

THE MISTRYS FOR ASHDEEN



From left: Farhad, Delna, Natalia, Jimmy and Pearl Mistry



MEET THE FAMILY: Jimmy and Delna Mistry with their daughters Pearl and Natalia, and son Farhad.

FAM JAM: Since the past 15 years, the plush Mistry pad in the verdant Dadar Parsi Colony has been hosting the most legendary home parties during Diwali, thrown by the architect and hotelier who's given us Della Adventure Park.

"This is the time we call home all our friends and family, from our parents' friends to our kids' pals," says Delna. "Though we're Parsis, we absolutely love Diwali. We call over ghazal singers and Pearl has taken over the tradition of designing rangolis from me."

ON THEIR SPEED DIAL: Ashdeen Lilaowala whose eponymous label is inspired by centuries of craft from the Orient and Persia. "It was natural for me to design clothes for the Mistry family that evoked an aesthetic of the traditional Parsi *gara* embroidery," he says. "Natalia's *lehenga* is hand-embroidered with birds of paradise in the *chinoiserie* style, while Pearl's sees the *gara* motif and Benarasi weaving. Jimmy's *dagla* is inspired from an old portrait of a Parsi gentleman, and considering he's such a popular figure in the community, it fits right in."

TOP TIP: "Remember to be comfortable enough to move around in, party and dance," says Ashdeen. •