TechMagic: Meta Connect, Intel-Nvidia Deal, Waymo, TikTok-Oracle Talks, and AR Glasses



In this episode of TechMagic, host Lee Kebler is joined by Nic Hill, co-founder and chief innovation officer of Sawhorse Productions, to explore the latest tech developments shaping our digital world.

Together, they break down Meta Connect’s memorable moments and mobile-first pivot with Horizon Worlds, Intel’s surprising $5 billion partnership with Nvidia, and Lee’s first-hand experience with Waymo’s autonomous vehicles. The discussion also covers TikTok’s potential acquisition by Oracle and the future of AR glasses and spatial computing.

With insider insights and thoughtful analysis, Lee and Nic unpack how legacy tech companies are navigating rapid innovation, offering a must-listen guide for tech enthusiasts and professionals alike. Cathy is away this week and will

rejoin the show next week.

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Episode Highlights:

Meta’s HUD Strategy for Wearable Tech – Lee and Nic unpack Meta’s strategic pivot to a 2D display for smart glasses, solving field-of-view issues. Partnering with Ray-Ban and Oakley, offering an $800 premium product, and opening an SDK for third-party development, Meta blends fashion, function, and accessibility to reach lifestyle and tech-savvy markets.

Horizon Worlds’ Mobile-First Evolution – Lee and Nic explore Meta’s shift to prioritise mobile access over VR exclusivity. By leveraging cross-platform promotion, improved graphics, larger servers, and enhanced physics, Horizon Worlds aims to capture the massive mobile gaming audience. This strategy could expand the platform from 900,000 to millions, blending social engagement with scalable gaming infrastructure.

Waymo’s Autonomous Driving Breakthrough – Lee and Nic highlight Waymo’s autonomous vehicles delivering a polished, safe, and user-friendly ride. Features include Spotify integration, sophisticated urban navigation, and smooth voice guidance. While operational challenges remain in maintenance, the experience demonstrates autonomous driving technology surpassing prior expectations, signalling significant progress in the practical, everyday deployment of self-driving cars.

Oracle’s TikTok Acquisition Risks – Lee and Nic discuss Oracle’s proposed 80% acquisition of TikTok’s U.S. operations, highlighting potential risks to the platform’s core appeal. Drawing lessons from MySpace, corporate oversight could alienate users if leadership is mishandled. The transition creates opportunities for competitors, and the outcome may reshape the social media landscape depending on Oracle’s strategic decisions.

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