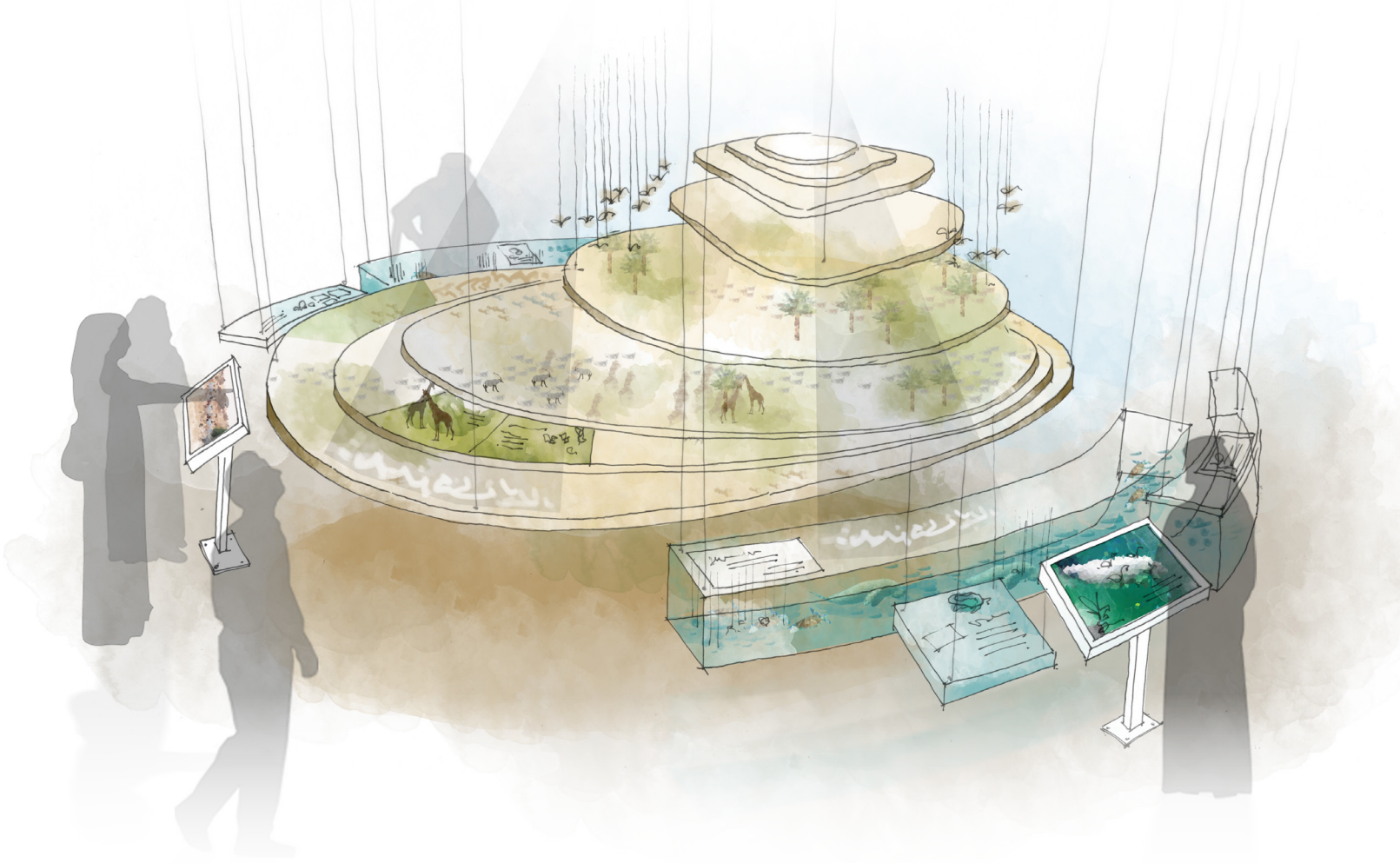


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## Multiple threads woven into a single story

Sir Bani Yas Island embodies a unique confluence of essential stories from the Emirati national fabric. Formed by an ascending salt diapir, the island is home to some of the oldest exposed rocks in the UAE. The island also has a long history of human habitation and has been a meeting place of historical forces. Most significantly, the island stands as the UAE's first articulation of Emirati conservation principles; Sheikh Zayed established the island as a wildlife sanctuary in 1971.

AldrichPears developed a site wide concept for Sir Bani Yas. The concept weaves the island's multifaceted history into a meaningful interpretive experience and storyline. APA drew connections between the island's many legacies, tying together its geological, natural, cultural and environmental history into one experiential story. APA designed both indoor and outdoor experiences that inspire wonder in the natural world and proudly interprets the island's significance to the nation's conservation movement.

