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De Le Cuona and Oscar
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Though she started her textiles company, de Le Cuona, by elevating humble linen to the far reaches of elegant finery, South African-born Bernie de Le Cuona is clearly just as adept at coaxing untapped beauty out of traditionally glamorous velvet. Her cotton-blend Liquid Teal fabric has the sheen of, as she puts it, “an exotic cat”—a quality that inspired Fernando Garcia and Laura Kim, the creative directors of the fashion house Oscar de la Renta, to make this dramatic cape-back strapless gown. At once streamlined and plush, restrained and decadent, their dress glows like a moonstone, becoming more complex with each flicker of its wearer’s movement. —Vanessa Lawrence
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