Reflecting two centuries of profound and influential painting, *From Impressionism to Modernism: The Chester Dale Collection* features some of the world’s finest European and American art. United Technologies Corporation (UTC) is honored to sponsor this exhibition of eighty-one masterpieces, including works by Edgar Degas, Paul Cézanne, Vincent van Gogh, Henri Matisse, Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso, and other celebrated artists.

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Collectively, the artists whose works make up the Chester Dale Collection redefined the public’s conception of art. Their creative depictions and novel techniques transformed the mundane into the marvelous. We share with these masters the ability to look at the world with a fresh perspective. With over 200,000 employees in more than 180 countries, our innovative products and services continue to transform world markets. It is in this spirit of transformation that we celebrate their artistic achievements.

Over the next eighteen months, we invite you to share in their spirit of innovation, enjoying *From Impressionism to Modernism: The Chester Dale Collection* at the National Gallery of Art.

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