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Prince Harry and Meghan Markle are engaged

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Prince Harry and Meghan Markle will wed next year. Image credit: Clarence House

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Following months of speculation over impending wedding plans between Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the couple has announced their engagement.

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Prince Charles issued an official statement about his son's engagement on Nov. 27. While he shared that the wedding will take place next spring, additional details will be unveiled "in due course."

Royal wedding

Ms. Markle is an American actress best known for her role in the television drama "Suits." She and Prince Harry, who is fifth in line for the throne, have been dating since 2016.

The couple just made their first public appearance together at the Invictus Games in September.



Meghan Markle and Prince Harry at the Invictus Games. Image credit: Clarence House

In Prince Charles' announcement issued from his official residence Clarence House, he said that the couple got engaged earlier this month, and had already told close family members of their engagement. Prince Harry also asked Ms. Markle's parents for their blessing, which he received.

The couple plans to live in Nottingham Cottage at Kensington Palace.

Royal warrant holder Cleave and Company created Ms. Markle's engagement ring. Designed by Prince Harry, the ring features two diamonds from jewelry that belonged to his late mother Diana, Princess of Wales, along with a stone from Botswana, which the couple visited on a trip together.

Events in the British royal family's lives create openings for luxury brands to market products fit for the occasion.

For instance, days after the highly anticipated birth of Princess Charlotte of Cambridge, luxury brands took the opportunity to congratulate the royal family on social media and present bespoke gifts to the new princess.

The royal birth has become a highly anticipated event that is followed closely by people around the world on social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter. By celebrating the momentous occasion, brands are ensuring that they stay relevant with consumers and participate in the online conversation ([see story](#)).

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