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"The diversification geographically within India helps someone like Foxconn to attract prospective clients while expanding capacity and capabilities for existing clients," he said.

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Foxconn, the biggest vendor globally for Apple, is eyeing 300 acres along the Yamuna Expressway at Greater Noida in Uttar Pradesh to set up its first facility in north India, people aware of the developments told ET.

"This facility has the potential to be slightly bigger than its upcoming facility in Bengaluru, which is set to become the company's second largest globally," said one of the persons cited above. "The products that will be manufactured out of the plant are yet to be ascertained and discussions with the government are ongoing."

Another person confirmed that land identified for the Taiwanese contract manufacturer is in the same area where HCL-Foxconn picked up 50 acres for an outsourced semiconductor assembly and test (OSAT) facility. That project is awaiting approval.

"The Indian government proposed 300 acres for a Foxconn Industrial Park project last year," said this second person. "Discussions are at an early stage and there are no plans regarding any specific products or customers yet."

Queries sent to Foxconn and Apple remained unanswered till the time of publication of this report.

Greater Potential

Land along this expressway, which connects Greater Noida with Agra, is under the administrative remit of the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA). The strategic Yamuna Expressway connects the new airport at Jewar, as well as the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway.