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Deepak Parekh's son set to marry

Siddharth Parekh will wed Brit-American girlfriend Claire O'Neil in Jodhpur

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Wedding celebrations are set to begin in Deepak Parekh's house. In November, Parekh's son, Siddharth, will marry his English-American girlfriend, Claire O'Neil, over a three-day ceremony in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The wedding, which will take place from November 27-29, will include both Christian and Indian festivities.



Siddharth and Claire

The bride & the groom

Sid, as he is known to his friends, is Deepak Parekh's younger son. Like his elder brother, Aditya, he chose a career away from HDFC Ltd., of which his father is the chairman. After completing his studies from University of Pennsylvania and Columbia Business School in the US, Sid worked with the UK-headquartered private equity firm, Actis Capital, in Mumbai. Having recently quit his job, he is now working on an entrepreneurial venture.

The bride, Claire O'Neil, has been employed with the Taj Hotels & Resorts as the director — loyalty partnerships and customer acquisition, for a year-and-a-half now. Prior to that, she worked with the NGO, Magic Bus, and also did a seven-year stint at Credit Suisse.

O'Neil, a University of London graduate, is also a board member of her family-run American foundation, The Claire Williams O'Neil Foundation. Started by her father, Roger O'Neil, the foundation spon-



The wedding invite

sors higher education for students. Claire and Sid first met in Mumbai and have been dating for around four years.

The arrangements

The wedding is expected to be a small, low-key affair. "Sid and I are both very private people. And the wedding will reflect that. It is a small event with just close friends and family," said O'Neil when contacted.

The festivities will be kicked off with a sangeet ceremony on November 27 at Mehrangarh Fort, which will then be followed by a Christian wedding at the Balsamand Lake Palace. The traditional Indian nuptials are slated for November 29 at the Umaid Bhawan Palace.

However lavish the celebrations might be, the couple has requested that guests refrain from any opulent gifts and instead contribute to the charity, Apne Aap Women's Collective, on their behalf.



Deepak Parekh

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