

KLA Corporation (KLAC) - ANALYST REPORT

Executive Summary with Comprehensive Analysis

\$203.72 **-\$5.65 (-2.70%)** AS OF 2026-08-14

Strategy: No Active Position

■ QUICK DECISION

Action: WAIT | Confidence: LOW | Signal Strength: 3/7 (last fired 2026-07-29, 16d ago)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Essential Metrics

TECHNICAL METRICS	VALUE	FUNDAMENTAL METRICS	VALUE
Current Price	\$203.72	Market Cap	\$266.2B
Past Win Rate (Backtest)	55.0%	Forward P/E	31.0x
Past Total Return	+48.2%	Analyst Target	\$231.78
RSI / Trend Strength	49 / 14	Upside to Target	+13.8%
MACD Signal	Bearish	Revenue Growth	+15.2%
Profit Factor	2.02	Institutional Own.	93.9%
Open Position	No open position	Analyst Ratings	19 Buy / 10 Hold / 1 Sell

■ TECHNICAL ANALYSIS SUMMARY

Indicator	Value	Signal
EMA 20	\$202.89	Bullish
EMA 50	\$207.54	Bearish
RSI (14)	49.1	Neutral range
Trend Strength (ADX)	14.0	Weak/No trend (<20)

■ CONSENSUS HUD

WAIT FOR SIGNAL +13.8% to \$231.78 on a 1.09:1 reward-to-risk, 6-12 month horizon

SIGNAL STRENGTH 3/7 fired 16d ago	WIN RATE 55% 20 backtested trades	STREET 19/30 analysts rate buy	UPSIDE +13.8% to analyst target	RISK / REWARD 1.09:1 vs. 2x ATR stop
Technical Confluence	3/7 (fired 16d ago)	Backtest	55.0% win rate, +48.2% total return	
Analyst Consensus	19 buy / 10 hold / 1 sell	Target Price	\$231.78 (+13.8%)	
Market Volatility	Beta 1.46	Valuation	31.0x forward P/E	
Revenue Growth	+15.2%	Institutional Own.	93.9%	
Position	Flat — no position risk	News Sentiment	Slightly Bullish (+2.0/10)	

Action Plan: No confluence signal (score=3). Wait for score >= 5 before deploying capital.

■ KEY INSIGHT

The chandelier strategy has proven effective (Win Rate: 55.0%, Avg Return: +8.2%), but patience is critical. Only enter on confirmed signals with proper risk management. Current technical confluence of 3 does not meet entry threshold of 5 - remain on sidelines. Fundamental backdrop shows 14% earnings growth with 94% institutional ownership, indicating strong conviction from professional investors.

■ INTELLIGENT STOP LOSS STRATEGY

METRIC	VALUE	DETAILS
Current Price	\$203.72	Latest market price
Buy Stop Loss	\$177.91	Conservative 2.0x ATR (12.7% distance)
Position Stop Loss	\$177.91	Adaptive 2.00x ATR (12.7% distance)
ATR (14-day)	\$12.91	Volatility: 6.3% of price
ADX Strength	14.0	Weak/No Trend

Status: New position - Standard stop loss levels
ADX: 20-25 = Emerging trend | 25-50 = Strong trend | 50+ = Very strong

■ Strategy Comparison: Conservative vs Adaptive

METRIC	CONSERVATIVE (2.0x ATR)	ADAPTIVE (Dynamic)
Past Win Rate	55%	55%
Past Total Return	+48.2%	+57.4%
Max Drawdown	-14.2%	-11.7%
Total Trades	20	20
Position	NONE	NONE

Both strategies analyzed independently. Conservative uses fixed 2.0x ATR stops. Adaptive adjusts stops based on position profit.

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■ ANALYST RATING CHANGES - COMPLETE HISTORY

All recent upgrades, downgrades, and price target changes (last 90 days)

Firm	Action	From → To	Date
Cantor Fitzgerald	REITERATED	Overweight → Overweight	Jul 29, 2026
Needham	REITERATED	Buy → Buy	Jul 29, 2026

Analyst Price Targets

Average Target: \$231.78 (+13.8% from current)

High Target: \$325.00 (+59.5%)

Low Target: \$165.00 (-19.0%)

Current Price: \$203.72

RISK HUD - Deep Dive Assessment

Five risk axes scored LOW / MODERATE / HIGH, then the mitigation that follows from them.

ELEVATED RISK driven by market beta, volatility

MARKET HIGH beta 1.46	VOLATILITY HIGH ATR 6.3% of price	VALUATION MODERATE fwd P/E 31.0x	EVENT LOW earnings in 75d	TECHNICAL LOW RSI 49
Mitigation - Stop	2-3x ATR = \$25.81 - \$38.72 below entry (12.7% at 2x)	Mitigation - Sizing	half-size or less while two axes read HIGH	
52-Week Range	\$83.22 - \$307.37, now \$203.72	Next Earnings	Oct 28, 2026 (75d away)	
Short Interest	2.3% of float - normal short activity	Sector Exposure	Technology - cycle and regulatory risk specific to the group	
Backtest Edge	55.0% win rate (11W / 9L), 2.02x profit factor	Win vs. Loss Size	avg win 25.1% vs. avg loss -12.4%	
Current Setup	3/7 (fired 16d ago) - moderate	Company-Specific	Competition, Market conditions, Regulatory changes	

BUY-SIDE HUD - Portfolio Management

How much to own, what the historical edge is, and whether the position can be traded at size.

MARKET WEIGHT +13.8% to the \$231.78 analyst target against a 12.7% stop - moderate risk-adjusted return

UPSIDE +13.8% to analyst target	RISK / REWARD 1.09:1 vs. 2x ATR stop	WIN RATE 55% 20 backtested trades	PROFIT FACTOR 2.02x avg trade +8.2%	POSITION FLAT no open position
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Signal Strength	3/7 (fired 16d ago) - moderate setup	RSI / ADX	49 / 14.0 - weak/no trend (<20)
Stop Zone (2-3x ATR)	\$25.81 - \$38.72 below entry	Next Catalyst	Oct 28, 2026 earnings
Avg Volume	12.8M/day - moderately liquid	Execution Risk	Low at institutional size
Market Cap	\$266.2B - large cap	Beta	1.46 - above-market volatility
Institutional Own.	93.9% - largest: Blackrock Inc.	Short Interest	2.3% of float - moderate

SELL-SIDE HUD - Investment Research

KLA Corporation - Technology / Semiconductor Equipment & Materials. What the business is worth and where the Street stands.

STRONG GROWTH positive operating leverage - revenue and earnings both accelerating

FORWARD P/E 31.0x premium multiple	PEG 1.99 growth-adjusted P/E	REVENUE GROWTH +15% year over year	EPS GROWTH +79% next fiscal year	OPERATING MARGIN 42% profitability
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Analyst Consensus	Strong Buy - 19B / 10H / 1S across 30 analysts	Target Range	\$165.00 - \$325.00, avg \$231.78 (+13.8%)
Trailing P/E	55.5x	Price / Sales	19.60x - premium
Price / Book	41.92x	Enterprise Value	\$267.4B (19.69x revenue)
Revenue (TTM)	\$13.6B	Free Cash Flow	\$2.6B
Earnings Growth	+13.8%	Institutional Own.	93.9% - very high confidence
Key Competitors	Various industry players	Market Share	0% US / 0% global - competitive player
Moat	Market position, Technology, Brand	Key Products	Core products and services

■ 7-DAY NEWS SENTIMENT ANALYSIS

Market Sentiment from Recent Financial News

METRIC	VALUE	ANALYSIS
Overall Score	+2.0 / 10	Slightly Bullish
Articles Analyzed	7	Last 7 days (top 5 shown per category)
Bullish Articles	3 (43%)	Positive sentiment
Bearish Articles	1 (14%)	Negative sentiment
Neutral Articles	3 (43%)	Mixed/Neutral tone

■ TOP BULLISH HEADLINES

1. MG vs. KLAC: Which Stock Should Value Investors Buy Now? (Zacks, Aug 13)

MG vs. KLAC: Which Stock Is the Better Value Option?...

Source: <https://finance.yahoo.com/markets/stocks/articles/mg-vs-klac-stock-value-1540032>

2. KLA Drops 9% in a Month: Should You Buy the Stock on the Dip? (Zacks, Aug 13)

KLAC's 9.3% monthly drop highlights near-term margin and supply risks, even as AI demand, HBM and advanced packaging support its long-term growth outl...

Source: <https://finance.yahoo.com/markets/stocks/articles/kla-drops-9-month-buy-17420095>

3. KLA (KLAC) Is Up 5.5% After Strong Earnings, AI-Driven Outlook And Dividend Hike - What's Changed (Simply Wall St., Aug 11)

KLA Corporation recently declared a quarterly cash dividend of US\$0.23 per share, payable on September 1, 2026, to shareholders of record as of August...

Source: <https://finance.yahoo.com/markets/stocks/articles/kla-klac-5-5-strong-151320840>.

■ TOP BEARISH HEADLINES

1. Entegris, Penguin Solutions, Seagate, Applied Materials, and KLA Corporation Shares Are Soaring, Wha (StockStory, Aug 14)

A number of stocks jumped in the afternoon session after a wave of upbeat earnings reports and bullish forecasts from key industry players signaled ro...

Source: <https://finance.yahoo.com/markets/stocks/articles/entegris-penguin-solutions-sea>

■ SENTIMENT INTERPRETATION

The news sentiment is **moderately bullish**, showing generally positive coverage with some caution. Market perception appears favorable but not overwhelmingly positive. This neutral-to-positive sentiment suggests steady conditions without extreme optimism.

REFERENCE: APPENDIX A - Complete Technical Indicators

Comprehensive Technical Data for Quantitative Analysis

Indicator	Value	Interpretation
Current Price	\$203.72	as of 2026-08-14
Volume	7.3M	avg 12.8M/day
EMA 20	\$202.89	Short-term trend
EMA 50	\$207.54	Medium-term trend
EMA 200	\$172.62	Long-term trend
Relative Strength	49.1	Neutral range
MACD	-4.61	Bearish
MACD Signal	-7.44	Signal line
MACD Histogram	2.83	Bullish
Volatility (ATR 14)	\$12.91	6.3% of price
Trend Strength (ADX)	14.0	Weak/No trend (<20)
+DI	24.5	Positive directional movement
-DI	26.1	Negative directional movement
Stochastic %K	80.0	Neutral
Stochastic %D	72.1	Neutral
Bollinger Upper	\$225.10	Upper volatility band
Bollinger Middle	\$198.67	Moving average
Bollinger Lower	\$172.25	Lower volatility band
Band Position	59.5%	0% = lower band, 100% = upper
VWAP	\$204.48	Volume-weighted average

REFERENCE: APPENDIX B - Complete Fundamental Metrics

Comprehensive Fundamental Data for Financial Analysis

Category	Metric	Value	Interpretation
Valuation	Market Cap	\$266.2B	Total market value
Valuation	Enterprise Value	\$267.4B	Total company value
Valuation	Forward P/E	31.0x	Price to forward earnings
Valuation	Trailing P/E	55.5x	Price to trailing earnings
Valuation	PEG Ratio	1.99	P/E relative to growth
Valuation	Price/Sales	19.60x	Market cap to revenue
Valuation	Price/Book	41.92x	Price to book value
Valuation	EV/Revenue	19.69x	Enterprise value to revenue
Valuation	EV/EBITDA	44.2x	Enterprise value to EBITDA
Performance	Revenue (TTM)	\$13.6B	Trailing 12-month revenue
Performance	Revenue Growth	+15.2%	Year-over-year growth
Performance	Earnings Growth	+13.8%	Earnings growth rate
Performance	EPS Growth (Next Yr)	+79.1%	Forward EPS growth estimate
Performance	Gross Profit	\$8.3B	Revenue minus COGS
Performance	Operating Income	\$4.1B	EBIT
Performance	Net Income	\$4.8B	Bottom line profit
Performance	Free Cash Flow	\$2.6B	Cash after capex
Performance	Operating Cash Flow	\$4.1B	Cash from operations
Profitability	Gross Margin	61.3%	Gross profit margin
Profitability	Operating Margin	42.5%	Operating efficiency
Profitability	Profit Margin	35.6%	Net margin
Profitability	ROE	87.5%	Return on equity
Profitability	ROA	20.8%	Return on assets
Profitability	ROIC	N/A	Return on invested capital
Balance Sheet	Total Assets	\$0.0B	Total assets
Balance Sheet	Total Liabilities	\$0.0B	Total liabilities
Balance Sheet	Total Debt	\$6.2B	Total debt outstanding
Balance Sheet	Cash & Equivalents	\$4.9B	Liquid assets
Balance Sheet	Book Value/Share	\$4.86	Net worth per share
Balance Sheet	Current Ratio	2.88	Current assets/liabilities
Balance Sheet	Quick Ratio	1.84	Liquid assets/liabilities
Balance Sheet	Debt/Equity	0.97	Leverage ratio
Market	Beta	1.46	Market correlation
Market	52-Week High	\$307.37	Annual high
Market	52-Week Low	\$83.22	Annual low

Market	Avg Volume	12.8M	Average daily volume
Market	Shares Outstanding	1.3B	Total shares
Market	Float	1.3B	Tradeable shares
Market	Short Interest	2.3%	Shares sold short
Market	Institutional Own.	93.9%	Institution held
Analysts	Coverage Count	27	Number of analysts
Analysts	Average Rating	2.0	1=Strong Buy, 5=Sell
Analysts	Buy/Hold/Sell	19/10/1	Rating distribution
Analysts	Target Price	\$231.78	Average price target
Analysts	Target High	\$325.00	Highest target
Analysts	Target Low	\$165.00	Lowest target
Other	Next Earnings	Oct 28, 2026	Earnings report date
Other	Dividend Yield	0.45%	Annual dividend rate
Other	Ex-Dividend Date	1786924800	Next ex-div date

REFERENCE: APPENDIX C - Complete Trade History

Detailed Backtesting Results and Trade Log

Entry	Exit	Type	Entry \$	Exit \$	Past P&L %	Past P&L \$
2019-12-03	2020-03-24	CONFLUENCE	\$14.52	\$12.72	-12.4%	\$-426
2020-04-24	2020-06-19	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$15.39	\$18.10	+17.6%	+\$304
2020-10-08	2021-02-16	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$19.46	\$31.87	+63.8%	+\$1973
2021-07-30	2021-10-13	CONFLUENCE	\$33.10	\$30.55	-7.7%	\$-282
2021-10-28	2022-01-13	CONFLUENCE	\$33.89	\$40.30	+18.9%	+\$628
2022-05-12	2022-06-14	CONFLUENCE	\$30.25	\$30.44	+0.6%	+\$15
2022-07-25	2022-09-28	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$33.72	\$30.47	-9.6%	\$-306
2022-10-13	2023-06-13	CONFLUENCE	\$26.88	\$46.79	+74.0%	+\$1652
2023-07-28	2023-09-21	CONFLUENCE	\$49.82	\$43.69	-12.3%	\$-539
2023-10-16	2023-10-23	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$48.02	\$45.22	-5.8%	\$-274
2023-11-03	2023-12-28	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$48.84	\$57.47	+17.7%	+\$751
2024-01-19	2024-02-22	CONFLUENCE	\$60.09	\$67.18	+11.8%	+\$645
2024-07-17	2024-08-05	CONFLUENCE	\$76.96	\$69.25	-10.0%	\$-378
2024-08-19	2024-09-05	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$80.92	\$71.80	-11.3%	\$-319
2024-10-14	2024-10-16	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$81.82	\$67.32	-17.7%	\$-740
2024-12-20	2025-03-12	CONFLUENCE	\$62.24	\$67.44	+8.3%	+\$322
2025-05-12	2025-07-18	CONFLUENCE	\$75.38	\$92.52	+22.7%	+\$720
2025-09-18	2025-10-30	CONFLUENCE	\$104.23	\$120.93	+16.0%	+\$802
2026-01-05	2026-01-29	CONFLUENCE	\$134.90	\$168.04	+24.6%	+\$1094
2026-06-11	2026-07-30	CONFLUENCE	\$241.16	\$180.33	-25.2%	\$-669

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