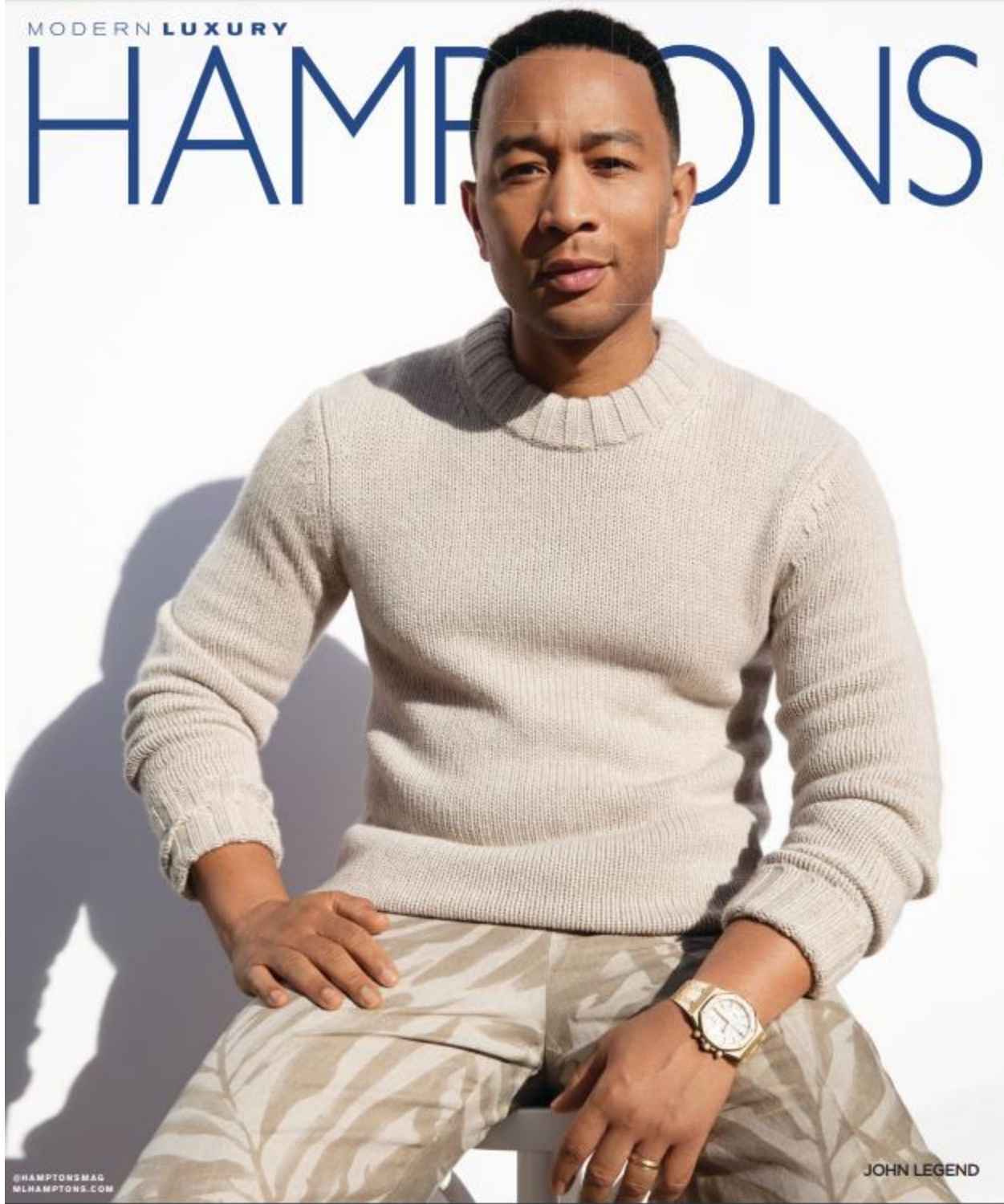


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HOTEL JOAQUIN MAKES THE PERFECT RESPITE FOR EAST COASTERS LOOKING TO UNPLUG. *BY GARY DUFF*

Escaping the East End comes easy when traveling to **Hotel Joaquin**, especially since its designer, Robert McKinley, the man behind Ruschmeyer's and The Surf Lodge, crafted it with the Hamptons in mind. "There's a lot of synergy between the Hamptons and our property," says Jason Liebman, the Laguna Beach (Calif.) hotel's chief operating officer and partner, who was lured to the West Coast from the Hamptons. "As a Hamptonite, I always loved filling my days with adventure, so we've incorporated fun experiences at every turn." Morning yoga sessions are offered for visitors at the hotel, and an adventure guru assists in the planning of paddleboarding, surfing and hiking excursions. "We have a fully unplugged environment, which makes for a much more soulful experience at our properties." 985 N. Coast Highway, Laguna Beach, Calif., 949.494.5294, hoteljoaquin.com