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ART AND ILLUSIONS An exhibition of trompe-l'oeil from antiquity to today at Florence's Palazzo Strozzi finds fashion on the same artistic page.

René Magritte was the inspiration for witty windows designed by Felice Limosani for Luisa Via Roma, Florence's retail epicentre of cool. The bowler hats, doffed mechanically in front of clapping hands, were an homage to **VIKTOR & ROLF**. The design duo will show their "Monsieur" collection for the first time in Paris, but they bowed in front of the Florentine windows to surreal effect.



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