



Wells Fargo & Co / WFC

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
\$81.93	+1.67 +2.08%	\$81.91/\$82.68	\$80.26

Market	NYSE
Industry	Banking
Market data as of	Oct 8, 2026 11:32 PM EDT

JW Intelligence Report

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
57.9 / 100	Balanced	high	66 / 100
Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
\$80.00	\$85.50	\$77.80	76 / 100

Options stance	neutral
Tail-risk safety	56 / 100
JW Rank data coverage / as of	98.6% Oct 8, 2026 6:50 PM EDT

Key insight

WFC Option Market Implies Balanced Sentiment Ahead of Earnings

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

Oct 8, 2026 2:27 PM EDT

Short-term scenario

Cautious dip-buy only over the next 1-3 weeks; do not chase the bounce into nearby resistance and the Oct 13 earnings event. Preferred approach is a small position only if price revisits support, with a hard stop. Material uncertainty from the earnings print, the unresolved HUD probe, and yield volatility means this is a tactical idea, not a high-conviction call, and is not investment advice.

Three-month outlook

Moderately constructive but uncertain. If Q3 confirms ongoing loan growth, stable credit, and easing margin pressure, a re-rating toward widely cited analyst targets in the \$95-\$102 area is plausible given a still-reasonable multiple near 11x earnings and recent profitability (Q2 ROTCE near 18%). Offsetting that, the stock has been flat to down over the past year despite earnings growth, daily trend indicators are still negative, higher yields have compressed bank multiples, and the homeownership-program probe is an open overhang. Base case over three months is a wide range with modest upside only if execution and regulatory news cooperate; downside toward the high \$70s remains possible on a miss or adverse headline. Uncertainty is elevated and should be treated as the dominant feature of the outlook.

Market sentiment

Recent X discussion is mixed and not uniformly bullish. Posts highlighted the Morgan Stanley upgrade, NIM stabilization, and implied upside toward the low \$100s, and some traders said they were comfortable holding through the print at roughly 11x expected earnings. Offsetting comments focused on higher yields, deposit-franchise risk if cheap deposits become easier to move, and the regulatory headline. A large share of ticker mentions is low-engagement promotional noise rather than substantive analysis. Overall tone is cautiously constructive on valuation but wary of near-term event risk. Uncertainty: social sentiment is noisy, thinly engaged, and not a reliable forecast.

Supporting evidence

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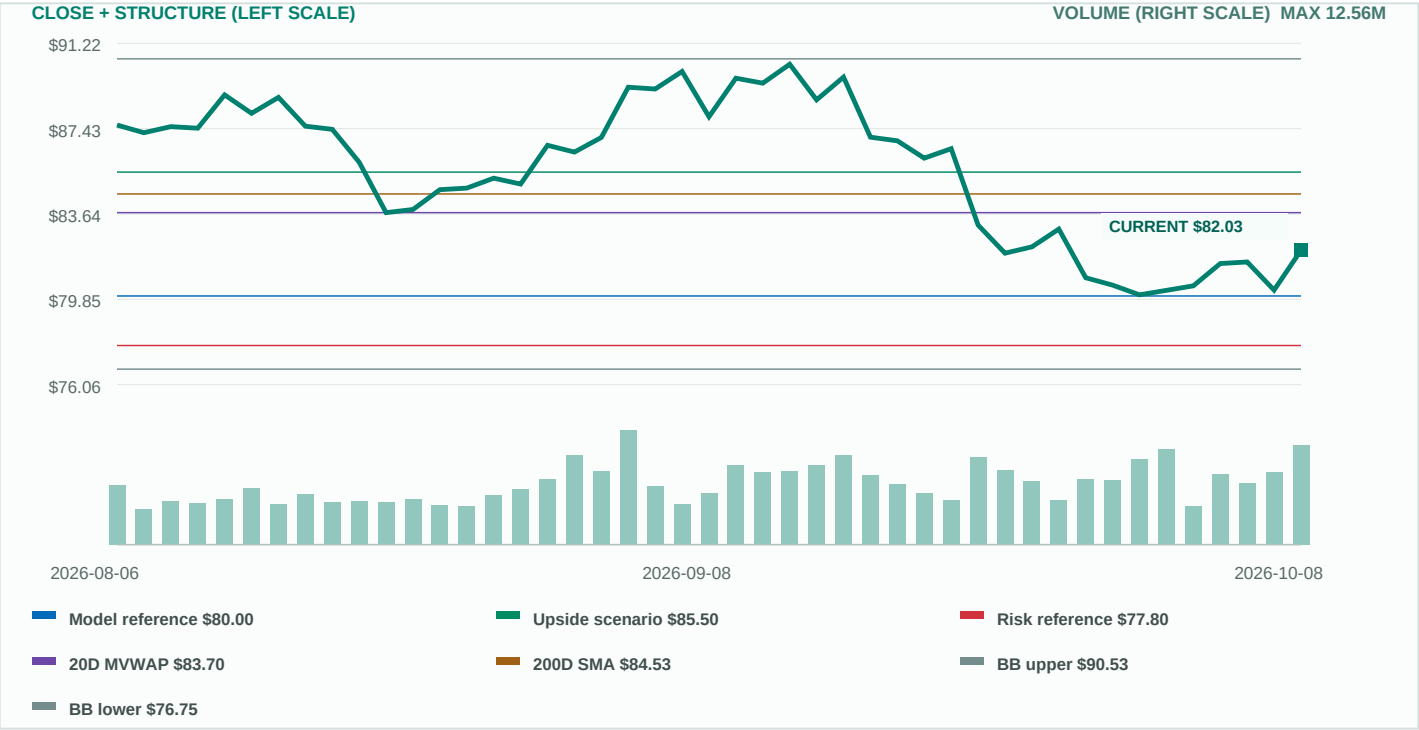
Risk watch

Earnings miss or negative news regarding the HUD probe could trigger significant downside risk.



Enhanced price structure

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

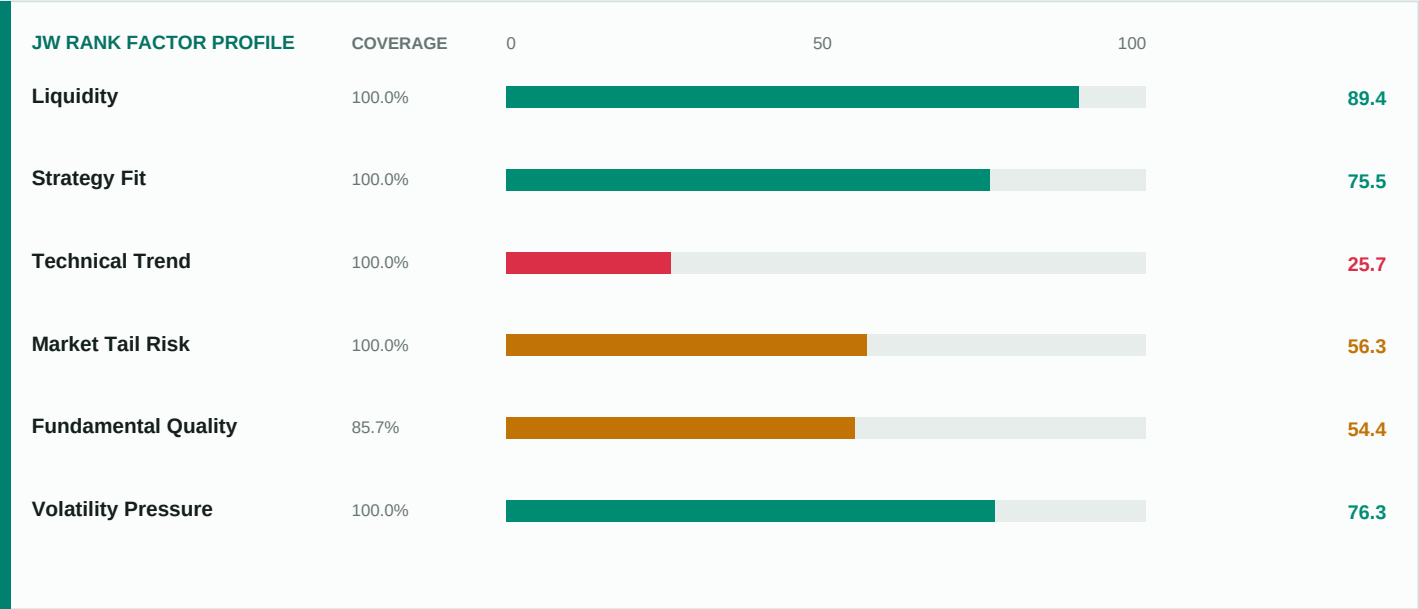


45 complete trading-session observations



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

Below MVWAP

Structure

Below 200D trend

Volatility

medium



Decision indicators

Detailed momentum, institutional and structural observations

Momentum kinematics

Direction, velocity and oscillator state

Current read	BEARISH WARNING neutral MACD accelerating
Trend signal	BEARISH WARNING
RSI signal	neutral
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	49.84 / 43.66 / 44.10
RSI velocity	1.67
MACD line / signal / histogram	-1.63 / - / -1.52
MACD acceleration	0.06
Stochastic K / D	34.74 / 30.68

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	Below institutional MVWAP Distribution bias
Institutional flow	-0.42
20-day MVWAP	\$83.70
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	-2.12%
Daily reference VWAP	\$81.30
Price vs daily reference	+0.77%
Volume	10.92M

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	Below 200-day trend Negative macro velocity
Macro velocity	-0.39
20-day / 200-day SMA	\$83.64 / \$84.53
Bollinger range	\$76.75 - \$90.53
Bollinger position	0.383



Options and volatility intelligence

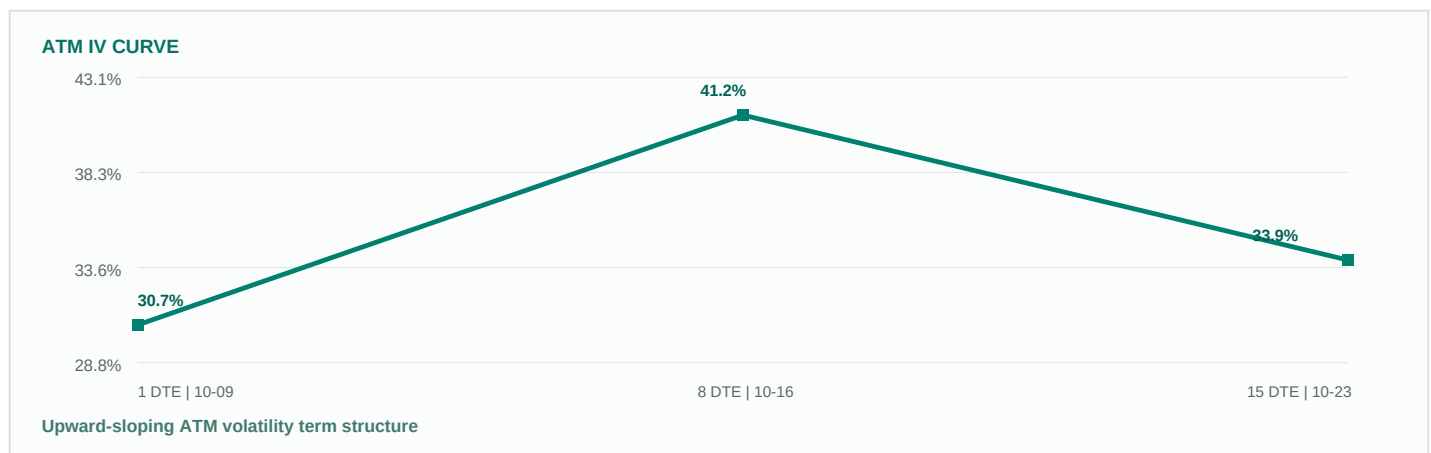
Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
41 / 100	66 / 100	88.65	141.84

Market regime	Calm
Tail-risk regime	NORMAL TAIL RISK
Term structure	contango
Term slope	+3.24 pts
Skew read	balanced
Liquidity / quote coverage	89.6%
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
Options Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 8, 2026 2:48 PM EDT
Options data quality	Coverage 100.0%

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration



EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-10-09	1	30.7%	-
2026-10-16	8	41.2%	-
2026-10-23	15	33.9%	-

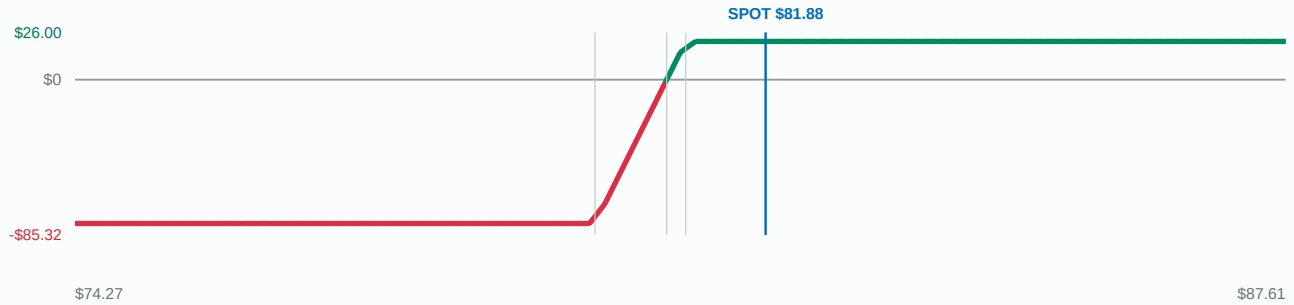


Reference spread payoff

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

Bull Put Spread reference

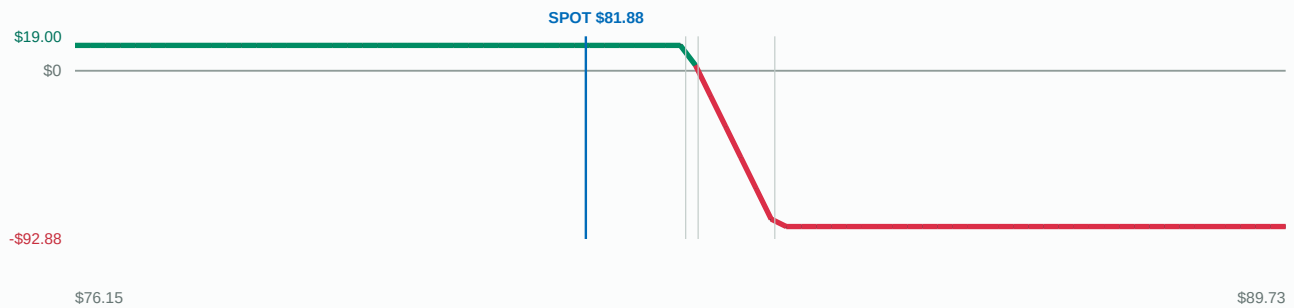
Short \$81.00 | Long \$80.00 | Width \$1.00 | Net credit \$0.21



Max profit \$21.00 | Max loss -\$79.00 | Break-even \$80.79 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short \$83.00 | Long \$84.00 | Width \$1.00 | Net credit \$0.14



Max profit \$14.00 | Max loss -\$86.00 | Break-even \$83.14 | Per contract at expiry

Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	2026-10-13
Earnings IV-crush risk	high
Event IV premium	7.26
VIX	15.70
VVIX	88.65
SKEW index	141.84
Observation confidence	high
Option quote quality	reliable



Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts observed	134
Contracts with quotes	120

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

Market structure

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Options context

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Wheel context

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Observed evidence

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Principal risks to monitor

Earnings miss or negative news regarding the HUD probe could trigger significant downside risk.



Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization	P/E (TTM)
\$258.34B	10.55
ROE	Revenue growth
12.6%	-6.5%
EPS growth	Operating margin
22.7%	25.3%
Net profit margin	Gross margin
22.2%	-
Free cash flow CAGR	Debt / equity
-	2.35
Dividend yield	Beta
2.3%	0.94
52-week range	
\$72.78 - \$97.76	

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name	Market
Wells Fargo & Co	NYSE
Industry	Country
Banking	US
Currency	IPO date
USD	1962-12-10
Shares outstanding	52-week return
3.02B	1.0%
Book value per share	Revenue per share
\$59.50	\$21.73
Website	wellsfargo.com



Latest strategy observation

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

WFC Covered Call signal	Oct 6, 2026 11:42 AM EDT
Covered Call 2026-10-09	
At signal \$81.66 Current \$81.93	
SHORT Option \$82.00 B \$0.63 / A \$0.73	
Conservative CR \$0.68	



Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	\$1.87
ATR as % of price	2.3%
Volatility environment	medium
Current IV	29.7%
IV rank	41 / 100
IV percentile	66 / 100
Technical Snapshot IV source	Private fundamentals snapshot
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 8, 2026 7:32 PM EDT

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	66 / 100
Trend health	38 / 100
Momentum health	80 / 100
Volatility health	76 / 100
Structure health	88 / 100
Earnings risk / date	high 2026-10-13
Macro risk	unknown
Volatility risk	medium
Structure risk	low

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	\$83.64 / \$85.79 / \$84.53
EMA (9 / 21)	\$81.51 / \$83.06
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	\$90.53 / \$83.64 / \$76.75



Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	0.383
True high / low	\$82.17 / \$79.70
5-day true high / low	\$82.22 / \$79.17

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	-0.388	-
SMA50	-0.095	-
MVWAP20	-0.419	-
MACD	0.063	-
RSI	1.672	-
Volume	1066742.000	-
ATR	0.006	-
T1	-	-1.77 / 84.17 / 81.51 / 79.17
T2	-	-1.74 / 84.66 / 81.98 / 81.07
T3	-	-1.82 / 84.95 / 82.22 / 80.45



Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

Underlying price at observation	\$81.88
Options Snapshot IV sources	ATM: option chain Rank/percentile: fundamentals
Options Snapshot IV observed at	Oct 8, 2026 2:48 PM EDT
Options data coverage	100.0%
SKEW regime	HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW
VVIX regime	VVIX FALLING
Front expiration / DTE	2026-10-09 1 DTE
Front at-the-money IV	30.7%
25-delta skew	1.84
Put / Call 25-delta	\$81.00 Delta -0.259 / \$83.00 Delta 0.204
Median option bid/ask spread	26.0%
Bid/ask spread	-
Contracts observed / quoted	134 / 120

Price context

Last Price: 81.88 | Bid: 81.87 | Ask: 81.88 | Previous Close: 80.27 | Change: 1.61 | Daily change: 2.01% | Update Time: 2026-10-08T14:49:01.748768-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-10-08 | Latest History Price: 81.88

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-07-16 | Latest Date: 2026-10-08 | Latest Price: 81.88 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -11.34%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 29.69% | Iv Rank: 40.58 | Iv Percentile: 66.14 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-13 | Ex Dividend Date: 2026-08-06



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