PLAB · NASDAQ · WEEK ENDED 24 JUL 2026

Weekly Investor Report

Photronics Inc · Technology · Semiconductor Equipment & Materials

LATEST CLOSE
30.33 USD
5.1% latest week

Weekly setup

Weak trend

The weekly trend is not active. Price is -19.6% below the Trend Line and sits at 29.8% of its 52-week range. The latest completed week returned 5.1%, after a -1.2% 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 volatility with 49/100 conviction, while the latest news-sentiment score is 36/100. Near-term considerations: volume confirmation is below normal; earnings are due in 27d.

Technical setup score 27/100. This score describes the weekly technical setup; the conclusion above also considers fundamentals, positioning, sentiment, and event risk.

LATEST CLOSE	1W RETURN	4W RETURN
30.33 USD	**5.1%**	**-1.2%**
24 Jul 2026	latest completed week	short-term follow-through

12W RETURN	TREND BREADTH	VOLUME RATIO
-39.5%	**76.9%**	**0.6x**
quarterly tape	40 of 52 weeks active	vs 13-week average

What is working

- Price is above Fair Value, showing premium demand versus the model.

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.
- 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	INDICATOR STACK	TREND BACKDROP	PATIENT CAPITAL
5.1%	**42/27**	**Active**	**Quiet**
Latest completed week; four-week move -1.2%.	Trend and activity pressure are weighted against the latest 12-week confirmation window.	The trend backdrop defines the current weekly regime.	Activity-pressure buy-signal status for institutional accumulation timing.

OPTIONS PRESSURE

Volatility

49/100 conviction; expected move 14.2%.

NEWS SENTIMENT

36/100

62 relevant articles in the latest sentiment read.

EVENT RISK

27d

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01 · PRICE ACTION

Where price is—and whether the trend supports it

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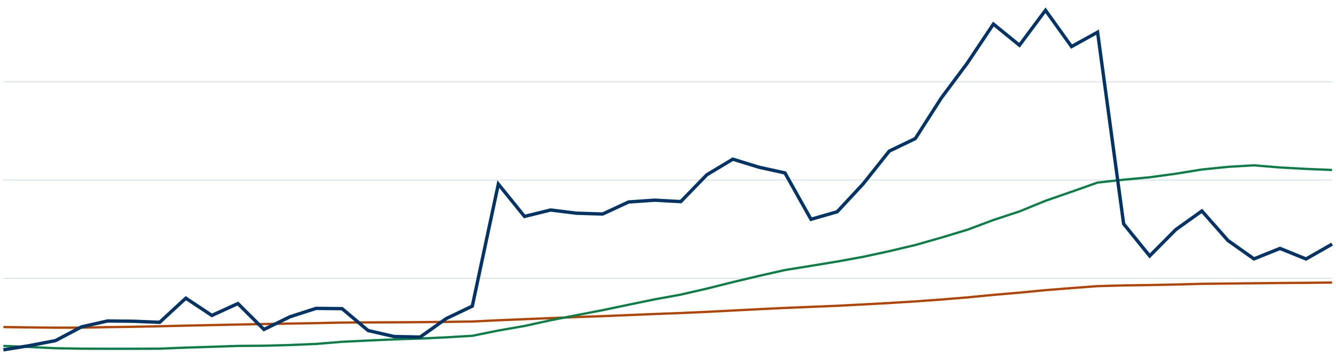
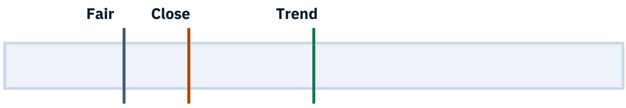
52-week price path



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

Position in the 52-week range



19.45 USD 56.00 USD

Latest close sits at 29.8% of the 52-week range.

RANGE LOCATION

29.8%

Shows where the latest close sits between the 52-week low and high.

TREND DISTANCE

-19.6%

Price premium or discount versus the weekly Trend Line.

FAIR-VALUE GAP

14.4%

Premium demand or model discount versus Sharemaestro Fair Value.

HIGH-WATER GAP

-45.8%

Distance from the latest 52-week high.

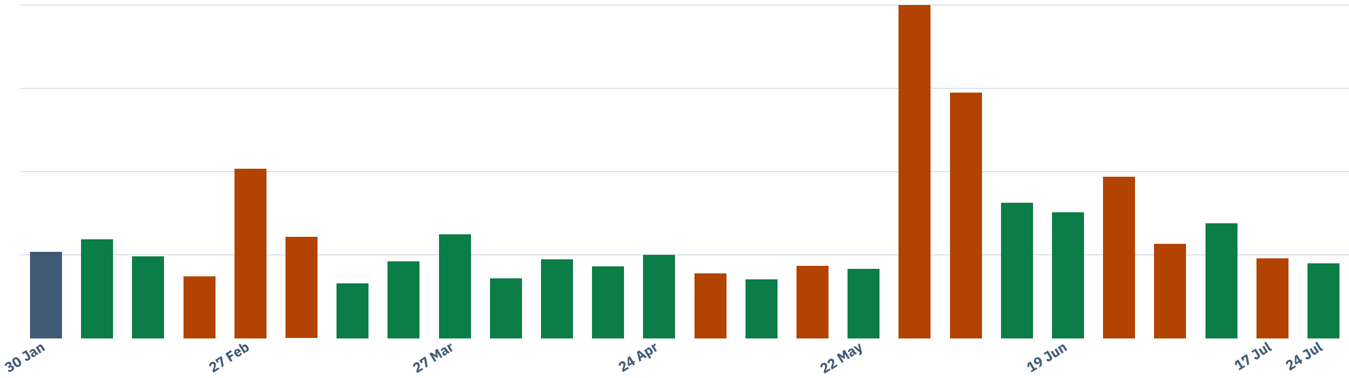
02 · VOLUME AND DEMAND

Is real participation confirming the move?

Latest weekly volume is 0.6x 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.



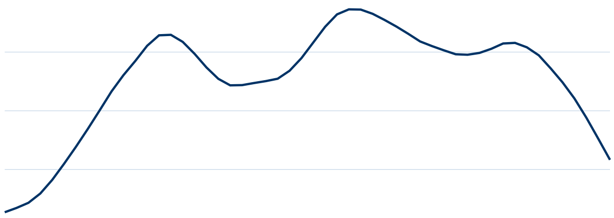
PARTICIPATION	BASELINE	ONE-YEAR BASE	LATEST WEEKLY VOLUME
0.6x	7.2M	5.5M	4.3M
Latest volume versus the 13-week average.	13-week average volume.	52-week average volume.	Most recent completed week.

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.

Activity pressure path



Latest 0.31 · 12-week average 0.66

12-week confirmation

Signal	Read	Meaning
Trend active	5/12	Active trend-backdrop weeks in the latest 12-week window.
Positive pressure	5/12	Weeks with constructive activity pressure in the latest 12-week window.
Positive leadership	3/12	Weeks with positive relative leadership in the latest 12-week window.
Activity pressure	0.31	Current proprietary activity-pressure read.
Buy signals	0	Accumulation signal count in the latest 12 weeks.
Reversal markers	5	5 reversal markers

No recent accumulation markers. 5 reversal markers.

03 · MOMENTUM AND LEADERSHIP

Is performance persistent—and is the stock leading?

Performance is -1.2% over four weeks, -39.5% over 12 weeks, and 53.8% over one year. The current trend has remained active for 0 consecutive weeks.

Performance by holding period

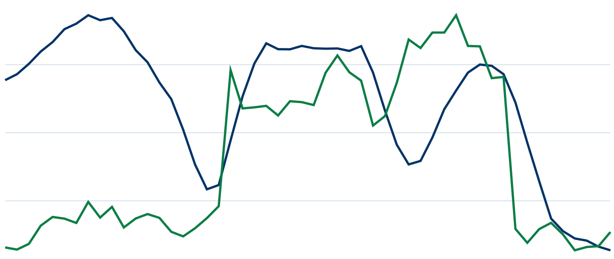
1W	5.1%
4W	-1.2%
12W	-39.5%
26W	-12.6%
52W	53.8%

ACTIVE TREND STREAK
0 weeks
Consecutive active weeks.

ACTIVE WEEKS
40
Latest 52 weeks.

TREND BREADTH
76.9%
Share of active weeks.

Activity pressure vs relative leadership



Blue: activity pressure · Green: relative leadership

PRESSURE
-1.17
Latest activity-pressure read.

PRESSURE CHANGE
-23.0%
Four-week change in activity pressure.

LEADERSHIP
-12.38
Latest relative-leadership reading.

RS CHANGE
6.7%
Four-week change in relative leadership.

Technical setup scorecard

Trend	42
Momentum	12
Activity Pressure	27
Relative Leadership	13
Next-Week Expectancy	50
Volume	25
Smart Money	43
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	STATEMENTS THROUGH	FIELD COVERAGE	MODEL CONFIDENCE
26 Jul 2026	31 Oct 2025	97%	97%
Latest published factor snapshot.	Financial reporting period used.	Available factor fields.	Snapshot confidence.

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	99/100
Value	95/100
Quality	87/100
Momentum	87/100
Growth	80/100

Valuation

How much investors are paying for earnings, sales, and cash flow.

P/E — Price divided by trailing earnings.	11.2x
PRICE / SALES — Market value relative to trailing revenue.	2.1x
EV / EBITDA — Enterprise value relative to operating cash earnings.	5.4x
FREE-CASH-FLOW YIELD — Free cash flow as a share of enterprise value.	27.0%

Business quality

Margins and the return generated on invested capital.

GROSS MARGIN — Gross profit retained from each unit of revenue.	33.8%
OPERATING MARGIN — Operating profit retained from revenue.	28.2%
FREE-CASH-FLOW MARGIN — Free cash flow generated from revenue.	54.4%
RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL — Operating return generated on invested capital.	28.8%

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

Recent business growth and accounting strength.

REVENUE GROWTH Latest one-year revenue growth.	**0.5%**
EPS GROWTH Latest one-year earnings-per-share growth.	**32.6%**
FREE-CASH-FLOW GROWTH Latest one-year free-cash-flow growth.	**12.3%**
PIOTROSKI F-SCORE Nine-point accounting-strength checklist.	**5/9**

Shareholder return and balance sheet

Cash returned to owners and financial leverage.

DIVIDEND YIELD Cash dividends relative to market value.	**-**
BUYBACK YIELD Net share repurchases relative to market value.	**1.2%**
SHAREHOLDER YIELD Dividend yield plus net buyback yield.	**1.2%**
NET DEBT / EBITDA Balance-sheet debt relative to operating cash earnings.	**-1.6x**

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

Volatility

PLAB shows volatility options pressure with a 49/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of 0.05, expected move of 14.2%, and Sharemaestro trend signal inactive.

CONVICTION	EXPECTED MOVE	PUT/CALL VOLUME
49/100	14.2%	0.05
Options signal conviction.	Nearest-chain pricing.	Contract volume balance.

Pressure	90
Speculation	9
Volatility	91
Trend agreement	0

Insider activity

0 / 7

0 acquisitions and 7 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

36/100

Weighted news tone is negative across 62 relevant articles.

9 positive · 22 neutral · 31 negative

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
27d
Next report is scheduled for 26 Aug 2026; event risk rises as the date approaches.

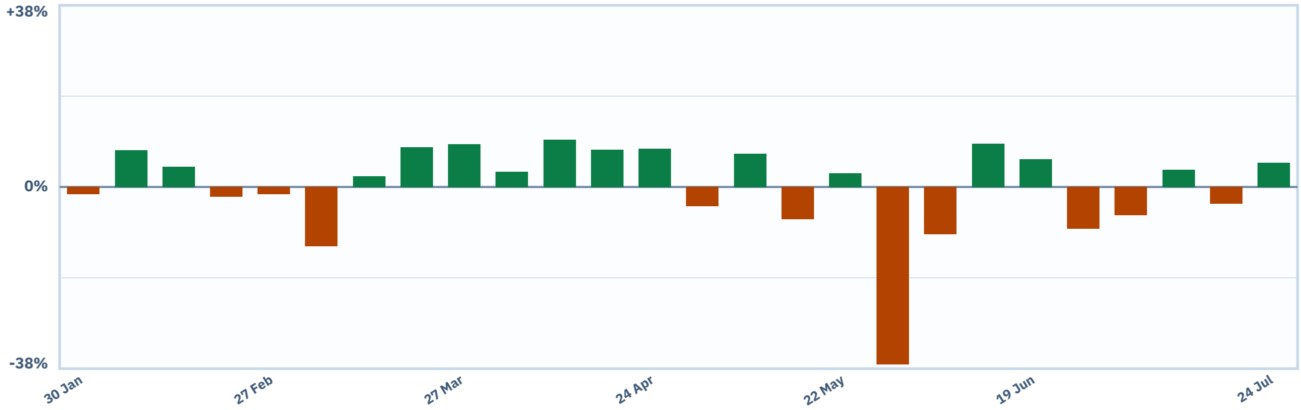
OPTIONS EXPECTED MOVE
14.2%
Nearest-chain priced movement where available.

52-WEEK DRAWDOWN
-45.8%
Distance below the 52-week high.

13-WEEK VOLATILITY
11.6%
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
15 of 26
11 weeks finished lower.

BEST WEEK
+9.9%
Week of 10 Apr.

WORST WEEK
-37.1%
Week of 29 May.

LATEST WEEK
+5.1%
Week of 24 Jul.

Shape of recent returns

Strong gains	11
Modest gains	4
Flat weeks	-
Modest losses	4
Sharp losses	7

RECENT VOL
11.6%
13-week weekly-return volatility.

BASE VOL
10.4%
52-week weekly-return volatility.

UP/DOWN SPLIT
30/22
Count of positive and negative weeks in the 52-week window.

AVERAGE SKEW
6.8% / -6.0%
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

- / 100

Standing within the tracked group.

GROUP AVERAGE

-5.0%

Average four-week return.

TREND BREADTH

63.0%

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 Semiconductor Equipment & Materials

4-WEEK RANK

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Standing within the tracked group.

GROUP AVERAGE

-15.7%

Average four-week return.

TREND BREADTH

77.8%

Share of peers with an active trend.

Peer	Exchange	1W return	4W return	Trend
AMBA	NASDAQ	10.1%	9.5%	Active
PLAB	NASDAQ	5.1%	-1.2%	Inactive
ASML	NASDAQ	0.5%	-2.1%	Active
CAMT	NASDAQ	1.1%	-3.9%	Inactive
ICHR	NASDAQ	4.4%	-7.9%	Active

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	30/100	Trend, activity pressure, participation, and risk combine to a 30/100 tape read.	
Indicator analysis	30/100	Latest 12-week confirmation: trend 5/12, activity pressure 5/12, relative leadership 3/12.	Activity pressure 0.31; 5 reversal markers
Factors	91/100	O'Shaughnessy factor stack blends value, quality, momentum, and confidence.	Buyback Yield rank 29; Small Cap Core rank 17
SVQF	84/100	Value and quality alignment from the Sharemaestro SVQF framework.	Composite rank 115.0 of 726
Patient Capital	Quiet	Activity-pressure buy-signal evidence highlights potential institutional accumulation windows.	No recent buy signal
Options	35/100	PLAB shows volatility options pressure with a 49/100 conviction score, put-call volume ratio of 0.05, expected move of 14.2%, and Sharemaestro trend signal inactive.	Volatility · Volatility expansion watch · Expected move 14.2%
Sentiment	36/100	Weighted news tone is negative across 62 relevant articles.	Hagens Berman Notifies Shareholders of Photronics, Inc.
Insiders	0 / 7	0 acquisitions and 7 disposals in the latest 180-day insider tape.	
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Current evidence clusters

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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	30.33 USD	5.1%	37.72 USD	26.50 USD	-1.17	-12.38	4.3M	Off
17 Jul 2026	28.85 USD	-3.5%	37.83 USD	26.47 USD	-1.13	-17.70	4.5M	Off
10 Jul 2026	29.90 USD	3.6%	37.97 USD	26.45 USD	-1.06	-18.03	6.6M	Off
03 Jul 2026	28.86 USD	-6.0%	38.19 USD	26.43 USD	-1.04	-19.26	5.4M	Off
26 Jun 2026	30.69 USD	-8.7%	38.03 USD	26.40 USD	-0.95	-13.27	9.2M	Off
19 Jun 2026	33.63 USD	5.8%	37.77 USD	26.37 USD	-0.81	-8.92	7.2M	Off
12 Jun 2026	31.78 USD	9.0%	37.35 USD	26.30 USD	-0.38	-11.26	7.7M	Off
05 Jun 2026	29.15 USD	-9.9%	37.00 USD	26.25 USD	0.06	-16.43	14.0M	On
29 May 2026	32.35 USD	-37.1%	36.75 USD	26.21 USD	0.52	-11.19	19.0M	On
22 May 2026	51.46 USD	2.9%	36.47 USD	26.14 USD	0.84	46.01	4.0M	On
15 May 2026	50.02 USD	-6.7%	35.55 USD	25.95 USD	0.93	45.55	4.1M	On
08 May 2026	53.64 USD	6.9%	34.65 USD	25.74 USD	0.95	57.51	3.3M	On
01 May 2026	50.16 USD	-4.0%	33.59 USD	25.49 USD	0.86	57.64	3.7M	On
24 Apr 2026	52.27 USD	8.0%	32.73 USD	25.27 USD	0.65	69.22	4.8M	On

How to use this report

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