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# Weekly Investor Report

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LATEST CLOSE

18.60 USD

2.4% latest week

## Weekly setup

### Mixed setup

The weekly trend is not active. Price is 1.4% above the Trend Line and sits at 65.0% of its 52-week range. The latest completed week returned 2.4%, after a 3.6% four-week move. The latest factor snapshot indicates quality ranks weakly versus its universe; growth is moderate; valuation is inexpensive relative to peers. Options positioning is bearish with 61/100 conviction, while the latest news-sentiment score is 51/100. Near-term considerations: volume confirmation is below normal; earnings are due in 35d.

Technical setup score 41/100. This score describes the weekly technical setup; the conclusion above also considers fundamentals, positioning, sentiment, and event risk.

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18.60 USD

24 Jul 2026

1W RETURN

2.4%

latest completed week

4W RETURN

3.6%

short-term follow-through

12W RETURN

-6.2%

quarterly tape

TREND BREADTH

34.6%

18 of 52 weeks active

VOLUME RATIO

0.8x

vs 13-week average

#### What is working

- Price is above the Trend Line, keeping the weekly tape constructive.

#### What could go wrong

- The trend backdrop is inactive, so price action has not confirmed a constructive regime.
- Price is below Fair Value, so the market is still discounting the latest tape.
- Activity pressure is negative, which weakens the current setup.
- Activity pressure is weak, so confirmation is not yet broad enough.

#### What to watch next

- Trend Line remains the key weekly regime level.
- Activity pressure is the gauge to monitor for confirmation or fade.
- A volume ratio above 1.5x would show stronger participation in the next move.

## This week's evidence at a glance

PRICE FOLLOW-THROUGH

2.4%

Latest completed week; four-week move 3.6%.

INDICATOR STACK

19/40

Trend and activity pressure are weighted against the latest 12-week confirmation window.

TREND BACKDROP

Active

The trend backdrop defines the current weekly regime.

PATIENT CAPITAL

Quiet

Activity-pressure buy-signal status for institutional accumulation timing.

OPTIONS PRESSURE

**Bearish**

61/100 conviction; expected move 8.5%.

NEWS SENTIMENT

**51/100**

42 relevant articles in the latest sentiment read.

EVENT RISK

**35d**

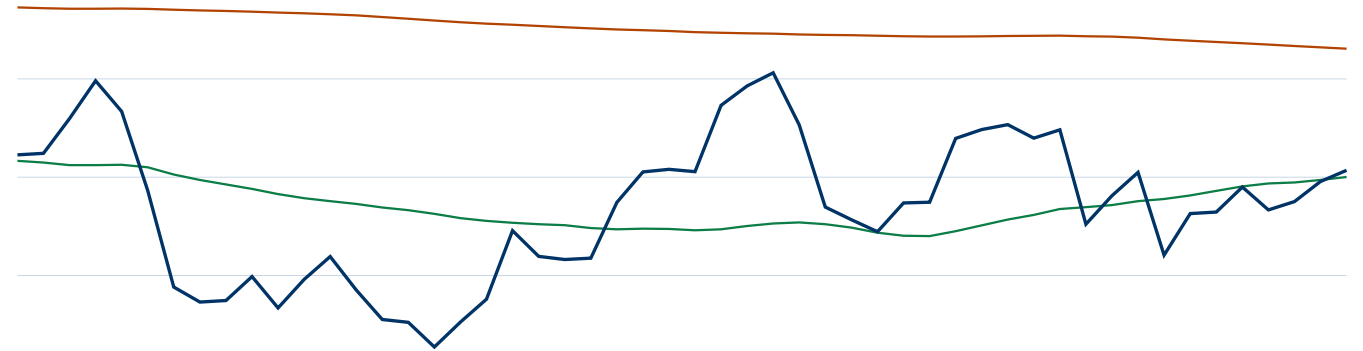
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01 · PRICE ACTION

# Where price is—and whether the trend supports it

The weekly trend is not active. Price is 1.4% above the Trend Line and sits at 65.0% of its 52-week range. The latest completed week returned 2.4%, after a 3.6% four-week move.

## 52-week price path



Blue: weekly close · Green: Trend Line · Orange: Sharemaestro Fair Value

|                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                       |
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| <div><div>Position in the 52-week range</div><div><div>Trend</div><div>Fair</div></div><div><div>10.88 USD</div><div>22.76 USD</div></div><div>Latest close sits at 65.0% of the 52-week range.</div></div> | <div><div>RANGE LOCATION</div><div>65.0%</div><div>Shows where the latest close sits between the 52-week low and high.</div></div> | <div><div>TREND DISTANCE</div><div>1.4%</div><div>Price premium or discount versus the weekly Trend Line.</div></div> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <div><div>FAIR-VALUE GAP</div><div>-20.1%</div><div>Premium demand or model discount versus Sharemaestro Fair Value.</div></div>   | <div><div>HIGH-WATER GAP</div><div>-18.3%</div><div>Distance from the latest 52-week high.</div></div>                |

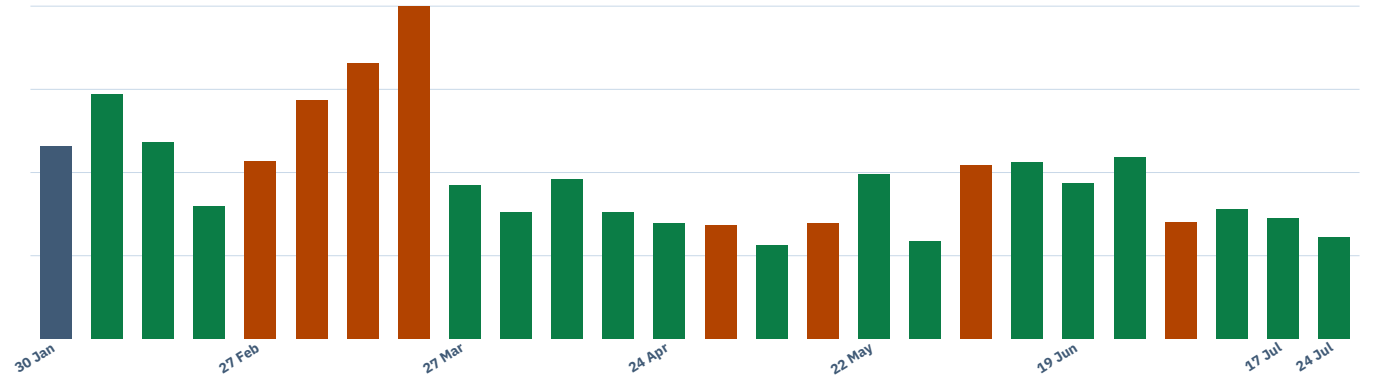
02 · VOLUME AND DEMAND

# Is real participation confirming the move?

Latest weekly volume is 0.8x the 13-week average. Participation is below its recent norm, so price strength is not receiving full volume confirmation.

## 26-week volume confirmation

Bar height shows weekly volume. Green marks an up week; orange marks a down week.



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| <div>PARTICIPATION</div> <div>0.8x</div> <div>Latest volume versus the 13-week average.</div> | <div>BASELINE</div> <div>1.8M</div> <div>13-week average volume.</div> | <div>ONE-YEAR BASE</div> <div>2.8M</div> <div>52-week average volume.</div> | <div>LATEST WEEKLY VOLUME</div> <div>1.4M</div> <div>Most recent completed week.</div> |
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## Demand beneath price

### Activity pressure and institutional-style signals

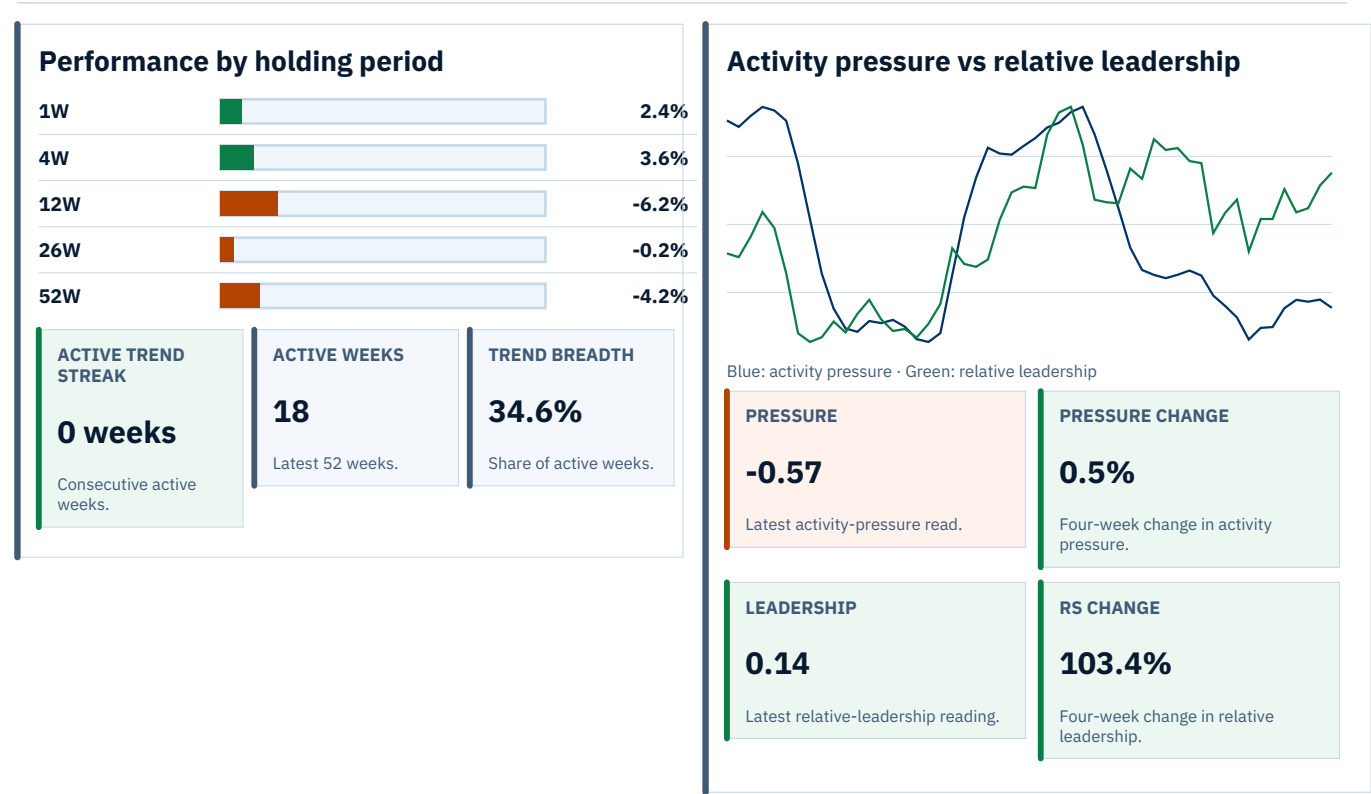
These indicators assess whether participation is improving beneath price. They are supporting evidence, not proof of institutional buying.



03 · MOMENTUM AND LEADERSHIP

# Is performance persistent—and is the stock leading?

Performance is 3.6% over four weeks, -6.2% over 12 weeks, and -4.2% over one year. The current trend has remained active for 0 consecutive weeks.



## Technical setup scorecard

|                      |                        |    |
|----------------------|------------------------|----|
| Trend                | <div><div></div></div> | 19 |
| Momentum             | <div><div></div></div> | 53 |
| Activity Pressure    | <div><div></div></div> | 40 |
| Relative Leadership  | <div><div></div></div> | 59 |
| Next-Week Expectancy | <div><div></div></div> | 50 |
| Volume               | <div><div></div></div> | 32 |
| Smart Money          | <div><div></div></div> | 47 |
| Risk Control         | <div><div></div></div> | 27 |

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION

# What investors are paying for—and the quality behind it

The latest factor snapshot indicates quality ranks weakly versus its universe; growth is moderate; valuation is inexpensive relative to peers.

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| <b>FACTOR WEEK</b><br><b>26 Jul 2026</b><br><small>Latest published factor snapshot.</small> | <b>STATEMENTS THROUGH</b><br><b>31 Oct 2025</b><br><small>Financial reporting period used.</small> | <b>FIELD COVERAGE</b><br><b>88%</b><br><small>Available factor fields.</small> | <b>MODEL CONFIDENCE</b><br><b>88%</b><br><small>Snapshot confidence.</small> |
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| <b>Relative factor standing</b><br><small>Higher display scores are better. Each score is converted from the underlying universe rank, where rank 1 is best.</small> |                        |               |
| <b>Overall factor strength</b>                                                                                                                                       | <div><div></div></div> | <b>50/100</b> |
| <b>Value</b>                                                                                                                                                         | <div><div></div></div> | <b>82/100</b> |
| <b>Quality</b>                                                                                                                                                       | <div><div></div></div> | <b>9/100</b>  |
| <b>Momentum</b>                                                                                                                                                      | <div><div></div></div> | <b>24/100</b> |
| <b>Growth</b>                                                                                                                                                        | <div><div></div></div> | <b>74/100</b> |

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| <b>Valuation</b><br><small>How much investors are paying for earnings, sales, and cash flow.</small> | <b>Business quality</b><br><small>Margins and the return generated on invested capital.</small>           |
| <b>P/E</b> -<br><small>Price divided by trailing earnings.</small>                                   | <b>GROSS MARGIN</b> 23.9%<br><small>Gross profit retained from each unit of revenue.</small>              |
| <b>PRICE / SALES</b> 0.5x<br><small>Market value relative to trailing revenue.</small>               | <b>OPERATING MARGIN</b> -10.5%<br><small>Operating profit retained from revenue.</small>                  |
| <b>EV / EBITDA</b> -<br><small>Enterprise value relative to operating cash earnings.</small>         | <b>FREE-CASH-FLOW MARGIN</b> 11.1%<br><small>Free cash flow generated from revenue.</small>               |
| <b>FREE-CASH-FLOW YIELD</b> 12.3%<br><small>Free cash flow as a share of enterprise value.</small>   | <b>RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL</b> -9.4%<br><small>Operating return generated on invested capital.</small> |

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION · CONTINUED

# Growth, shareholder returns, and balance-sheet strength

The second half of the fundamental read separates recent business growth from cash returned to shareholders and financial leverage.

| Growth and financial strength                                                           | Shareholder return and balance sheet                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Recent business growth and accounting strength.                                         | Cash returned to owners and financial leverage.                                                      |
| <div>REVENUE GROWTH14.2%</div> <div>Latest one-year revenue growth.</div>               | <div>DIVIDEND YIELD1.7%</div> <div>Cash dividends relative to market value.</div>                    |
| <div>EPS GROWTH-</div> <div>Latest one-year earnings-per-share growth.</div>            | <div>BUYBACK YIELD0.6%</div> <div>Net share repurchases relative to market value.</div>              |
| <div>FREE-CASH-FLOW GROWTH80.3%</div> <div>Latest one-year free-cash-flow growth.</div> | <div>SHAREHOLDER YIELD2.3%</div> <div>Dividend yield plus net buyback yield.</div>                   |
| <div>PIOTROSKI F-SCORE4/9</div> <div>Nine-point accounting-strength checklist.</div>    | <div>NET DEBT / EBITDA-9.6x</div> <div>Balance-sheet debt relative to operating cash earnings.</div> |

## How to read this

Quality and valuation are separate questions. A strong company can still carry a demanding valuation, so profitability, growth, balance-sheet strength, and the price paid for those characteristics should be assessed independently.

The latest factor snapshot indicates quality ranks weakly versus its universe; growth is moderate; valuation is inexpensive relative to peers.

05 · OWNERSHIP, OPTIONS, AND SENTIMENT

# What other market participants are doing

Options, insider transactions, market sentiment, and activity-pressure signals can confirm or challenge the price story. None should be used alone.

Options positioning

Bearish

NX shows bearish options pressure with a 61/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of n/a, expected move of 8.5%, and Sharemaestro trend signal inactive.

CONVICTION

61/100

Options signal conviction.

EXPECTED MOVE

8.5%

Nearest-chain pricing.

PUT/CALL VOLUME

0.00

Contract volume balance.

Pressure

-100

Speculation

33

Volatility

58

Trend agreement

22

Insider activity

5 / 0

5 acquisitions and 0 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape. Acquisitions / disposals over the latest 180 days. Insider activity is context, not a stand-alone signal.

News sentiment

51/100

Weighted news tone is neutral across 42 relevant articles.

10 positive · 24 neutral · 8 negative

Patient Capital

Quiet

Activity-pressure buy-signal evidence highlights potential institutional accumulation windows. No recent buy signal

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06 · CATALYSTS AND RISK

# What can move the shares—and how volatile the path has been

Event timing, options-implied movement, drawdown, and weekly gains and losses frame the risk around the current setup.

**NEXT EARNINGS**  
**35d**  
Next report is scheduled for 03 Sep 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.

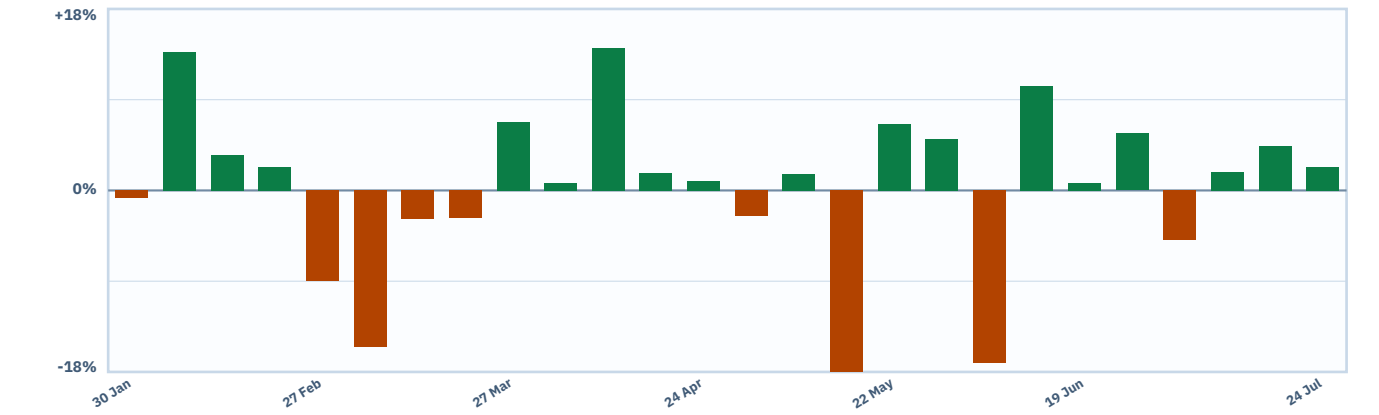
**OPTIONS EXPECTED MOVE**  
**8.5%**  
Nearest-chain priced movement where available.

**52-WEEK DRAWDOWN**  
**-18.3%**  
Distance below the 52-week high.

**13-WEEK VOLATILITY**  
**8.3%**  
Standard deviation of weekly returns.

## Weekly gains and losses

Each bar is one completed week. Gains rise above zero; losses fall below it. Taller bars mean a larger move.



**WEEKS HIGHER**  
**17 of 26**  
9 weeks finished lower.

**BEST WEEK**  
**+14.1%**  
Week of 10 Apr.

**WORST WEEK**  
**-18.0%**  
Week of 15 May.

**LATEST WEEK**  
**+2.4%**  
Week of 24 Jul.

**Shape of recent returns**

|               |             |   |
|---------------|-------------|---|
| Strong gains  | <div></div> | 8 |
| Modest gains  | <div></div> | 9 |
| Flat weeks    | <div></div> | - |
| Modest losses | <div></div> | 4 |
| Sharp losses  | <div></div> | 5 |

**RECENT VOL**  
**8.3%**  
13-week weekly-return volatility.

**BASE VOL**  
**8.4%**  
52-week weekly-return volatility.

**UP/DOWN SPLIT**  
**31/21**  
Count of positive and negative weeks in the 52-week window.

**AVERAGE SKEW**  
**5.6% / -7.6%**  
Average positive week versus average negative week.

07 · SECTOR AND PEER CONTEXT

# Is this stock leading—or simply moving with its group?

Sector and industry breadth distinguish company-specific strength from a broad group move.

## Sector · US Industrials

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| <b>4-WEEK RANK</b><br><br><b>- / 100</b><br><br>Standing within the tracked group. | <b>GROUP AVERAGE</b><br><br><b>-0.7%</b><br><br>Average four-week return. | <b>TREND BREADTH</b><br><br><b>52.0%</b><br><br>Share of peers with an active trend. |
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| Peer | Exchange | 1W return | 4W return | Trend    |
|------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| CTAS | NASDAQ   | 0.7%      | 19.8%     | Inactive |
| GPN  | NYSE     | 4.0%      | 15.9%     | Inactive |
| LMT  | NYSE     | 14.5%     | 14.8%     | Inactive |
| ESLT | NASDAQ   | 10.6%     | 14.6%     | Inactive |
| UNP  | NYSE     | 1.8%      | 14.5%     | Active   |

## Industry · US Building Products & Equipment

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| <b>4-WEEK RANK</b><br><br><b>4 / 32</b><br><br>Standing within the tracked group. | <b>GROUP AVERAGE</b><br><br><b>-7.7%</b><br><br>Average four-week return. | <b>TREND BREADTH</b><br><br><b>46.9%</b><br><br>Share of peers with an active trend. |
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| Peer | Exchange | 1W return | 4W return | Trend    |
|------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| FBIN | NYSE     | -0.3%     | 11.6%     | Inactive |
| OC   | NYSE     | -0.5%     | 5.7%      | Active   |
| JCI  | NYSE     | 2.1%      | 3.6%      | Active   |
| NX   | NYSE     | 2.4%      | 3.6%      | Inactive |
| ARLO | NYSE     | -3.3%     | 2.7%      | Inactive |

08 · EVIDENCE AND WEEKLY DATA

# The underlying research record

Every top-level statement should be traceable to a stored market, fundamental, event, or positioning observation.

## Cross-signal evidence matrix

| Evidence pillar    | Score / read | Summary                                                                                                                                                        | Detail                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Weekly tape        | 38/100       | Trend, activity pressure, participation, and risk combine to a 38/100 tape read.                                                                               |                                                                                                                         |
| Indicator analysis | 25/100       | Latest 12-week confirmation: trend 4/12, activity pressure 0/12, relative leadership 2/12.                                                                     | Activity pressure 0.29; No reversal markers                                                                             |
| Factors            | 40/100       | O'Shaughnessy factor stack blends value, quality, momentum, and confidence.                                                                                    | Buyback Yield rank 34; Small Cap Core rank 19                                                                           |
| Patient Capital    | Quiet        | Activity-pressure buy-signal evidence highlights potential institutional accumulation windows.                                                                 | No recent buy signal                                                                                                    |
| Options            | 26/100       | NX shows bearish options pressure with a 61/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of n/a, expected move of 8.5%, and Sharemaestro trend signal inactive. | Bearish · Put-side pressure · Expected move 8.5%                                                                        |
| Sentiment          | 51/100       | Weighted news tone is neutral across 42 relevant articles.                                                                                                     | Zacks.com featured highlights include Harmony Biosciences, Invesco, General Motors, Hewlett Packard and Quanex Building |
| Insiders           | 5 / 0        | 5 acquisitions and 0 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape.                                                                                             |                                                                                                                         |
| Earnings           | 35d          | Next report is scheduled for 03 Sep 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.                                                                             |                                                                                                                         |

## Current evidence clusters

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| <p>PRICE FOLLOW-THROUGH</p> <p><b>2.4%</b></p> <p>Latest completed week; four-week move 3.6%.</p> | <p>INDICATOR STACK</p> <p><b>19/40</b></p> <p>Trend and activity pressure are weighted against the latest 12-week confirmation window.</p> | <p>TREND BACKDROP</p> <p><b>Active</b></p> <p>The trend backdrop defines the current weekly regime.</p>                       | <p>PATIENT CAPITAL</p> <p><b>Quiet</b></p> <p>Activity-pressure buy-signal status for institutional accumulation timing.</p> |
| <p>OPTIONS PRESSURE</p> <p><b>Bearish</b></p> <p>61/100 conviction; expected move 8.5%.</p>       | <p>NEWS SENTIMENT</p> <p><b>51/100</b></p> <p>42 relevant articles in the latest sentiment read.</p>                                       | <p>EVENT RISK</p> <p><b>35d</b></p> <p>Next report is scheduled for 03 Sep 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.</p> |                                                                                                                              |

08 · EVIDENCE AND WEEKLY DATA · CONTINUED

# Recent completed weeks

The completed weekly bars behind the report provide a compact audit trail for price, trend, Fair Value, activity pressure, leadership, and volume.

| Week        | Close     | Return | Trend Line | Fair Value | Pressure | Leadership | Volume | Trend |
|-------------|-----------|--------|------------|------------|----------|------------|--------|-------|
| 24 Jul 2026 | 18.60 USD | 2.4%   | 18.34 USD  | 23.27 USD  | -0.57    | 0.14       | 1.4M   | Off   |
| 17 Jul 2026 | 18.17 USD | 4.4%   | 18.23 USD  | 23.32 USD  | -0.50    | -3.17      | 1.7M   | Off   |
| 10 Jul 2026 | 17.40 USD | 1.9%   | 18.13 USD  | 23.37 USD  | -0.51    | -9.03      | 1.8M   | Off   |
| 03 Jul 2026 | 17.08 USD | -4.9%  | 18.10 USD  | 23.42 USD  | -0.50    | -10.11     | 1.6M   | Off   |
| 26 Jun 2026 | 17.96 USD | 5.6%   | 17.98 USD  | 23.47 USD  | -0.57    | -4.12      | 2.5M   | Off   |
| 19 Jun 2026 | 17.00 USD | 0.4%   | 17.81 USD  | 23.52 USD  | -0.74    | -11.83     | 2.1M   | Off   |
| 12 Jun 2026 | 16.94 USD | 10.4%  | 17.64 USD  | 23.57 USD  | -0.75    | -11.83     | 2.4M   | Off   |
| 05 Jun 2026 | 15.35 USD | -17.1% | 17.50 USD  | 23.62 USD  | -0.86    | -20.20     | 2.4M   | Off   |
| 29 May 2026 | 18.52 USD | 5.1%   | 17.42 USD  | 23.69 USD  | -0.66    | -6.82      | 1.3M   | On    |
| 22 May 2026 | 17.63 USD | 6.6%   | 17.26 USD  | 23.73 USD  | -0.55    | -10.27     | 2.2M   | On    |
| 15 May 2026 | 16.53 USD | -18.0% | 17.19 USD  | 23.74 USD  | -0.46    | -15.47     | 1.6M   | On    |
| 08 May 2026 | 20.15 USD | 1.6%   | 17.12 USD  | 23.77 USD  | -0.28    | 2.60       | 1.3M   | On    |
| 01 May 2026 | 19.84 USD | -2.5%  | 16.89 USD  | 23.76 USD  | -0.23    | 3.15       | 1.5M   | On    |
| 24 Apr 2026 | 20.35 USD | 0.9%   | 16.71 USD  | 23.75 USD  | -0.27    | 6.51       | 1.6M   | On    |

## How to use this report

This is a completed-week research summary. It explains the available evidence and its conflicts; it does not predict a guaranteed outcome or replace your own risk assessment. Fundamental figures may refer to an earlier financial reporting period, which is shown in the fundamentals section.

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