM EST**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
66.2 / 100	Constructive	high	61 / 100

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$517.00	$536.00	$506.00	74 / 100

Options stance	**neutral**
Tail-risk safety	**38 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Nov 16, 2026 6:50 PM EST**

Key insight

MSFT Option Market Implies Rangebound Trade with Mild Upside Bias

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	**Nov 16, 2026 1:59 PM EST**

Short-term scenario

Cautious buy on weakness rather than a chase, for a 1-3 week bounce attempt toward nearby resistance if the outage narrative fades and Ignite is received calmly. Confidence is limited. Uncertainty is high: another reliability headline, a decisive break of the $510 area, or a broader mega-cap tech risk-off move could invalidate the idea quickly. This is not personalized investment advice.

Three-month outlook

Moderately constructive but with material uncertainty. Azure growth near 48%, a roughly $677B contracted backlog, and Street targets clustered near $630 leave room for a recovery toward the mid-$550s to around $580 if capacity additions keep up with demand and Copilot monetization looks firmer. Offsetting risks are elevated AI capex and free-cash-flow pressure, a mid-20s earnings multiple, competition, and any lasting reliability concerns after the outage. A reasonable base case is a choppy range near $500-$590 over three months with a mild upside bias only if execution data improve. Sharper moves outside that band are plausible if AI-spend sentiment or the macro backdrop shifts. This is a scenario sketch, not a forecast guarantee.

Market sentiment

Sentiment on X is mixed and not strongly one-sided. Some posts still call MSFT a strong buy near the low-$520s for multi-year horizons. Others treat the Outlook outage as an execution and quality negative and are more cautious near term. A mid-November snapshot cited roughly 37% bullish versus 47% bearish mentions. Traders are also watching a recent distribution signal after a large advance and whether it is invalidated. Supportive comments emphasize the large cloud backlog versus free-cash-flow pressure from AI spending. Volume of high-conviction directional posts is modest, and uncertainty around the outage aftermath and Ignite is visible.

Supporting evidence

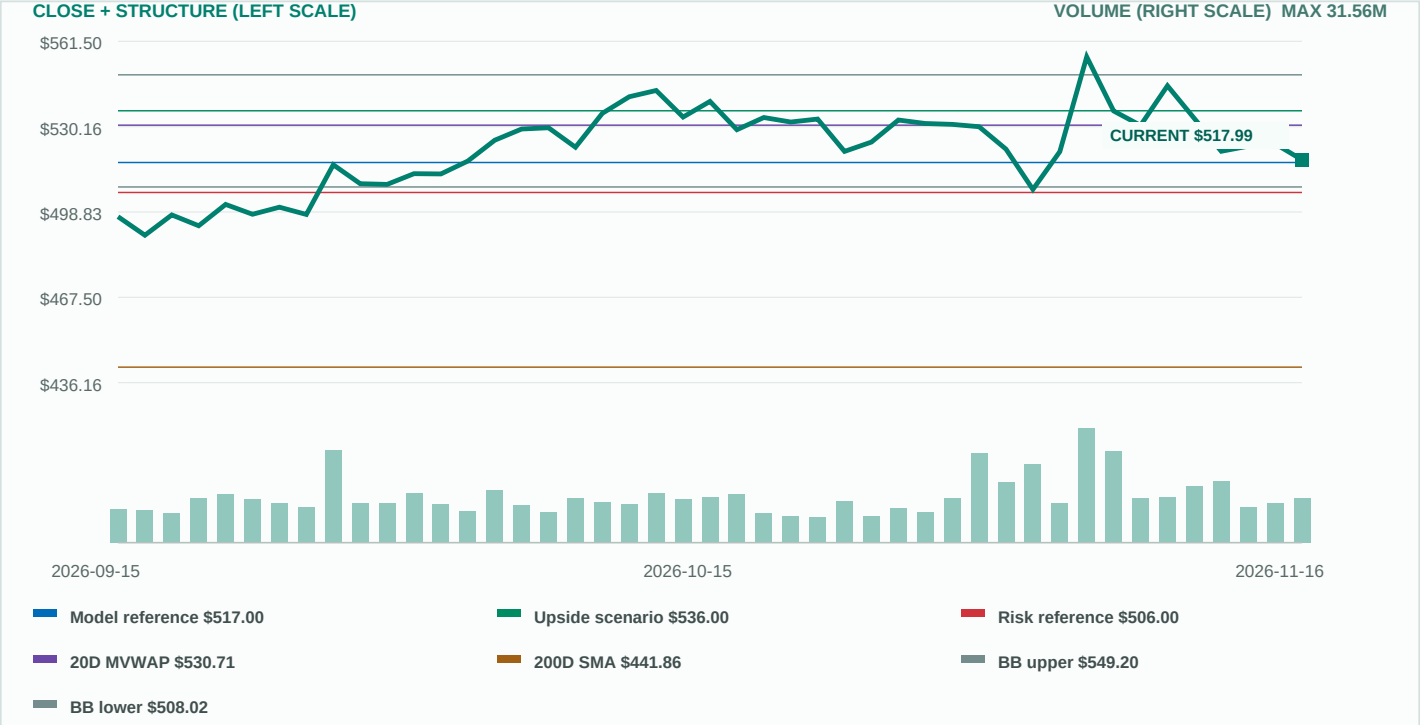
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Risk watch

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Enhanced price structure

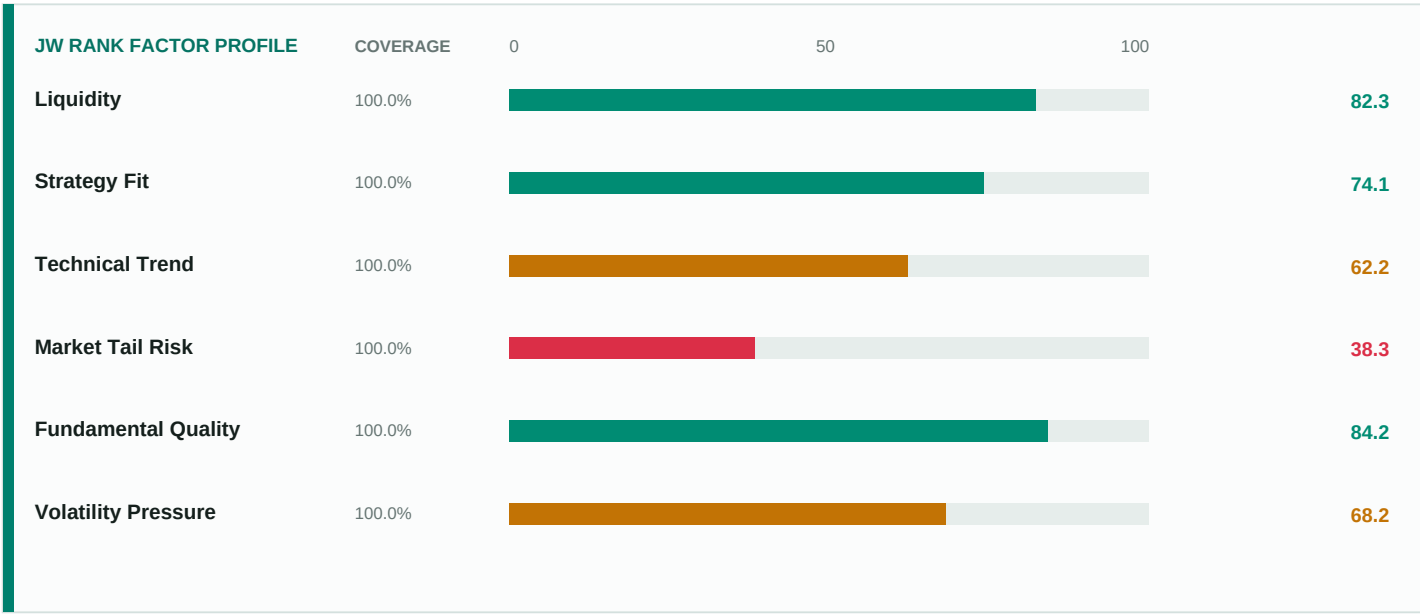
45 trading days with volume, model levels and current technical reference bands



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	Institutional flow	Structure	Volatility
bullish_recovery	Below MVWAP	Above 200D trend	medium

Decision indicators

Detailed momentum, institutional and structural observations

Momentum kinematics

Direction, velocity and oscillator state

Current read	**BULLISH RECOVERY | neutral | MACD decelerating**
Trend signal	**BULLISH RECOVERY**
RSI signal	**neutral**
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	**40.98 / 46.37 / 49.19**
RSI velocity	**-0.44**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**1.00 / - / 3.28**
MACD acceleration	**-0.86**
Stochastic K / D	**30.75 / 33.94**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Below institutional MVWAP | Distribution bias**
Institutional flow	**-0.47**
20-day MVWAP	**$530.71**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**-2.51%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$520.84**
Price vs daily reference	**-0.66%**
Volume	**12.13M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Negative macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**-0.62**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$528.61 / $441.86**
Bollinger range	**$508.02 - $549.20**
Bollinger position	**0.242**

Options and volatility intelligence

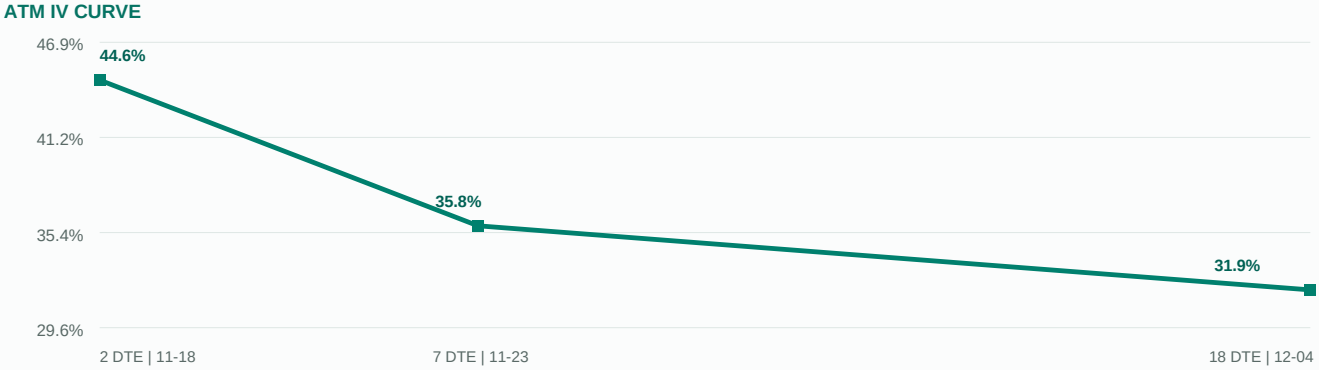
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
41 / 100	**59 / 100**	**111.88**	**147.14**

Market regime	**DANGER ZONE**
Tail-risk regime	**LOW TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-12.73 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	**Nov 16, 2026 2:37 PM EST**
Options data quality	**Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



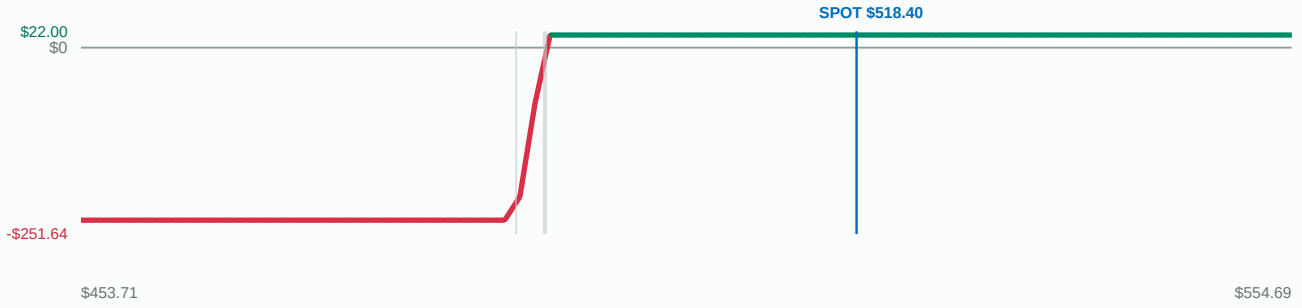
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-11-18	2	44.6%	-
2026-11-23	7	35.8%	-
2026-12-04	18	31.9%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

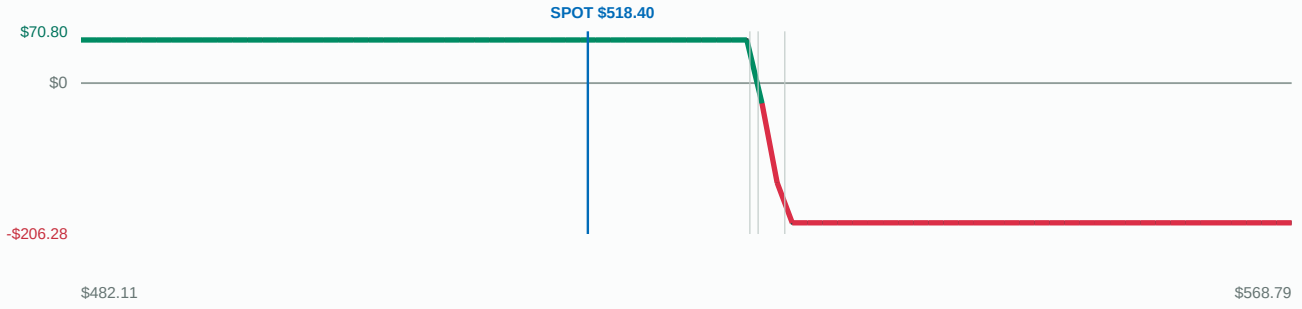
Short $492.50 | Long $490.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.17



Max profit $17.00 | Max loss -$233.00 | Break-even $492.33 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $530.00 | Long $532.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.59



Max profit $59.00 | Max loss -$191.00 | Break-even $530.59 | Per contract at expiry

Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	**2027-01-27**
Earnings IV-crush risk	**NOT MEASURED**
VIX	**23.50**
VVIX	**111.88**
SKEW index	**147.14**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**133**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**133**

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

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Observed evidence

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Principal risks to monitor

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Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization **$3.89T**	P/E (TTM) **27.28**
ROE **33.2%**	Revenue growth **16.1%**
EPS growth **22.8%**	Operating margin **47.0%**
Net profit margin **41.2%**	Gross margin **-**
Free cash flow CAGR **3.6%**	Debt / equity **0.24**
Dividend yield **0.8%**	Beta **1.06**
52-week range **$349.20 - $559.15**	

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name **Microsoft Corporation**	Market **NYSE**
Industry **Technology**	Country **US**
Currency **USD**	IPO date **1986-03-13**
Shares outstanding **7.43B**	52-week return **4.1%**
Book value per share **$63.35**	Revenue per share **$46.53**
Website **microsoft.com / En In**	

Latest strategy observation

Most recent shared general market signal available when this report was generated

MSFT Covered Call signal

Nov 13, 2026 10:23 AM EST

Covered Call | 2026-11-16

At signal $519.63 | Current $517.40

SHORT **Option $525.00 B $2.62 / A $2.75**

Conservative | CR $2.69

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$14.91**
ATR as % of price	**2.9%**
Volatility environment	**medium**
Current IV	**29.8%**
IV rank	**42 / 100**
IV percentile	**61 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Nov 16, 2026 6:31 PM EST**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**77 / 100**
Trend health	**78 / 100**
Momentum health	**84 / 100**
Volatility health	**67 / 100**
Structure health	**74 / 100**
Earnings risk / date	**low | 2027-01-27**
Macro risk	**unknown**
Volatility risk	**medium**
Structure risk	**low**

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	**$528.61 / $519.36 / $441.86**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$526.35 / $527.18**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$549.20 / $528.61 / $508.02**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.242**
True high / low	**$527.71 / $516.82**
5-day true high / low	**$545.18 / $513.82**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-0.619	**-**
SMA50	0.388	**-**
MVWAP20	-0.470	**-**
MACD	-0.861	**-**
RSI	-0.436	**-**
Volume	-1605979.000	**-**
ATR	-0.318	**-**
T1	-	**2.02 / 531.19 / 526.42 / 513.82**
T2	-	**2.68 / 531.62 / 529.66 / 520.00**
T3	-	**3.59 / 532.12 / 534.74 / 518.45**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$518.40**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Nov 16, 2026 2:37 PM EST**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FALLING**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-11-18 | 2 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**44.6%**
25-delta skew	**12.10**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$492.50 / $530.00 Delta 0.245**
Median option bid/ask spread	**8.0%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**133 / 133**

Price context

Last Price: 518.40 | Bid: 518.34 | Ask: 518.46 | Previous Close: 523.88 | Change: -5.48 | Daily change: -1.05% | Update Time: 2026-11-16T14:37:59.586872-05:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-11-16 | Latest History Price: 518.41

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-08-24 | Latest Date: 2026-11-16 | Latest Price: 518.41 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -6.73%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 29.69% | Iv Rank: 41.01 | Iv Percentile: 59.36 | Next Earnings Date: 2027-01-27 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-11-18

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