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DigiTimes reports Apple has no plans to release any "major" MacBook Pro upgrades in 2018--the result of a shift in manufacturer from Quanta Computer to Foxconn (aka Hon Hai Precision Industry).



As the news story puts it, "Foxconn had been aggressively working to land more MacBook orders from Apple during the past few years by offering attractive quotes. Since Apple has not had a major upgrade to its MacBook product line since the releases of its new MacBook Pro devices at the end of 2016 and has no plan for one in 2018, the US-based vendor is planning to shift orders for models that are already in mass production to Foxconn to save costs and reduce risks."

The two companies have no comment on the story, but DigiTimes claims Foxconn starts shipping MacBook orders from Q2 2018. The company reportedly started making "some" MacBook components on H2 2017. However Quanta should still remain the biggest MacBook supplier in 2018, with 79.5% share of 2017 shipments reaching around 15 million.

In order to offset the loss of Apple orders Quanta is looking to take orders from other companies. It is already the biggest notebook supplier for HP, Acer and Asus (as well as Apple), but one can assume it is eyeing business from the likes of Dell and Lenovo.

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