Qualcomm Inc / QCOM

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$169.00	**+2.39 +1.43%**	**$169.15/$169.65**	**$166.61**

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Semiconductors**
Market data as of	**Sep 2, 2026 11:31 PM EDT**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
67.0 / 100	**Constructive**	**high**	**47 / 100**

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$165.50	**$178.00**	**$158.00**	**79 / 100**

Options stance	**neutral**
Tail-risk safety	**64 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Sep 2, 2026 7:51 PM EDT**

Key insight

QCOM Option Market Implies Range-Bound Trading

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	**Sep 2, 2026 2:09 PM EDT**

Short-term scenario

Cautious hold or wait for pullback/confirmation of breakout; high near-term uncertainty from memory crunch, handset weakness, and light Q4 guidance. Modest upside possible if holds 165+ and clears 172.

Three-month outlook

Neutral-to-slightly-positive with potential recovery toward $185-200 if auto/IoT momentum and data-center updates (Meta/hyperscaler deals, FY27 inflections) offset handset pressure and Q4 results (expected November) stabilize. However, high uncertainty: Apple in-house modem transition accelerating, memory/supply constraints persisting, data-center products still ramping (meaningful 2027+), intense competition (NVDA/AMD/Broadcom), and semiconductor cycle/macro risks. Most analysts remain Hold; execution on $40B FY29 non-handset target is a multi-year 'show-me' story.

Market sentiment

Mixed to cautiously optimistic among active traders. Several notes of tight consolidation and potential breakout above 172 toward 190s this month, plus accumulation and underpriced AI/CPU optionality versus NVDA peers. Bullish commentary on diversification (auto, IoT, data center CPUs like Oryon/Dragonfly, Modular) and cheap valuation. However, many low-engagement promotional group posts; lingering concerns on handset/Apple/memory headwinds. Retail flow not strongly directional.

Supporting evidence

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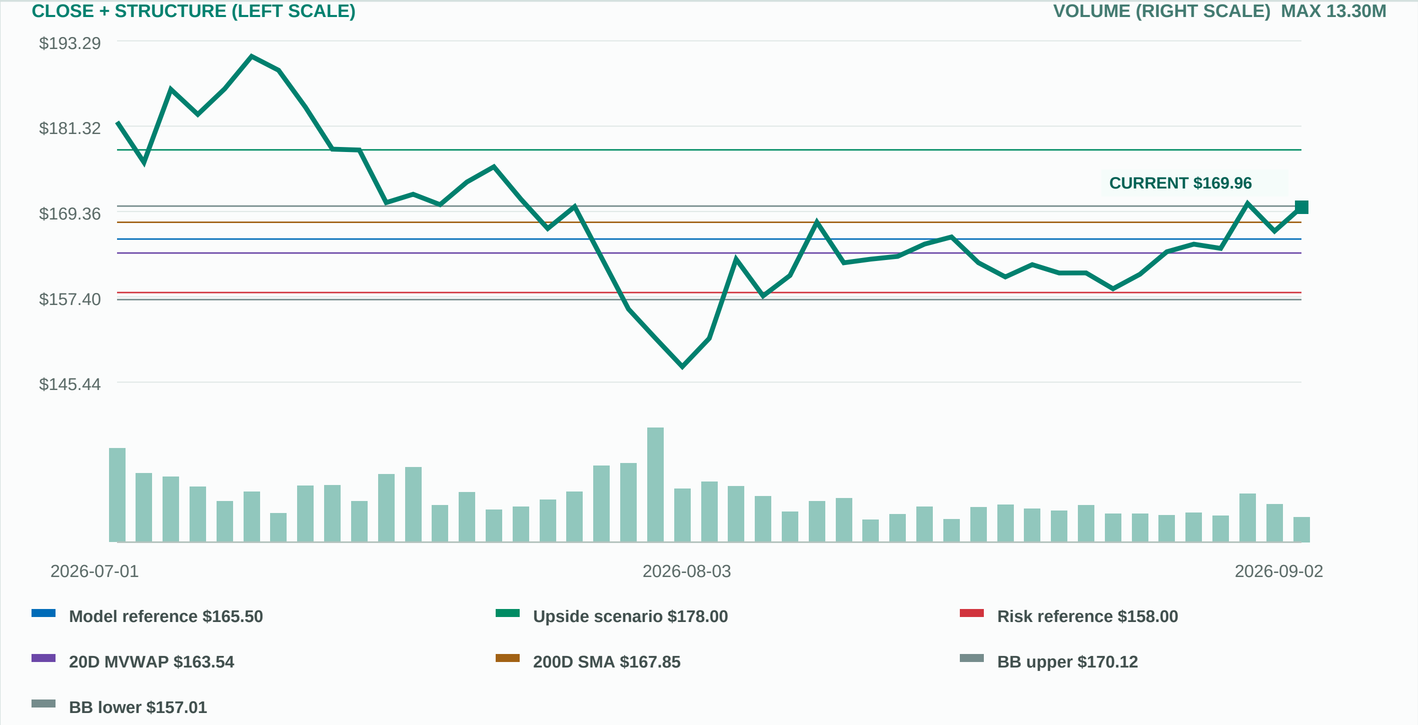
Risk watch

Handset demand weakness due to memory supply constraints and Apple's transition to in-house modems.

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%	77.5
Strategy Fit	100.0%	78.8
Technical Trend	100.0%	67.7
Market Tail Risk	100.0%	63.8
Fundamental Quality	100.0%	65.9
Volatility Pressure	100.0%	55.0

Decision summary

Primary model reads before the detailed indicator appendix

Momentum	Institutional flow	Structure	Volatility
bullish_recovery	**Above 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 accelerating**
Trend signal	**BULLISH RECOVERY**
RSI signal	**neutral**
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	**64.65 / 54.63 / 50.49**
RSI velocity	**2.04**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**-0.79 / - / -2.59**
MACD acceleration	**0.58**
Stochastic K / D	**84.41 / 80.65**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Above institutional MVWAP | Accumulation bias**
Institutional flow	**0.82**
20-day MVWAP	**$163.54**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**+3.34%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$168.55**
Price vs daily reference	**+0.27%**
Volume	**2.91M**

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	**$163.57 / $167.85**
Bollinger range	**$157.01 - $170.12**
Bollinger position	**0.988**

Options and volatility intelligence

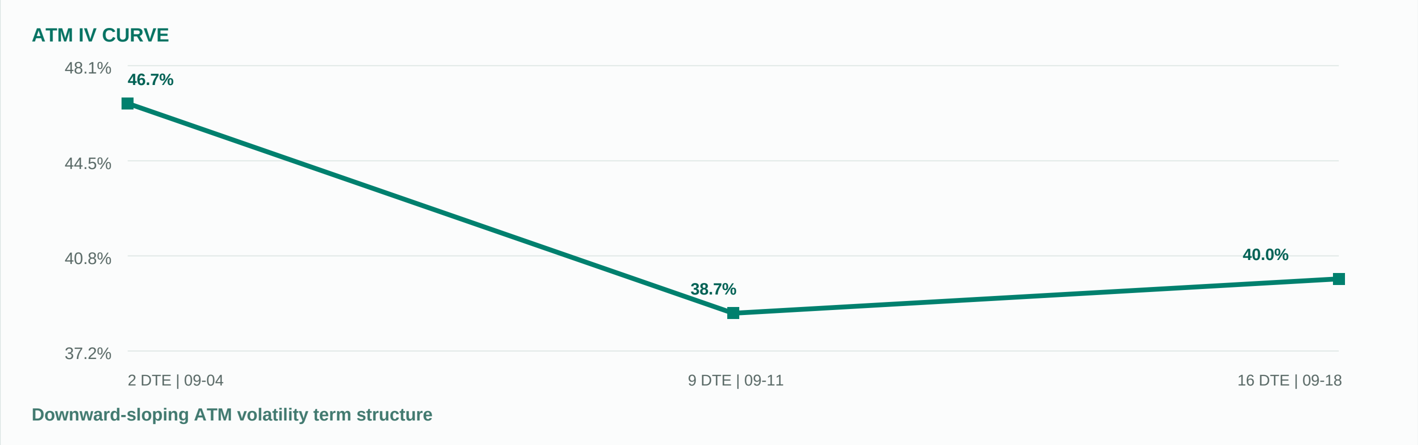
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
23 / 100	**50 / 100**	**87.01**	**149.23**

Market regime	**Calm**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-6.69 pts**
Skew read	**CALL DEMAND ELEVATED**
Liquidity / quote coverage	**97.0%**
Options observation	**Sep 2, 2026 4:25 PM EDT | Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



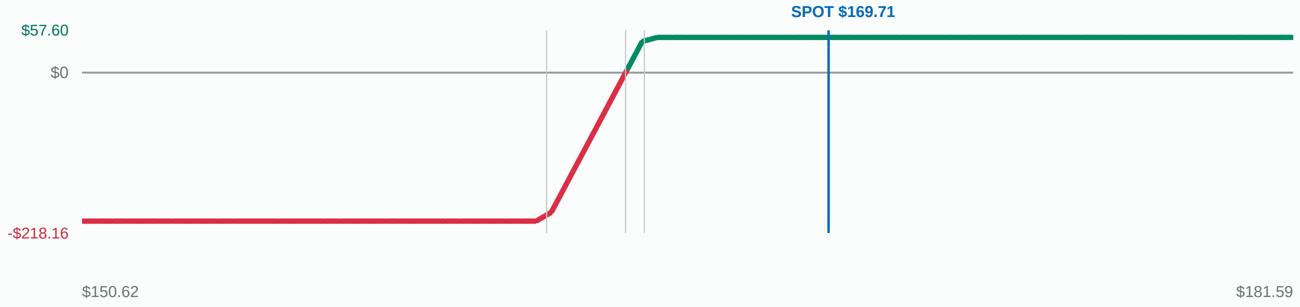
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-04	2	46.7%	-
2026-09-11	9	38.7%	-
2026-09-18	16	40.0%	-

Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

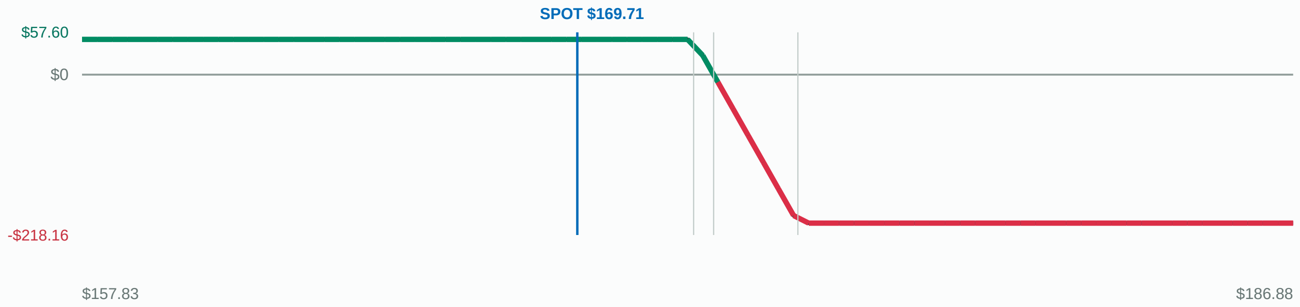
Short $165.00 | Long $162.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.48



Max profit $48.00 | Max loss -$202.00 | Break-even $164.52 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $172.50 | Long $175.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.48



Max profit $48.00 | Max loss -$202.00 | Break-even $172.98 | Per contract at expiry

Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	**2026-10-29**
Earnings IV-crush risk	**NOT MEASURED**
VIX	**15.21**
VVIX	**87.01**
SKEW index	**149.23**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**132**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

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FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**128**

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 **$174.98B**	P/E (TTM) **18.69**
ROE **37.3%**	Revenue growth **0.1%**
EPS growth **-23.9%**	Operating margin **23.0%**
Net profit margin **21.0%**	Gross margin **-**
Free cash flow CAGR **23.8%**	Debt / equity **0.70**
Dividend yield **2.5%**	Beta **1.72**
52-week range **$121.99 - $259.92**	

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name **Qualcomm Inc**	Market **NYSE**
Industry **Semiconductors**	Country **US**
Currency **USD**	IPO date **1991-12-13**
Shares outstanding **1.05B**	52-week return **4.9%**
Book value per share **$26.17**	Revenue per share **$41.22**

Website	**qualcomm.com**

Latest strategy observation

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

QCOM Covered Call signal

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Covered Call | 2026-09-04

At signal $165.84 | Current $169.00

SHORT **Option $167.50 B $1.50 / A $1.73**

High turnover | CR $1.62

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$6.25**
ATR as % of price	**3.7%**
Volatility environment	**medium**
Current IV	**40.2%**
IV rank	**22 / 100**
IV percentile	**47 / 100**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**73 / 100**
Trend health	**78 / 100**
Momentum health	**99 / 100**
Volatility health	**55 / 100**
Structure health	**51 / 100**
Earnings risk / date	**low | 2026-10-29**
Macro risk	**unknown**
Volatility risk	**medium**
Structure risk	**medium**

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	**$163.57 / $170.61 / $167.85**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$165.72 / $165.03**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$170.12 / $163.57 / $157.01**
Bollinger %B	**0.988**
True high / low	**$170.60 / $165.08**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
5-day true high / low	**$171.38 / $161.90**

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	-0.967	**-**
MVWAP20	0.818	**-**
MACD	0.580	**-**
RSI	2.041	**-**
Volume	-62162.000	**-**
ATR	0.058	**-**
T1	-	**-1.35 / 163.05 / 170.48 / 162.21**
T2	-	**-1.71 / 162.71 / 171.38 / 164.19**
T3	-	**-2.53 / 161.08 / 165.49 / 161.90**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	**$169.71**
Options intelligence as of	**Sep 2, 2026 4:25 PM EDT**
Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FLAT**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-09-04 | 2 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**46.7%**
25-delta skew	**-2.23**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$165.00 Delta -0.247 / $172.50 Delta 0.281**
Median option bid/ask spread	**9.9%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**132 / 128**

Price context

Last Price: 169.71 | Bid: 169.68 | Ask: 169.73 | Previous Close: 166.61 | Change: 3.10 | Daily change: 1.86% | Update Time: 2026-09-02T14:49:55.279903-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-02 | Latest History Price: 169.70

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-09 | Latest Date: 2026-09-02 | Latest Price: 169.70 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -34.72%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 40.96% | Iv Rank: 23.14 | Iv Percentile: 50.40 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-29 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-09-02 | Dividend Yield: 221.00

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