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Cover image: Striking finished leather from the Alran tannery in southern France that supplies the luxury leathergoods sector.

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