

CTSH · NASDAQ · WEEK ENDED 24 JUL 2026

Weekly Investor Report

Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp Class A · Technology · Information Technology Services

LATEST CLOSE

45.45 USD

1.5% latest week

Weekly setup

Mixed setup

The weekly trend is not active. Price is -23.8% below the Trend Line and sits at 17.1% of its 52-week range. The latest completed week returned 1.5%, after a 13.5% four-week move. The latest factor snapshot indicates quality ranks strongly versus its universe; growth is moderate; valuation is inexpensive relative to peers. Options positioning is mixed with 34/100 conviction, while the latest news-sentiment score is 54/100. Near-term considerations: volume confirmation is below normal; earnings are due in 0d.

Technical setup score 26/100. This score describes the weekly technical setup; the conclusion above also considers fundamentals, positioning, sentiment, and event risk.

LATEST CLOSE

45.45 USD

24 Jul 2026

1W RETURN

1.5%

latest completed week

4W RETURN

13.5%

short-term follow-through

12W RETURN

-12.8%

quarterly tape

TREND BREADTH

15.4%

8 of 52 weeks active

VOLUME RATIO

0.7x

vs 13-week average

What is working

- No strong opportunity cluster is confirmed yet; monitor trend and activity pressure.

What could go wrong

- The trend backdrop is inactive, so price action has not confirmed a constructive regime.
- Price is below the Trend Line, which keeps downside pressure in focus.
- Price is below Fair Value, so the market is still discounting the latest tape.
- Activity pressure is negative, which weakens the current setup.

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

1.5%

Latest completed week; four-week move 13.5%.

INDICATOR STACK

8/28

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.

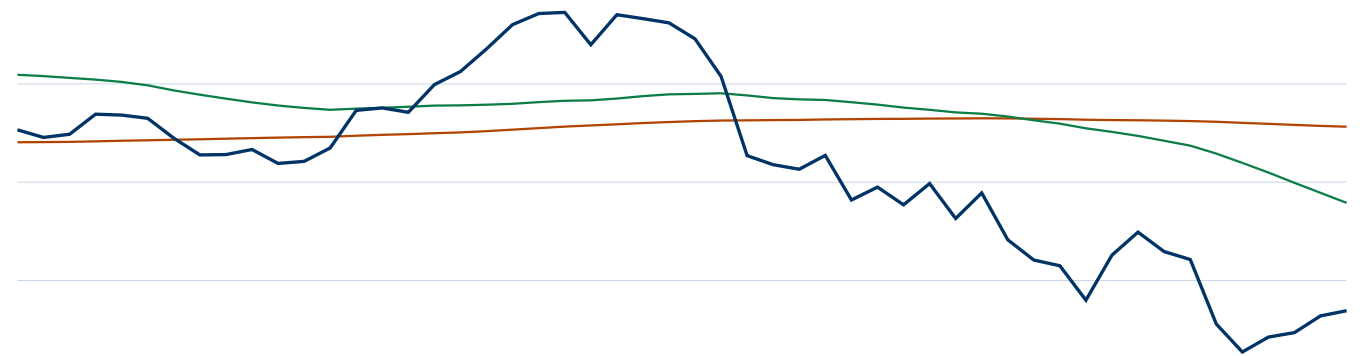
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01 · PRICE ACTION

Where price is—and whether the trend supports it

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52-week price path



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

Position in the 52-week range Close Trend Fair 37.08 USD 86.05 USD Latest close sits at 17.1% of the 52-week range.	RANGE LOCATION 17.1% Shows where the latest close sits between the 52-week low and high.	TREND DISTANCE -23.8% Price premium or discount versus the weekly Trend Line.
	FAIR-VALUE GAP -34.7% Premium demand or model discount versus Sharemaestro Fair Value.	HIGH-WATER GAP -47.2% Distance from the latest 52-week high.

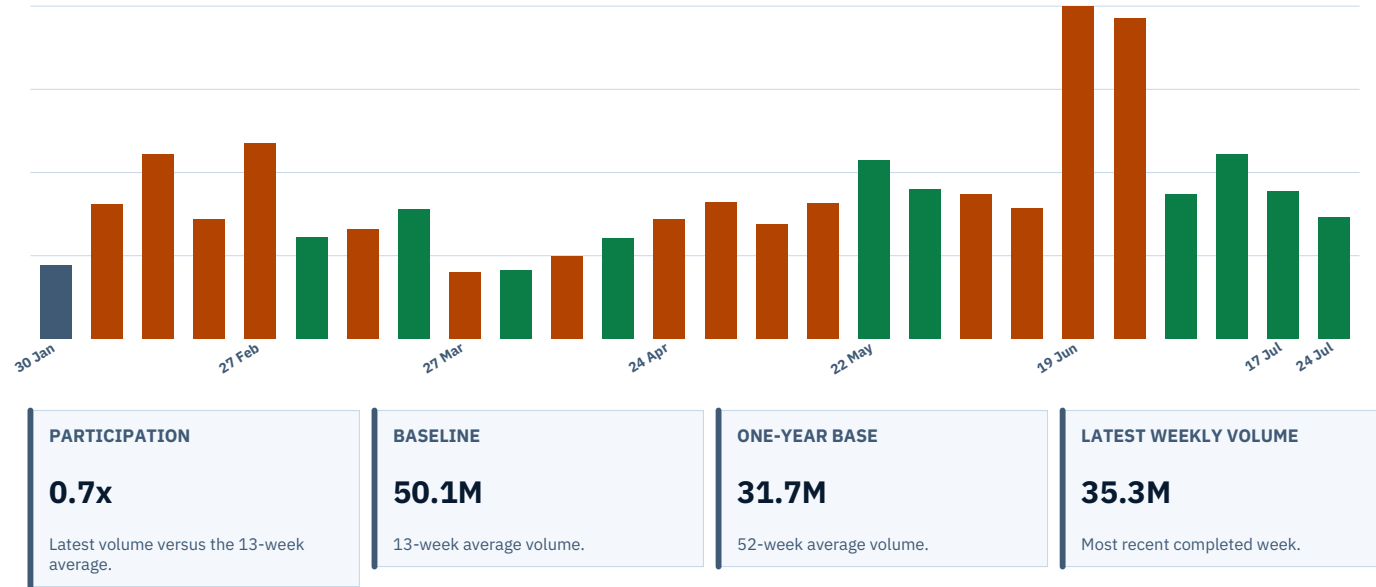
02 · VOLUME AND DEMAND

Is real participation confirming the move?

Latest weekly volume is 0.7x 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.



Demand beneath price

Activity pressure and institutional-style signals

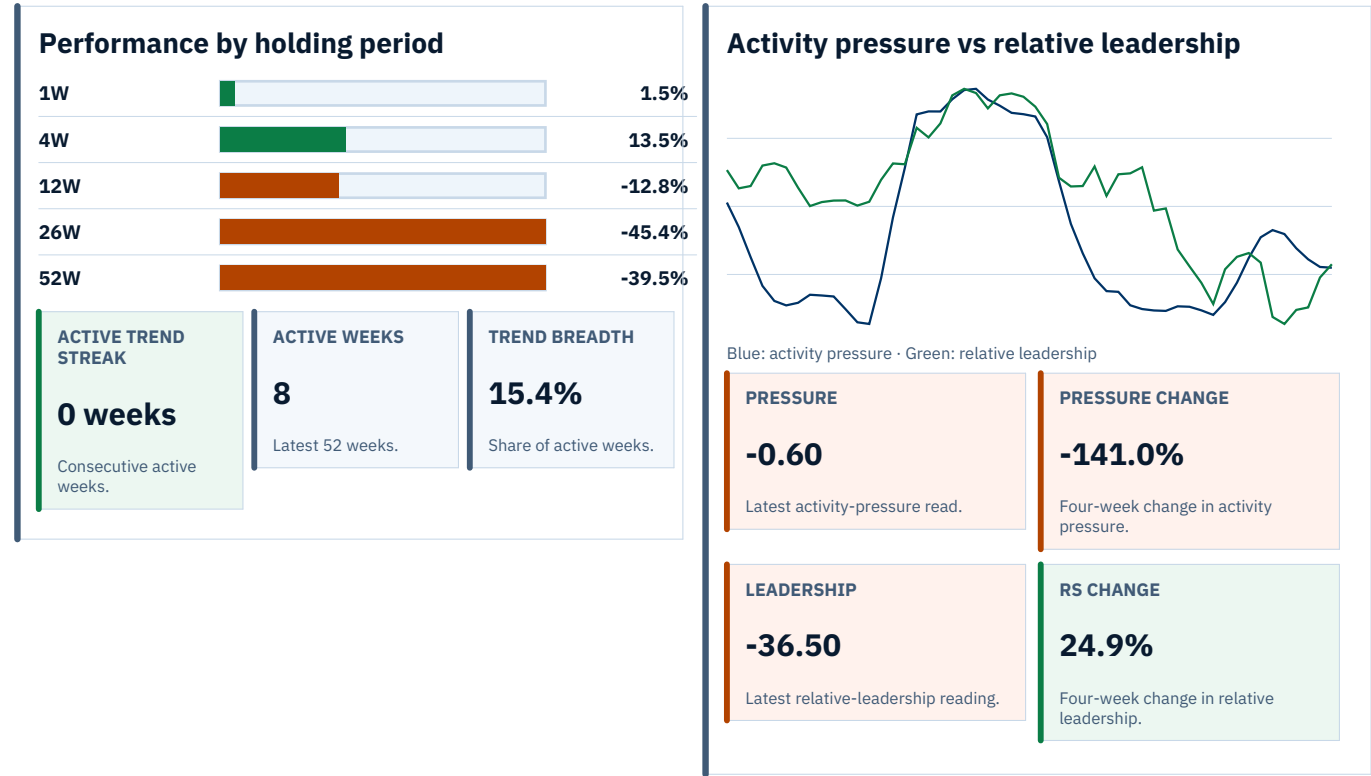
These indicators assess whether participation is improving beneath price. They are supporting evidence, not proof of institutional buying.



03 · MOMENTUM AND LEADERSHIP

Is performance persistent—and is the stock leading?

Performance is 13.5% over four weeks, -12.8% over 12 weeks, and -39.5% over one year. The current trend has remained active for 0 consecutive weeks.



Technical setup scorecard

Trend		8
Momentum		70
Activity Pressure		28
Relative Leadership		0
Next-Week Expectancy		50
Volume		30
Smart Money		22
Risk Control		0

04 · FUNDAMENTALS AND VALUATION

What investors are paying for—and the quality behind it

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

FACTOR WEEK 26 Jul 2026 Latest published factor snapshot.	STATEMENTS THROUGH 31 Dec 2025 Financial reporting period used.	FIELD COVERAGE 100% Available factor fields.	MODEL CONFIDENCE 96% Snapshot confidence.
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Relative factor standing Higher display scores are better. Each score is converted from the underlying universe rank, where rank 1 is best.		
Overall factor strength		85/100
Value		94/100
Quality		83/100
Momentum		7/100
Growth		25/100

Valuation How much investors are paying for earnings, sales, and cash flow.	Business quality Margins and the return generated on invested capital.
P/E Price divided by trailing earnings. 9.6x	GROSS MARGIN Gross profit retained from each unit of revenue. 32.1%
PRICE / SALES Market value relative to trailing revenue. 1.0x	OPERATING MARGIN Operating profit retained from revenue. 16.4%
EV / EBITDA Enterprise value relative to operating cash earnings. 5.2x	FREE-CASH-FLOW MARGIN Free cash flow generated from revenue. 14.2%
FREE-CASH-FLOW YIELD Free cash flow as a share of enterprise value. 14.4%	RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL Operating return generated on invested capital. 15.3%

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.
REVENUE GROWTH6.5% Latest one-year revenue growth.	DIVIDEND YIELD2.8% Cash dividends relative to market value.
EPS GROWTH-5.4% Latest one-year earnings-per-share growth.	BUYBACK YIELD7.2% Net share repurchases relative to market value.
FREE-CASH-FLOW GROWTH11.7% Latest one-year free-cash-flow growth.	SHAREHOLDER YIELD10.1% Dividend yield plus net buyback yield.
PIOTROSKI F-SCORE7/9 Nine-point accounting-strength checklist.	NET DEBT / EBITDA-0.1x Balance-sheet debt relative to operating cash earnings.

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.

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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

Mixed

CTSH shows mixed options pressure with a 34/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of 1.00, expected move of 26.3%, and Sharemaestro trend signal inactive.

CONVICTION

34/100

Options signal conviction.

EXPECTED MOVE

26.3%

Nearest-chain pricing.

PUT/CALL VOLUME

1.00

Contract volume balance.

Pressure

1

Speculation

43

Volatility

88

Trend agreement

60

News sentiment

54/100

Weighted news tone is neutral across 43 relevant articles.

13 positive · 25 neutral · 5 negative

Insider activity

14 / 6

14 acquisitions and 6 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape. Acquisitions / disposals over the latest 180 days. Insider activity is context, not a stand-alone signal.

Patient Capital

Quiet

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

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
0d
Next report is scheduled for 29 Jul 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.

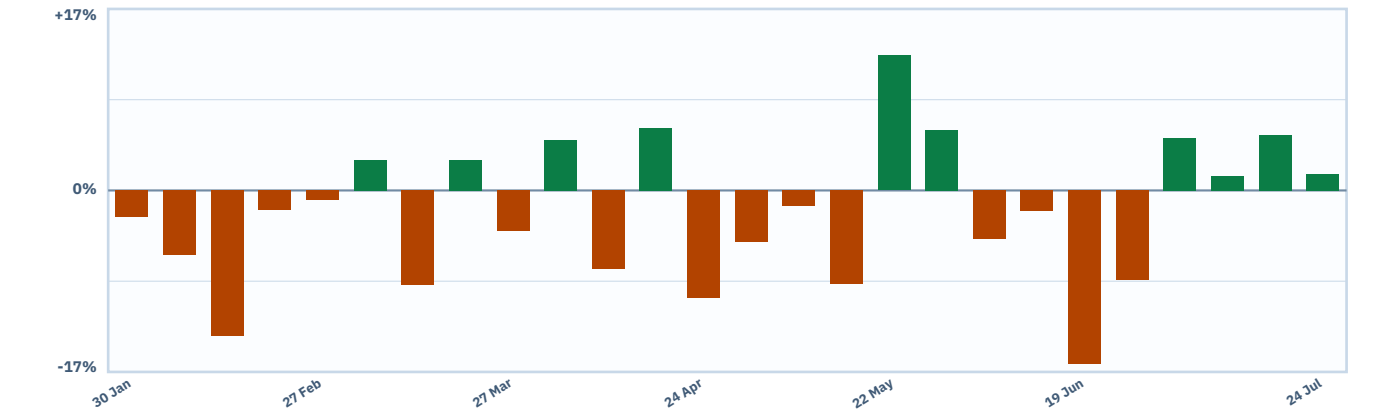
OPTIONS EXPECTED MOVE
26.3%
Nearest-chain priced movement where available.

52-WEEK DRAWDOWN
-47.2%
Distance below the 52-week high.

13-WEEK VOLATILITY
7.3%
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
10 of 26
16 weeks finished lower.

BEST WEEK
+12.6%
Week of 22 May.

WORST WEEK
-16.2%
Week of 19 Jun.

LATEST WEEK
+1.5%
Week of 24 Jul.

Shape of recent returns

Strong gains		6
Modest gains		4
Flat weeks		-
Modest losses		6
Sharp losses		10

RECENT VOL
7.3%
13-week weekly-return volatility.

BASE VOL
5.4%
52-week weekly-return volatility.

UP/DOWN SPLIT
25/27
Count of positive and negative weeks in the 52-week window.

AVERAGE SKEW
3.4% / -4.7%
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 Technology

4-WEEK RANK	GROUP AVERAGE	TREND BREADTH
4 / 100	-5.0%	63.0%
Standing within the tracked group.	Average four-week return.	Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
AAPL	NASDAQ	-0.2%	17.4%	Active
ACN	NYSE	2.4%	15.3%	Inactive
PAYX	NASDAQ	-0.7%	13.7%	Active
CTSH	NASDAQ	1.5%	13.5%	Inactive
ADP	NASDAQ	-2.0%	11.9%	Inactive

Industry · US Information Technology Services

4-WEEK RANK	GROUP AVERAGE	TREND BREADTH
9 / 66	-2.9%	22.7%
Standing within the tracked group.	Average four-week return.	Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
SAIH	NASDAQ	12.7%	27.3%	Active
MGRT	NASDAQ	13.1%	23.2%	Active
SLAI	NYSE	7.5%	21.0%	Inactive
TASK	NASDAQ	-5.3%	16.7%	Inactive
ACN	NYSE	2.4%	15.3%	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	19/100	Trend, activity pressure, participation, and risk combine to a 19/100 tape read.	
Indicator analysis	9/100	Latest 12-week confirmation: trend 0/12, activity pressure 0/12, relative leadership 0/12.	Activity pressure 0.05; No reversal markers
Factors	69/100	O'Shaughnessy factor stack blends value, quality, momentum, and confidence.	Buyback Yield rank 8
SVQF	96/100	Value and quality alignment from the Sharemaestro SVQF framework.	Composite rank 29.5 of 726
Patient Capital	Quiet	Activity-pressure buy-signal evidence highlights potential institutional accumulation windows.	No recent buy signal
Options	48/100	CTSH shows mixed options pressure with a 34/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of 1.00, expected move of 26.3%, and Sharemaestro trend signal inactive.	Mixed · Options-market disagreement · Expected move 26.3%
Sentiment	54/100	Weighted news tone is neutral across 43 relevant articles.	Cognizant Technology Solutions (NASDAQ:CTSH) Stock Price Up 7.2% - Should You Buy?
Insiders	14 / 6	14 acquisitions and 6 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape.	
Earnings	0d	Next report is scheduled for 29 Jul 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.	

Current evidence clusters

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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	45.45 USD	1.5%	59.61 USD	69.60 USD	-0.60	-36.50	35.3M	Off
17 Jul 2026	44.77 USD	5.2%	60.92 USD	69.71 USD	-0.59	-39.20	42.8M	Off
10 Jul 2026	42.57 USD	1.4%	62.24 USD	69.83 USD	-0.51	-45.27	53.7M	Off
03 Jul 2026	41.99 USD	4.9%	63.59 USD	69.98 USD	-0.40	-45.77	42.1M	Off
26 Jun 2026	40.03 USD	-8.4%	64.85 USD	70.11 USD	-0.25	-48.62	93.1M	Off
19 Jun 2026	43.70 USD	-16.2%	66.07 USD	70.25 USD	-0.21	-47.20	96.7M	Off
12 Jun 2026	52.17 USD	-2.0%	67.12 USD	70.34 USD	-0.28	-36.18	37.9M	Off
05 Jun 2026	53.21 USD	-4.6%	67.77 USD	70.41 USD	-0.50	-34.24	42.1M	Off
29 May 2026	55.76 USD	5.7%	68.39 USD	70.44 USD	-0.76	-35.00	43.4M	Off
22 May 2026	52.75 USD	12.6%	68.93 USD	70.47 USD	-0.96	-37.53	51.9M	Off
15 May 2026	46.83 USD	-8.8%	69.40 USD	70.52 USD	-1.09	-44.59	39.4M	Off
08 May 2026	51.35 USD	-1.4%	70.00 USD	70.60 USD	-1.04	-40.27	33.1M	Off
01 May 2026	52.10 USD	-4.9%	70.45 USD	70.65 USD	-1.01	-36.94	39.7M	Off
24 Apr 2026	54.76 USD	-10.1%	70.93 USD	70.70 USD	-1.00	-33.51	34.8M	Off

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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