

alison & patrick

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photography by Eric Barry



their story

Alison Hirsch (now 28 and a banker) and Patrick Annese (now 29 and also a banker) became fast friends when both were hired into the same analyst training program at a Boston bank. By 2005 they'd been dating for nearly four years, and when Christmas rolled around, Patrick suggested they celebrate the holidays a bit early with a night out in Boston's North End (where they had their first date). At dinner, Patrick gave Alison an early Christmas gift: a spa gift certificate. She was thrilled, but the best was yet to come. Later that evening, while they were relaxing at home, Patrick surprised her with a proposal. When it came to wedding plans, the couple took their time and created a modern, sophisticated wedding in the city. —SB

the ceremony décor

Contemporary arrangements of manzanita branches, white calla lilies and hydrangeas were placed on either side of the huppah.



the cake

Iced in champagne-colored buttercream and decorated with Swiss dots, each tier of the square cake was placed at an angle and accented with a chocolate-brown ribbon.

the ceremony décor

Clear vases filled with river rocks and tall manzanita branches lined the aisle at the ceremony. White pillar candles were placed at the end of each row of chairs, adding to the romantic ambience.



the favors

Menus were tucked inside off-white napkins, which were topped with small, quilted boxes filled with Jordan almonds. >>

the ceremony

Alison walked down a white suede aisle runner to the huppah, where she and Patrick exchanged vows in front of yards of draped white fabric.

the bridal bouquet

Sweetly scented gardenias (one of Alison's favorite flowers) made up the bridal bouquet.

the programs

The narrow, booklet-style programs were tied at the top with simple, chocolate-brown ribbons. >>



style notes

Inspired by their venue's chic downtown location, the couple chose a classic white palette with touches of chocolate brown. The branches and river rock décor created a warm outdoor feel.





the reception

The towering ceilings and two-story windows in the contemporary, loft-like Great Room provided fantastic views of the city.

the first dance

For their first dance, the couple took a spin to their band's rendition of Marc Cohn's "True Companion."



their ingredients

CEREMONY SITE State Room, booked through Longwood Events (617) 854-5000, Boston

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