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At a Firenze Hotel, Rare Manuscripts Look Inside da Vinci's Mind

The Place Firenze hotel in Florence has unveiled an unexpected collection celebrating the genius of Leonardo da Vinci through groundbreaking reproductions of his manuscripts. Featuring a series of recreated books crafted from specially treated leather and printed to match the original documents to the finest detail, it offers a rare glimpse into da Vinci's mind. Each page showcases his sketches of architectural marvels-war machines, anatomical studies-and his idiosyncratic writing style, often from right to left in a self-invented language. The collection, a collaboration with the esteemed Florentine publishing house Giunti Editore, presents da Vinci's original notes alongside translations, providing today's readers with a clear understanding of his revolutionary ideas and musings. --Nate Storey

