Microsoft Corporation / MSFT

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$494.50	+2.00 +0.41%	$493.07/$493.95	$492.50

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Technology**
Market data as of	**Nov 24, 2026 11:31 PM EST**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
60.7 / 100	Balanced	high	80 / 100

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$488.00	$512.00	$476.00	63 / 100

Options stance	**bullish**
Tail-risk safety	**35 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Nov 24, 2026 6:50 PM EST**

Key insight

MSFT Option Market Prices in Continued Growth Potential Despite Recent Volatility

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	**Nov 24, 2026 1:55 PM EST**

Short-term scenario

Cautious tactical long on further weakness for a possible 1-3 week bounce toward nearby resistance. Conviction is low; prefer scaled entries over an aggressive position. Uncertainty is elevated because of short-term technical weakness, outage-related sentiment, and ongoing AI-spending volatility.

Three-month outlook

Constructive but uncertain. Strong Azure growth, a large commercial backlog, and broad analyst support (12-month targets implying roughly mid-20% upside from recent levels) provide a fundamental backdrop for recovery if the outage proves isolated and AI infrastructure returns remain credible. A reasonable base case is partial retracement toward the mid-540s to high-570s if sentiment stabilizes, while a retest of supports in the mid-450s to high-470s cannot be ruled out on renewed tech weakness or disappointing updates. Key uncertainties include durability of Azure acceleration, free-cash-flow trends under high capex, recurrence of service issues, OpenAI relationship developments, and broader risk appetite. This is not a price forecast; actual results can differ materially.

Market sentiment

Mixed to cautious. Recent posts focus more on the Code Red outage and questions about cloud and AI infrastructure reliability than on directional price calls. Commentary notes that capex skepticism has persisted even after earnings beats and that several analysts have kept Buy ratings. High-engagement bullish posts are limited in the latest window; sentiment appears pressured by operational headlines, with traders watching whether support holds or further selling develops. Overall tone is watchful rather than strongly bullish or bearish.

Supporting evidence

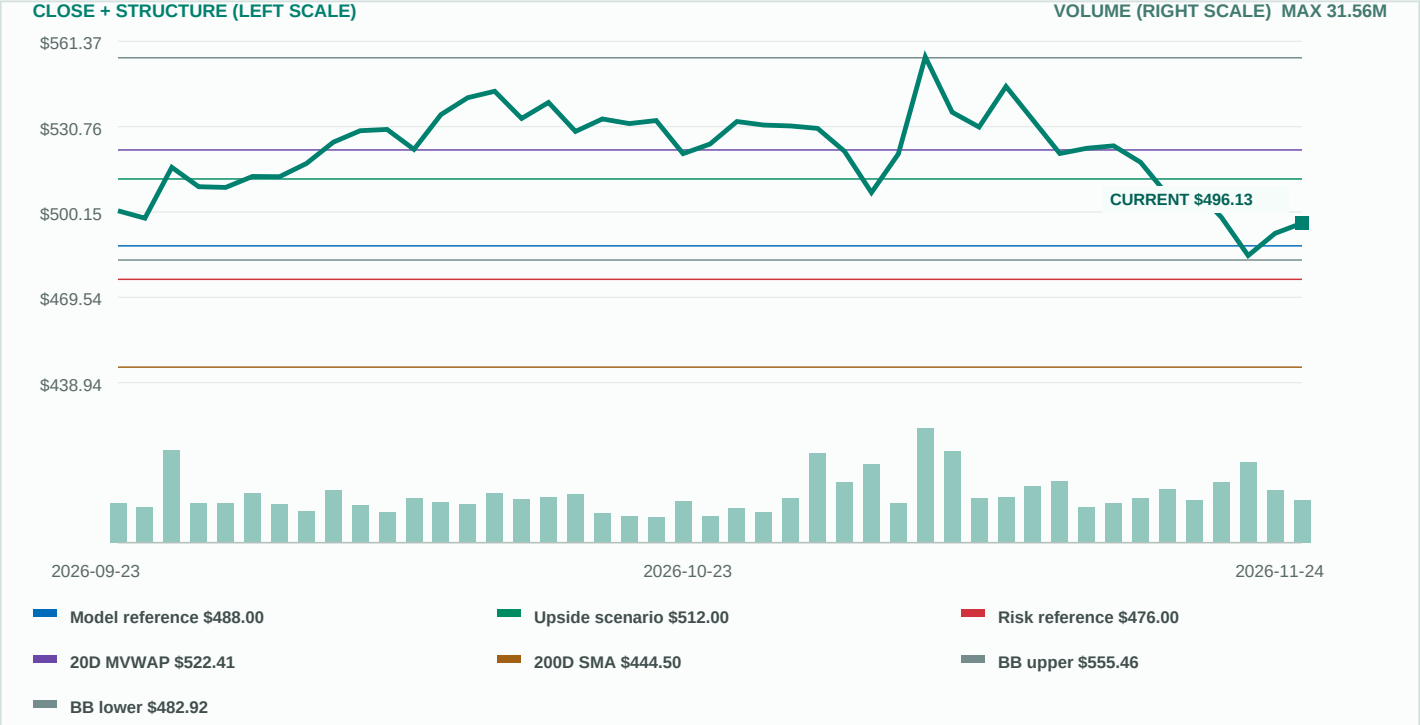
Elevated implied volatility (33.18%) indicates market anticipation of significant price movement in either direction. | Backwardated term structure with decreasing IV as expiration nears suggests bullishness and expectations for future price increases. | Put-demand elevated skew, indicating a higher demand for put options compared to calls, may reflect hedging against potential downside risk but doesn't negate the overall bullish sentiment. | Strong Azure growth (48% in Q1 FY2027) exceeding supply and management guidance of 49-50% constant-currency growth for the next quarter fuels optimism.

Risk watch

Recent service outage and concerns about cloud infrastructure reliability could weigh on investor confidence. | Elevated capital expenditures (capex) may impact free cash flow and raise concerns among investors.

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)	**37.28 / 40.98 / 44.21**
RSI velocity	**0.59**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**-7.77 / - / -3.20**
MACD acceleration	**-1.37**
Stochastic K / D	**12.96 / 9.67**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Below institutional MVWAP | Distribution bias**
Institutional flow	**-1.70**
20-day MVWAP	**$522.41**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**-5.34%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$495.46**
Price vs daily reference	**-0.19%**
Volume	**11.77M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Above 200-day trend | Negative macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**-1.92**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$519.19 / $444.50**
Bollinger range	**$482.92 - $555.46**
Bollinger position	**0.182**

Options and volatility intelligence

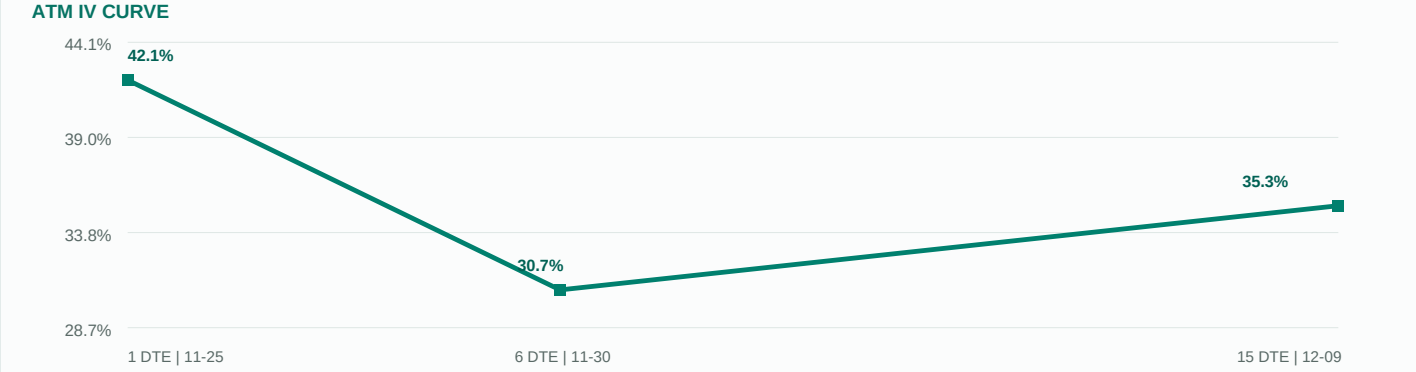
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
53 / 100	**79 / 100**	**114.93**	**140.37**

Market regime	**CRASH RISK**
Tail-risk regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-6.79 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 24, 2026 2:37 PM EST**
Options data quality	**Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



Downward-sloping ATM volatility term structure

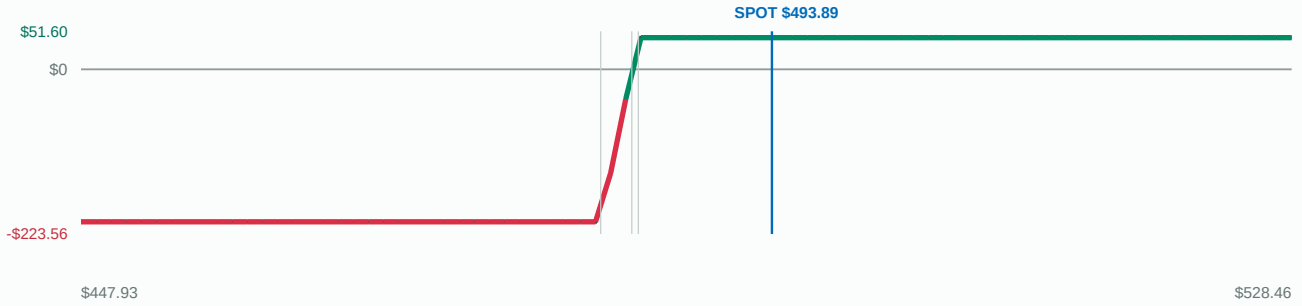
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-11-25	1	42.1%	-
2026-11-30	6	30.7%	-
2026-12-09	15	35.3%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

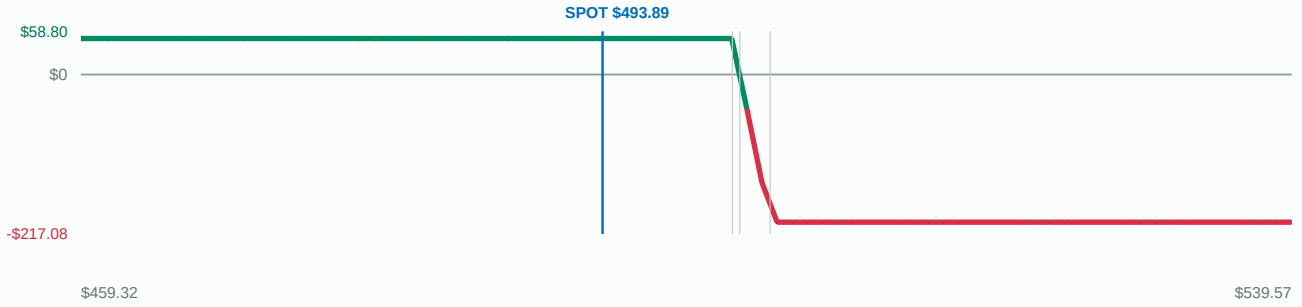
Short $485.00 | Long $482.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.43



Max profit $43.00 | Max loss -$207.00 | Break-even $484.57 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $502.50 | Long $505.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.49



Max profit $49.00 | Max loss -$201.00 | Break-even $502.99 | 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	**26.41**
VVIX	**114.93**
SKEW index	**140.37**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**123**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**123**

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 **$3.66T**	P/E (TTM) **25.64**
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 **1.07**
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 **4.3%**
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 24, 2026 9:37 AM EST

Covered Call | 2026-11-25

At signal $491.42 | Current $494.50

SHORT **Option $492.50 B $5.30 / A $5.75**

Conservative | CR $5.53

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$16.73**
ATR as % of price	**3.4%**
Volatility environment	**medium**
Current IV	**33.8%**
IV rank	**56 / 100**
IV percentile	**80 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Nov 24, 2026 6:31 PM EST**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**71 / 100**
Trend health	**78 / 100**
Momentum health	**75 / 100**
Volatility health	**59 / 100**
Structure health	**68 / 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)	**$519.19 / $519.56 / $444.50**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$503.87 / $513.96**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$555.46 / $519.19 / $482.92**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.182**
True high / low	**$501.82 / $488.43**
5-day true high / low	**$526.49 / $481.03**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-1.922	**-**
SMA50	-0.167	**-**
MVWAP20	-1.702	**-**
MACD	-1.373	**-**
RSI	0.591	**-**
Volume	-1656668.000	**-**
ATR	0.271	**-**
T1	-	**-7.22 / 523.64 / 509.07 / 484.52**
T2	-	**-6.05 / 525.00 / 503.80 / 481.03**
T3	-	**-3.65 / 527.52 / 526.49 / 498.16**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$493.89**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Nov 24, 2026 2:37 PM EST**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX RISING**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-11-25 | 1 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**42.1%**
25-delta skew	**7.23**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$485.00 Delta -0.235 / $502.50 Delta 0.213**
Median option bid/ask spread	**9.2%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**123 / 123**

Price context

Last Price: 493.89 | Bid: 493.82 | Ask: 493.90 | Previous Close: 492.50 | Change: 1.39 | Daily change: 0.28% | Update Time: 2026-11-24T14:37:51.476769-05:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-11-24 | Latest History Price: 493.71

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-09-01 | Latest Date: 2026-11-24 | Latest Price: 493.71 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -12.82%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 33.18% | Iv Rank: 53.37 | Iv Percentile: 78.88 | Next Earnings Date: 2027-01-27 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-11-18

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