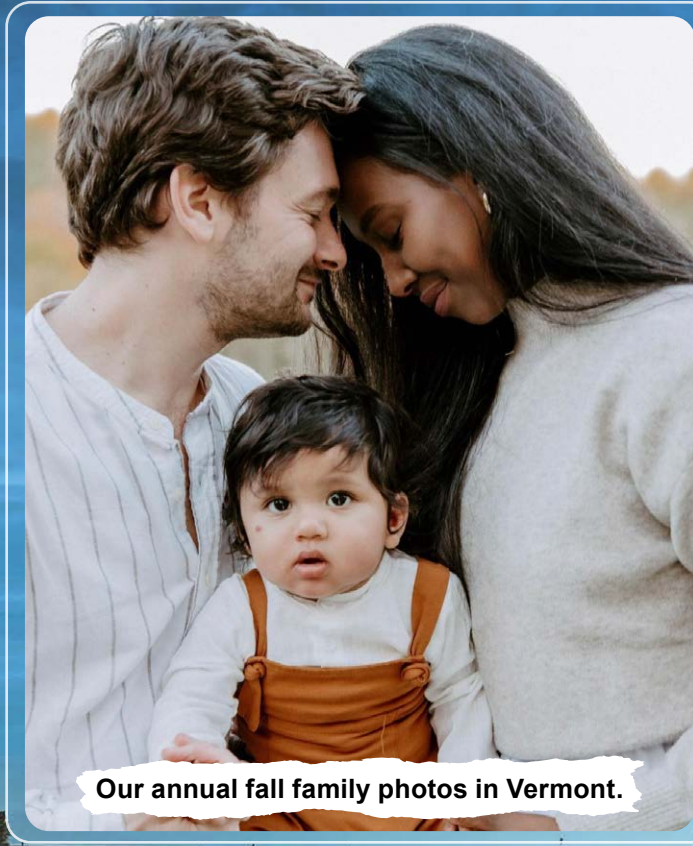


Alex & Hawa



Our Story



Our annual fall family photos in Vermont.

We knew we wanted children but soon found out that we weren't able to have them biologically. So, we began our adoption journey, and on December 10th, 2021, our son Zain was born, changing our life forever. There's no way to put into words how much Zain means to us and how much love there is in our family.

We've always planned for a large family, and we can't express how grateful we are that you're out there considering us as a fit.



Hello, we are Alex and Hawa! Thank you for taking the time to get to know us.

We met in 2006 on our very first day of college at Ohio State. It was love at first sight for Alex, Hawa took some convincing. We started as friends and with some smooth-talking, Alex won Hawa over (It only took a few weeks!). We've been inseparable since.

After graduation, we started our careers. Hawa worked in finance while Alex started his own company. We were married on September 1st, 2012. Seeing both families come together as one (Hawa's from Somalia, while Alex is from a small town in Ohio) was one of the greatest moments in our life. A few years later, we moved to New York City, where we currently live.

Meet Hawa by Alex

Hawa's my soulmate.

She's so much more than I could have asked for in a wife. She's my best friend, and she has my back no matter what, which is an awesome feeling. She loves with everything she has.



She's incredibly trustworthy and grew up with a strong sense of right and wrong. She worked hard when she was young, helping to raise her siblings and working her way through both high school and college.

She's responsible, trustworthy, and an all-around amazing person, and so much fun to be around. Always making a joke and having a good time.

Hawa enjoying a winter wonderland during a family ski trip



She's goofy, loves spending time with her friends and family, and she really loves traveling and exploring. Oh, and fashion, she loves fashion.

Most importantly, Hawa's an amazing mother who I'm proud to parent with. She's nurturing and loves unconditionally. Her bond with Zain is beautiful and unbreakable.



Meet Alex by Hawa

Alex is the epitome of the good guy; he's honest and authentic. He routinely puts the needs of others before himself. He's the one family and friends turn to for trusted advice on everything from books to finances.



love spending the summers in Italy

He's also adaptable and supports my dreams even when my dreams take him far from the wide-open fields he grew up in to the concrete jungle he has come to love. He's ambitious and an entirely self-made business owner who thrives on challenging himself to accomplish more of his goals each day.

Most importantly, he's the proudest Dad I've ever met. Alex is so dedicated to Zain's well-being; he prioritizes time with Zain and me, and he enjoys the little things, like waking up with Zain, making him breakfast, and ensuring Zain gets ahead on his milestones by coming up with fun ways to teach him his letters and the sounds of those letters. The moment Zain sees Alex, he screams, "Daddy is home," and pulls at his hand so they can sit down and play with his trains or his construction truck toys. Zain is a daddy's boy because Alex is the best dad one can have! above all else, Alex's world starts and stops with his family.



Enjoying the Parisian skyline



Alex hiking in Iceland, his favorite place to visit

Alex is intelligent and logical yet freely expresses his emotions. He's the "I love you, babe" after every call, even if he's just downstairs.

Alex grew up in a small town where everyone knows each other with a great family who surrounds him with love and support. His roots taught him the value of hard work and to follow his dreams.



Alex sailing in Maine

I am deeply drawn to kind-hearted people who make this world a better place with their warmth and compassion, and Alex has the kindest heart I know.

About the Big Brother

In 2021, our family was blessed with Zain through adoption, and he has become the center of our world. Zain's presence has brought immense love and joy not only to us but also to our extended families. From the moment he entered our lives, our devotion to him has been boundless, prioritizing his physical, mental, and emotional well-being.



Zain's first Nantucket summer

Implementing healthy routines since infancy, we ensure Zain receives optimal sleep, nutrition, and play for his development. Diligently working towards his milestones, we aim to prepare him for every stage of life. Engaging in Manhattan's mom groups, we exchange parenthood tips and recommendations with a network of wonderful families. Zain regularly participates in playdates, fostering friendships with peers, and our home's amenities provide endless activities, from reading to physical play, overlooking the Manhattan skyline.

Our commitment extends beyond the home, exposing Zain to cultural adventures in museums, parks, and seasonal events throughout the city. Travel has become a source of joy, with summers in Nantucket and Maine, fall hikes in Vermont, and European adventures.

Emphasizing academic development, we make learning enjoyable and love reading for hours, practicing alphabets, numbers, and sounds. Zain, a bright and curious child, already knows his ABCs and numbers 1-20. We are dedicated to preparing him for school and exploring the best educational options in Manhattan.

Zain enjoying July 4th on a rocky beach in Maine.



Zain radiates happiness with constant laughter and a fascination for trains and trucks. His curiosity, evident in his exclamations of "Wow, what's that?" during outings, reflects a magical perspective on life. Zain's love for babies assures us he will be a loving and caring big brother in the future. Our hearts are full, and we are immensely proud of the wonderful little boy Zain is becoming.



Mommy and me hiking in Vermont



Our Home



We are so lucky our home is large enough for Zain to run around in and still have his own space. We also have loved our building's amenities now that we are parents! on weekends we will take Zain down to swim, shoot hoops with Dad, enjoy the large outdoor space that overlooks the Manhattan skyline, or play in the state-of-the-art children's playroom.

We have a strong friends group in our neighborhood made up of families from Zain's daycare, as well as our friends who've started having children. Our time is filled with playdates, parks, and family time at home.

We love nothing more than sitting down to dinner as a family as Hawa has become quite the chef ensuring we, and Zain especially, eats the most balanced of meals. After dinner, we play time with Zain followed by lots of reading. Our home is filled with laughter, especially Zain's.

We feel incredibly blessed to be living our dream in a community we love. And we can't wait to raise another child here.



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We currently live in Manhattan with our 2-year-old son Zain, and our cat Hudson. Our building is full of families, including many babies and children, which has made for such a loving environment.

Our home is a warm place to play and grow



Zain loves cars, so the whole family wore shirts with cars for his birthday!

Our Family

Hawa comes from a large family. She has seven siblings, loving and devoted parents, and more extended family than one can imagine. Alex's family is a bit smaller, made up of him and his sister, as well as their parents, with many aunts, uncles, and cousins near by as well. Most of his family is very close and has lived in the same small Ohio town since before Alex was born.

With both of our families living in Ohio we often receive visitors in NYC, which is a lot of fun. Of course, we also make lots of trips back to Ohio where both our families spoil Zain as much as they possibly can.

Family is so important to us and maintaining loving connections with our extended family and ensuring Zain and our future children are surrounded by a strong support system and unconditional love is a gift we are grateful for each and every day. It takes a village and Hawa and I are beyond blessed to come from such close knit and loving families.



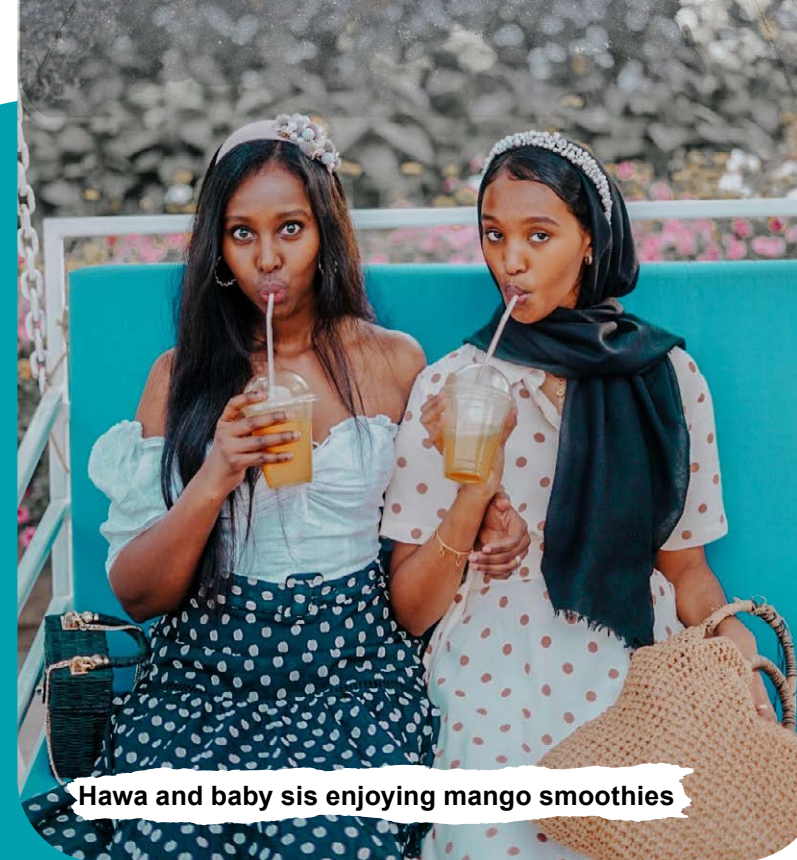
Wedding picture with Hawa's family



Taking a stroll after brunch with Alex's parents



Zain with his Grandma and Great Grandma



Hawa and baby sis enjoying mango smoothies

We always visit with our loved ones for the holidays and birthdays, or just because we miss our family.

Boating in Lake Como



Hobbies

We prioritize spending time with our loved ones and indulging in activities that bring us joy. Alex finds pleasure in reading, listening to podcasts, watching sports with friends, and staying informed about world events. Hawa has built a close-knit friend group in the city, often enjoying Sunday brunches with the girls and sharing a love for fashion. Together, we savor movie nights, annually watching Oscar-nominated films and hosting Oscars viewing parties with friends.

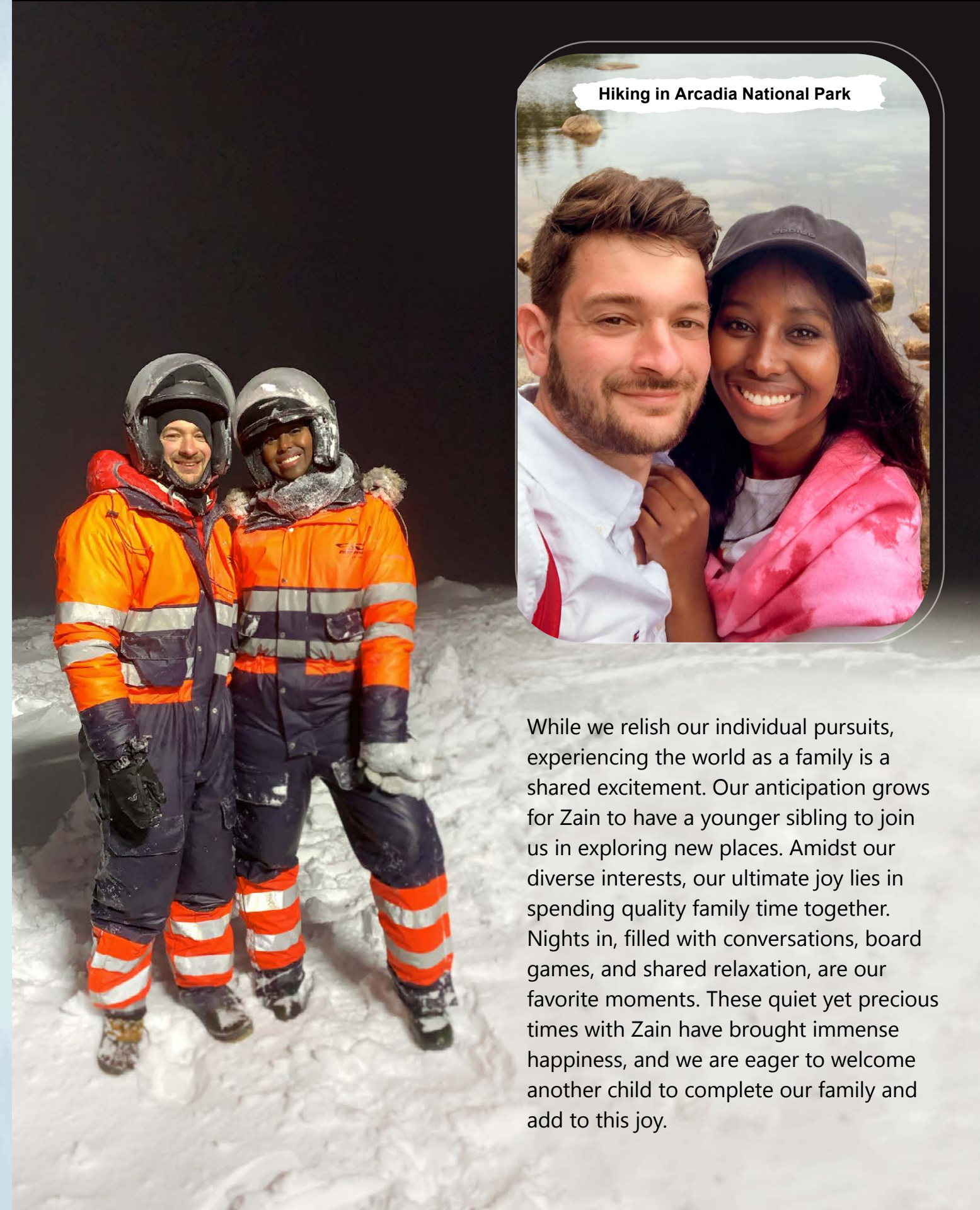


Traveling and exploring the world are integral to our lives. Europe, with its diverse cultures, is a frequent destination, and Paris and the French Riviera hold a special place, particularly for Hawa. Welcoming our son, Zain, into our adventures, our first international trip as a family to Portugal surpassed our expectations. Zain, at 22 months, immersed himself in the magic of Porto and Lisbon, leaving him with cherished memories. To ensure his comfort, we hired a live-in Portuguese nanny, prioritizing routines and familiar environments.

Hiking in Arcadia National Park



While we relish our individual pursuits, experiencing the world as a family is a shared excitement. Our anticipation grows for Zain to have a younger sibling to join us in exploring new places. Amidst our diverse interests, our ultimate joy lies in spending quality family time together. Nights in, filled with conversations, board games, and shared relaxation, are our favorite moments. These quiet yet precious times with Zain have brought immense happiness, and we are eager to welcome another child to complete our family and add to this joy.



Thank You!

Thank you for taking the time to learn about us. We recognize that the decision you're facing is one of the most challenging, and we are truly inspired by your courage and strength.

Our commitment to you and your child is unwavering. We promise to provide boundless love, unwavering support, and steadfast guidance. As a content, stable, and drama-free couple, we eagerly anticipate expanding our family. Your child will be surrounded by a network of loving family members who are dedicated to ensuring their well-being.

We welcome the opportunity to meet, address any questions, and make this decision more manageable for you. Regardless of the level of openness you choose, we will consistently remind your child of the incredible sacrifice you made to offer them the life they deserve.

Thank you for everything, and we sincerely hope to hear from you soon.

with Love,

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