

# BELOW THE SURFACE

*Skeleton dials reveal the intricate inner workings of these tough timepieces*

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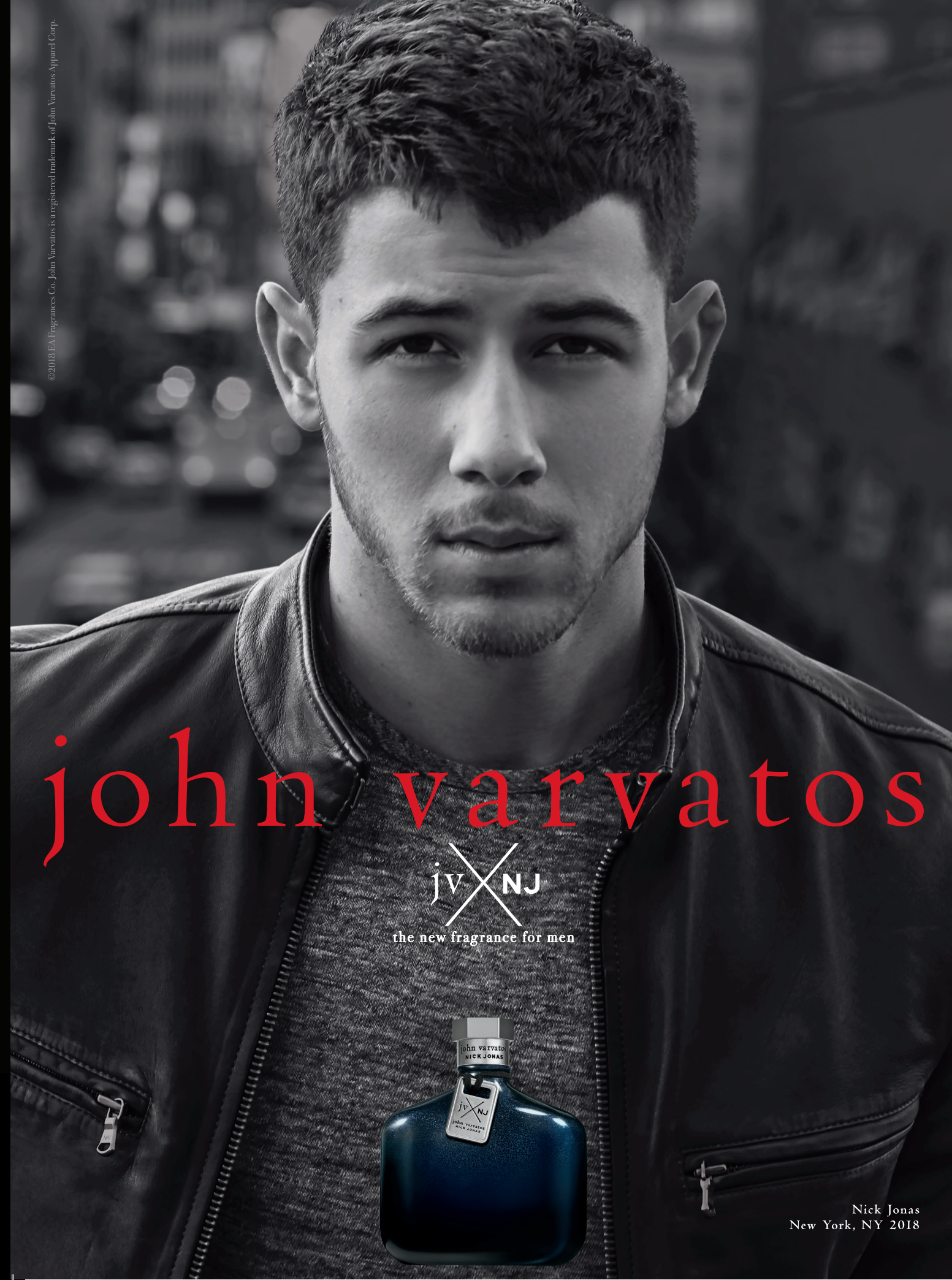
Amongst the array of stunning timepieces by horology icon Richard Mille, it's difficult for a specific watch to stand out. This isn't the case with the RM 032, a masterpiece of design and engineering. A proper diver's watch, with a black, silver-grey and red color scheme, it grabs one's eye, but don't overlook the intricate details, including a flyback chronograph, an annual calendar, and the ability to resist water down to an impressive 300 meters (about 1,000 feet). A special locking crown prevents even these underwater pressures from interfering with the watch's perfect timekeeping. Featuring components made from titanium, it is the epitome of balance between aesthetic design and practicality, and at a price of around \$154,000, it's an investment that can also be utilized and enjoyed on a daily basis.

Don't be fooled by the nontraditional shape of the Bell & Ross BR-X1 Tourbillon R.S.18: it's a classic Bell & Ross timepiece that possesses the same level of craftsmanship, precision, and design excellence that's become synonymous with the French-bred, Swiss-produced watches. With a hand-wound flying tourbillon and a four-day power reserve, the R.S.18 is a precision machine that sacrifices none of its timing perfection for its aesthetic brashness. While the three chronographs on the face may grab one's attention, the real beauty is the intricate nature of the 282 components tucked within the sculpted titanium case. Water resistant down to 100 meters, the R.S.18 is the perfect everyday wristwatch for a man of style, as appropriate in a boardroom as it is jumping off the deck of a superyacht into a turquoise sea. The production run is limited to only 20 units, so despite a price of \$189,000, this is surely an edition that won't be available for long.

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