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NOON SALEH: For nearly 200 years, World Expos have propelled humankind forward. They've been springboards for the technologies, innovations and social movements that have shaped our world.

CHARLES PAPPAS: If you ever use a computer itself, if you ever use a telephone, if you ever listened to recorded music, if you ever paid for gasoline at the pump, if you ever put on a nylon, if you ever had an x-ray, you've done something that was introduced at or hit the tipping point of popularity at an Expo. The Expo is like a silk road.

NOON SALEH: It is the place where the world goes to be seen, and where countries come together to solve the most urgent issues facing our world.

DIMITRI KERKENTZES: With its theme connecting minds creating the future, Expo 2020 Dubai gathers us here to help shape a better world. A world where we look beyond our differences and are united in our diversity. A world more compassionate, more resilient.

NOON SALEH: And this year, it's coming to the Middle East for the first time at Expo 2020 Dubai.

MANAL ALBAYAT: I remember the room that I was in, when the votes came in. You just heard an uproar of cheering and clapping and tears. It's not an easy thing, but it was also the most joyous day of my life. Coming back home with that victory, was something incredible for us.

NOON SALEH: I'm Noon Salih, and this is Inside Expo. Twice a week, we'll take you on a journey through nearly 200 years of captivating history that's been made at Expos throughout the world to learn the fascinating, and often surprising, stories behind the World Expo.

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