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ACD Systems Launches ACDSee Photo Studio for Mac 27 Bringing Generative AI and Smarter Organization to macOS

VICTORIA, BC (November 18, 2026) – ACD Systems today announced the launch of ACDSee Photo Studio for Mac 27, the newest version of its photo management and editing software for macOS. This release introduces generative AI tools for creating and editing images, along with AI-powered organization that finds and groups photos by how they look, all while keeping the non-destructive editing that photographers rely on. A refreshed, more modern interface ties it all together.

"AI is shaping the future of photography and it's our goal to lead the way in that space," said Frank Lin, CTO of ACD Systems. "With ACDSee Photo Studio for Mac 27, we're bringing generative AI directly into the creative process, making it easier to find, organize and transform images while giving photographers the flexibility and control they need to bring their vision to life."

What's new in ACDSee Photo Studio for Mac 27:

- **AI Image Generation:** Turn a text prompt into an image, choose a preset visual effect, or bring in reference images to guide character, style, and composition, right inside the photo workflow.
- **AI Generative Edit:** Describe a change in plain language, or use reference images to guide the look, and reshape a photo without a single brush stroke. Edits can be made directly from Manage mode.
- **AI Reverse Image Search:** Select any photo and find every visually related shot in a library, with no keywords or tagging required.
- **Group By AI Image Similarity:** The enhanced Group By tool clusters visually related photos across a folder, several folders, or search results, surfacing near-duplicates and hidden favorites.
- **Reject Tag:** Mark blinks, blurs, and duds during review, then pull up all rejects and clear them out in a single pass.
- **ACDSee Tabs:** Open multiple folders in a single Manage mode window and switch between them like browser tabs. Tabs are retained between sessions, so photographers can resume searches and folder views right where they left off.
- **ACDSee Home Page:** A new launch screen offers immediate access to Saved Searches, one-click filters such as Recently Modified or Tagged, and common tasks like importing images, finding duplicates, and cataloging files.

- **Activity Manager:** Background processing lets photographers keep working while multiple operations, such as face detection, keywords, and image similarity run simultaneously, with real-time progress tracking.
- **Before and After Slider (Split View):** Compare the original and the edit side by side with a draggable slider while refining adjustments in Develop mode.
- **Color and Luminance Range Masks:** Create precise selection masks from a range of colors or brightness values to target a specific shade of green, the subtle greys of an overcast sky, or only the highlights of a portrait.
- **Updated Interface:** A more modern look and feel to keep photographers ready for what's next.

The release expands ACDSee's established Digital Asset Management tools, which include AI Keywords, Saved Searches, and AI Face Detection & Facial Recognition. For editing, it continues to offer non-destructive control over every adjustment through the AI-infused Masking Group, Light EQ™, Color and Tone Wheels, and AI Presets that adapt to each image in a batch.

Pricing and Availability

ACDSee Photo Studio for Mac 27 is available now for $119.99 USD, including 10,000 AI Credits for generative AI tools and 100 GB SeeDrive™ Cloud Storage for expanded storage. Owners of any previous version of ACDSee Photo Studio for Mac are eligible for loyalty pricing when upgrading by signing in to their acdID account.

For more information, visit: https://www.acdsee.com/en/products/photo-studio-mac/

About ACD Systems

Founded in 1993, ACD Systems is one of the world's leading independent digital image editing and management companies. With a commitment to delivering innovative and intuitive software solutions, ACD Systems serves millions of consumers, small businesses, and corporate customers worldwide.

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