

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Temperature and pressure variations of d-d luminescence band maxima of bis(pyridylalkenolato)palladium(II) complexes with different ligand substituents: opposite-signed trends

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**Table S1** Calculated optimized structure of [Pd{PyCHC(CH<sub>3</sub>)O}<sub>2</sub>] in the gas-phase, singlet ground state.

| Atoms | X           | Y           | Z           |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Pd    | 0.00000900  | -0.00003100 | 0.00020900  |
| O     | 0.35579100  | 2.00404200  | 0.00029900  |
| O     | -0.35582000 | -2.00408700 | 0.00009300  |
| N     | 2.03488100  | -0.45377400 | 0.00007300  |
| N     | -2.03485300 | 0.45379500  | 0.00029400  |
| C     | 1.56138600  | 2.58691800  | -0.00030700 |
| C     | -1.56143900 | -2.58692400 | -0.00024300 |
| C     | 2.38069900  | -1.78465400 | 0.00063600  |
| C     | 3.03926000  | 0.51386100  | -0.00049700 |
| C     | -2.38066900 | 1.78468800  | 0.00075700  |
| C     | -3.03925700 | -0.51382100 | -0.00032100 |
| C     | 2.78656600  | 1.93008700  | -0.00092700 |
| C     | 1.48565300  | 4.10468800  | -0.00011600 |
| C     | -2.78658300 | -1.93005000 | -0.00040300 |
| C     | -1.48573000 | -4.10468600 | -0.00027400 |
| H     | 1.53293900  | -2.47331900 | 0.00104900  |
| C     | 3.70523500  | -2.23498800 | 0.00060400  |
| C     | 4.41025800  | 0.08062700  | -0.00059100 |
| H     | -1.53289900 | 2.47332600  | 0.00122800  |
| C     | -3.70520500 | 2.23502200  | 0.00054800  |
| C     | -4.41024300 | -0.08057400 | -0.00074000 |
| H     | 3.67943500  | 2.56182200  | -0.00151900 |
| H     | 0.93507300  | 4.45622800  | 0.89181300  |
| H     | 0.93294500  | 4.45646000  | -0.89058600 |
| H     | 2.48909800  | 4.55956500  | -0.00123000 |
| H     | -3.67946400 | -2.56176700 | -0.00063900 |
| H     | -0.93301500 | -4.45621600 | -0.89087100 |
| H     | -0.93516400 | -4.45648200 | 0.89152500  |
| H     | -2.48917900 | -4.55955400 | -0.00152600 |
| H     | 3.90827800  | -3.30904100 | 0.00102600  |
| C     | 4.74951200  | -1.27288000 | -0.00005600 |
| H     | 5.18611700  | 0.85251600  | -0.00100200 |
| H     | -3.90823100 | 3.30907800  | 0.00100800  |
| C     | -4.74948500 | 1.27292300  | -0.00031200 |
| H     | -5.18610400 | -0.85246000 | -0.00138500 |
| H     | 5.79979900  | -1.58323200 | -0.00011300 |
| H     | -5.79976800 | 1.58329200  | -0.00065800 |

**Table S2** Calculated optimized structure of [Pd{PyCHC(CH<sub>3</sub>)O}<sub>2</sub>] in acetone, singlet ground state.

| Atoms | X           | Y           | Z           |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Pd    | -0.00000300 | -0.00000200 | -0.00018800 |
| O     | 0.35767700  | 2.00373200  | -0.10305600 |
| O     | -0.35764500 | -2.00373700 | 0.10263600  |
| N     | 2.03626400  | -0.45626800 | -0.00964700 |
| N     | -2.03627000 | 0.45627400  | 0.00942100  |
| C     | 1.56456700  | 2.59020100  | -0.02285900 |
| C     | -1.56455700 | -2.59020500 | 0.02268600  |
| C     | 2.38534900  | -1.78774700 | -0.05611800 |
| C     | 3.04030700  | 0.51185800  | 0.02915000  |
| C     | -2.38533300 | 1.78777300  | 0.05553000  |
| C     | -3.04032800 | -0.51186200 | -0.02861200 |
| C     | 2.78607000  | 1.93014600  | 0.04795900  |
| C     | 1.48982500  | 4.10711600  | -0.02154400 |
| C     | -2.78609200 | -1.93014900 | -0.04753800 |
| C     | -1.48979500 | -4.10711700 | 0.02110600  |
| H     | 1.54188500  | -2.48083500 | -0.08227500 |
| C     | 3.71087700  | -2.23542300 | -0.05392000 |
| C     | 4.41208400  | 0.08129200  | 0.04395100  |
| H     | -1.54185200 | 2.48086700  | 0.08105400  |
| C     | -3.71086200 | 2.23544500  | 0.05387400  |
| C     | -4.41211800 | -0.08131100 | -0.04264800 |
| H     | 3.67812500  | 2.56035200  | 0.10340100  |
| H     | 0.89064600  | 4.45875300  | 0.83854600  |
| H     | 0.98883100  | 4.46581100  | -0.93928000 |
| H     | 2.49243900  | 4.55921200  | 0.03575800  |
| H     | -3.67816800 | -2.56035400 | -0.10267000 |
| H     | -0.88986400 | -4.45854600 | -0.83853200 |
| H     | -0.98960100 | -4.46602600 | 0.93920600  |
| H     | -2.49235700 | -4.55921000 | -0.03713900 |
| H     | 3.91692300  | -3.30792100 | -0.09247800 |
| C     | 4.75365300  | -1.27215800 | 0.00314000  |
| H     | 5.18748800  | 0.85223100  | 0.08225000  |
| H     | -3.91688800 | 3.30796100  | 0.09204000  |
| C     | -4.75366900 | 1.27215100  | -0.00211200 |
| H     | -5.18754200 | -0.85226800 | -0.08017800 |
| H     | 5.80362400  | -1.58111800 | 0.01220500  |
| H     | -5.80364900 | 1.58110000  | -0.01057800 |

**Table S3** Calculated optimized structure of [Pd{PyCHC(C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>7</sub>)O}<sub>2</sub>] in the gas-phase, singlet ground state.

| Atoms | X           | Y           | Z           |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Pd    | 0.00000000  | 0.00000000  | 0.00000000  |
| F     | 3.35113300  | -1.87800100 | 2.57586500  |
| F     | 3.85233000  | -3.59019700 | 1.14050000  |
| F     | 4.52837500  | -0.07855100 | 0.48542100  |
| F     | 5.27911300  | -2.00591700 | -0.48840400 |
| O     | 1.67999000  | -0.77579600 | 0.82617800  |
| N     | -0.04107800 | -1.44178100 | -1.51019800 |
| C     | -1.03970200 | -1.33380800 | -2.44847600 |
| H     | -1.71281700 | -0.48508900 | -2.31711500 |
| C     | -1.19806500 | -2.24297100 | -3.50256900 |
| H     | -2.01502600 | -2.09698400 | -4.21344000 |
| C     | -0.29304100 | -3.32665100 | -3.61266400 |
| H     | -0.38791400 | -4.05920700 | -4.42030200 |
| C     | 0.73006300  | -3.44049000 | -2.66637000 |
| H     | 1.45269900  | -4.26022300 | -2.71764000 |
| C     | 0.86952900  | -2.49106700 | -1.60425300 |
| C     | 1.97049700  | -2.67681300 | -0.68720200 |
| H     | 2.60615800  | -3.54509800 | -0.87485200 |
| C     | 2.29731400  | -1.87005000 | 0.38223000  |
| C     | 3.55211200  | -2.19675200 | 1.19768500  |
| C     | 4.84823100  | -1.43502300 | 0.73560000  |
| C     | 6.07027600  | -1.44111900 | 1.72248300  |
| F     | 6.35046700  | -2.73291500 | 2.18442400  |
| F     | 7.21237100  | -0.95750700 | 1.06661200  |
| F     | 5.83288300  | -0.61556900 | 2.82819800  |
| F     | -3.35113300 | 1.87800100  | -2.57586500 |
| F     | -3.85233000 | 3.59019700  | -1.14050000 |
| F     | -4.52837500 | 0.07855100  | -0.48542100 |
| F     | -5.27911300 | 2.00591700  | 0.48840400  |
| O     | -1.67999000 | 0.77579600  | -0.82617800 |
| N     | 0.04107800  | 1.44178100  | 1.51019800  |
| C     | 1.03970200  | 1.33380800  | 2.44847600  |
| H     | 1.71281700  | 0.48508900  | 2.31711500  |
| C     | 1.19806500  | 2.24297100  | 3.50256900  |
| H     | 2.01502600  | 2.09698400  | 4.21344000  |
| C     | 0.29304100  | 3.32665100  | 3.61266400  |
| H     | 0.38791400  | 4.05920700  | 4.42030200  |
| C     | -0.73006300 | 3.44049000  | 2.66637000  |
| H     | -1.45269900 | 4.26022300  | 2.71764000  |

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|---|-------------|------------|-------------|
| C | -0.86952900 | 2.49106700 | 1.60425300  |
| C | -1.97049700 | 2.67681300 | 0.68720200  |
| H | -2.60615800 | 3.54509800 | 0.87485200  |
| C | -2.29731400 | 1.87005000 | -0.38223000 |
| C | -3.55211200 | 2.19675200 | -1.19768500 |
| C | -4.84823100 | 1.43502300 | -0.73560000 |
| C | -6.07027600 | 1.44111900 | -1.72248300 |
| F | -6.35046700 | 2.73291500 | -2.18442400 |
| F | -7.21237100 | 0.95750700 | -1.06661200 |
| F | -5.83288300 | 0.61556900 | -2.82819800 |

**Table S4** Calculated optimized structure of [Pd{PyCHC(C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>7</sub>)O}<sub>2</sub>] in acetone, singlet ground state.

| Atoms | X           | Y           | Z           |
|-------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Pd    | 0.00000000  | 0.00000000  | 0.00000000  |
| F     | 3.33124300  | -1.99047800 | 2.56472200  |
| F     | 3.89668700  | -3.60257000 | 1.04259600  |
| F     | 4.47049300  | -0.04343800 | 0.56505000  |
| F     | 5.29832600  | -1.90076100 | -0.47463200 |
| O     | 1.65717900  | -0.81687400 | 0.84530400  |
| N     | -0.07173900 | -1.45544100 | -1.50211100 |
| C     | -1.09895700 | -1.36682100 | -2.41210200 |
| H     | -1.78239600 | -0.52953100 | -2.26527600 |
| C     | -1.26914000 | -2.27673300 | -3.46450200 |
| H     | -2.10769700 | -2.14648200 | -4.15253900 |
| C     | -0.34540400 | -3.34070700 | -3.60574300 |
| H     | -0.44615200 | -4.07021600 | -4.41446300 |
| C     | 0.70376700  | -3.43920300 | -2.68506300 |
| H     | 1.43781100  | -4.24636800 | -2.75916500 |
| C     | 0.84906800  | -2.49296600 | -1.62205300 |
| C     | 1.96831100  | -2.67514300 | -0.72307500 |
| H     | 2.61454500  | -3.52835000 | -0.94146900 |
| C     | 2.28747500  | -1.89289800 | 0.36531600  |
| C     | 3.54644500  | -2.22383400 | 1.16709100  |
| C     | 4.82512900  | -1.40016400 | 0.76423200  |
| C     | 6.02732700  | -1.41119300 | 1.77667800  |
| F     | 6.31948100  | -2.70994300 | 2.21374500  |
| F     | 7.17619000  | -0.89347500 | 1.16003300  |
| F     | 5.75190200  | -0.61912500 | 2.89781500  |
| F     | -3.33124300 | 1.99047800  | -2.56472200 |
| F     | -3.89668700 | 3.60257000  | -1.04259600 |
| F     | -4.47049300 | 0.04343800  | -0.56505000 |

|   |             |            |             |
|---|-------------|------------|-------------|
| F | -5.29832600 | 1.90076100 | 0.47463200  |
| O | -1.65717900 | 0.81687400 | -0.84530400 |
| N | 0.07173900  | 1.45544100 | 1.50211100  |
| C | 1.09895700  | 1.36682100 | 2.41210200  |
| H | 1.78239600  | 0.52953100 | 2.26527600  |
| C | 1.26914000  | 2.27673300 | 3.46450200  |
| H | 2.10769700  | 2.14648200 | 4.15253900  |
| C | 0.34540400  | 3.34070700 | 3.60574300  |
| H | 0.44615200  | 4.07021600 | 4.41446300  |
| C | -0.70376700 | 3.43920300 | 2.68506300  |
| H | -1.43781100 | 4.24636800 | 2.75916500  |
| C | -0.84906800 | 2.49296600 | 1.62205300  |
| C | -1.96831100 | 2.67514300 | 0.72307500  |
| H | -2.61454500 | 3.52835000 | 0.94146900  |
| C | -2.28747500 | 1.89289800 | -0.36531600 |
| C | -3.54644500 | 2.22383400 | -1.16709100 |
| C | -4.82512900 | 1.40016400 | -0.76423200 |
| C | -6.02732700 | 1.41119300 | -1.77667800 |
| F | -6.31948100 | 2.70994300 | -2.21374500 |
| F | -7.17619000 | 0.89347500 | -1.16003300 |
| F | -5.75190200 | 0.61912500 | -2.89781500 |

**Table S5** DFT calculated Pd-L distances for the two [Pd{PyCHC(R)O}<sub>2</sub>] compounds (R = CH<sub>3</sub> and R = C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>7</sub>).

| R =                           | Pd-L | Distances (Å) |                |                      |
|-------------------------------|------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|
|                               |      | XRD           | PBEPBE/Lanl2dz | PBEPBE/Lanl2dz (PCM) |
| CH <sub>3</sub>               | Pd-N | 2.055         | 2.085          | 2.087                |
|                               | Pd-O | 1.984         | 2.035          | 2.038                |
| C <sub>3</sub> F <sub>7</sub> | Pd-N | 2.027         | 2.088          | 2.093                |
|                               | Pd-O | 1.981         | 2.027          | 2.032                |

**Table S6** Experimental and calculated Raman shifts for [Pd{PyCHC(C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>7</sub>)O}<sub>2</sub>].

| Experimental Raman shift (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) at 293 K | Variation (cm <sup>-1</sup> /K) | Calculated Raman shift (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Assignation   |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---|
| 200   | -0.017                          | 203  | $\gamma$ Pd-N + $\gamma$ Pd-O + $\gamma$ C-H (enol)   |
| 262   | -0.027                          | 254  | $\gamma$ Pd-N + $\gamma$ C-H (pyridine) + $\gamma$ C-H (enol)                                     |
| 288*  | -0.007                          | 295  | $\gamma$ C-H (enol) + $\gamma$ C-H (pyridine)   |
| 305   | -0.005                          | 333  | C-F scissor mode  |
| 319   | +0.014                          | 349  | $\delta$ C-C(-N)-C + $\delta$ C-F   |
| 377   | -0.003                          | 485  | $v$ Pd-O + $\delta$ C-F + $\gamma$ C-H (pyridine)   |
| 545   | -0.006                          | 532  | $v$ Pd-O + $v$ C-F + $\delta$ C-F   |
| 588   | -0.012                          | 579  | $\gamma$ C-H (enol) + $\gamma$ C-H (pyridine) + $\delta$ C-F                                      |
| 633   | +0.019                          | 652  | $v$ Pd-O + $v$ C-F + $\gamma$ enol + $v$ Pd-N   |
| 654   | -0.007                          | 657  | $\gamma$ enol + $v$ C-C (C <sub>3</sub> F <sub>7</sub> ) + $v$ C-F                                |
| 749   | +0.002                          | 776  | $\gamma$ C-H (pyridine) + $\gamma$ C-H (enol)   |
| 815   | -0.005                          | 826  | $\gamma$ C-H (enol) + $\gamma$ C-H (pyridine)   |
| 879   | -0.016                          | 855  | $\tau$ C-C (pyridine) + $\tau$ C-C (enol) + $\gamma$ C-H(enol) + $\gamma$ C-H (pyridine)          |
| 1024  | -0.016                          | 999  | $v$ C-F + $\gamma$ C-H (pyridine) + $\tau$ C-C (pyridine)   |
| 1271  | -0.019                          | 1303                                       | $\delta$ C-H (pyridine) + $v$ C-N   |
| 1313  | -0.004                          | 1342                                       | $v$ C=N + $\delta$ C-H (enol) + $\delta$ C-H (pyridine)   |
| 1485  | -0.005                          | 1440                                       | $\delta$ C-H (enol) + $\delta$ C-H (pyridine) + $v$ C=O   |
| 1542  | 0                               | 1545                                       | $v$ C-C (pyridine) + $\delta$ C-H (pyridine) + $\delta$ C-C (pyridine) + $v$ C-N + $v$ C-C (enol) |
| 1604  | +0.006                          | 1603                                       | $v$ C-C (pyridine) + $\delta$ C-H + $\delta$ C-C  |
| 1621  | -0.016                          | 1629                                       | $v$ C=C (enol)  |
| 3080  | -0.024                          | 3188, 3178, 3169, 3164, 3148               | $v$ C-H (pyridine or enol)  |
| 3107  | -0.014                          | 3188, 3178, 3169, 3164, 3148               | $v$ C-H (pyridine or enol)  |

\*at 200 K, v indicates stretch;  $\delta$ , in-plane bend;  $\gamma$ , out-of-plane bend and  $\tau$ , torsion

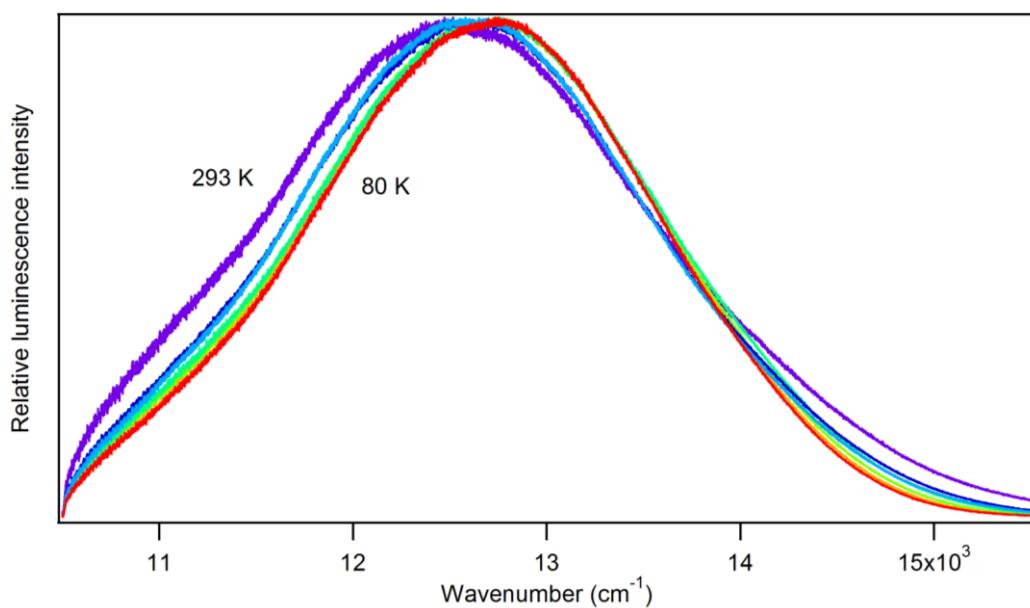
**Table S7** Experimental and calculated Raman shifts for [Pd{PyCHC(CH<sub>3</sub>)O}<sub>2</sub>].

| Experimental<br>Raman shift (cm <sup>-1</sup> )<br>at 293 K | Variation<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> /K) | Variation<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> /kbar) | Calculated Raman<br>shift (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Assignation   |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| 211   | -0.006                             |                                       | 244   | vPd-O + δC-C (CH <sub>3</sub> )   |
| 274   | -0.015                             |                                       | 264   | γC-H (enol) + γC-C (enol)<br>+ γC-H (pyridine) + γC-C<br>(pyridine) + γPd-N   |
| 413   | +0.004                             |                                       | 384   | vPd-O + vC-C (CH <sub>3</sub> ) +<br>δC-H (enol)<br>+ δC-H (pyridine)   |
| 611   | +0.004                             |                                       | 648   | τC-C (pyridine) + vPd-N +<br>δC-H (pyridine)  |
| 656   | +0.004                             |                                       | 672   | τC-C (pyridine) + vPd-O<br>+ vC-C(CH <sub>3</sub> )   |
| 778   | -0.004                             |                                       | 804   | γC-H (enol) +<br>γC-H (pyridine)  |
| 867   | -0.004                             |                                       | 853   | vC-N + τC-C (pyridine) +<br>δC-H (pyridine) + δC-H<br>(enol) + δC-H(CH <sub>3</sub> )   |
| 956   | -0.004                             |                                       | 943   | vC-C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) + vC-O   |
| 1017  | -0.007                             | +0.431                                | 1055  | δC-H (pyridine)   |
| 1283  | -0.018                             |                                       | 1305  | δC-H (pyridine) + δC-H<br>(enol) + vC-N   |
| 1401  | -0.002                             |                                       | 1428  | C-H scissor mode (CH <sub>3</sub> ) +<br>δC-H (enol) + δC-H<br>(pyridine) + vC-O  |
| 1513  | -0.014                             | +0.376                                | 1535  | vC=C (pyridine) + vC-N<br>(pyridine) + δC-H<br>(pyridine) + vC=C (enol) +<br>δC-H (enol) + C-H scissor<br>mode (CH <sub>3</sub> ) |
| 1586  | -0.013                             | +0.325                                | 1602  | vC=C (enol) + vC=C<br>(pyridine) + δC-H<br>(pyridine) + δC-H (enol) +<br>δC-C (pyridine)  |
| 1609  | -0.008                             |                                       | 1612  | vC=C (enol) + vC=C<br>(pyridine) + δC-H<br>(pyridine) + δC-H (enol) +<br>δC-C (pyridine)  |
| 2911  | 0                                  | +0.595                                | 2986  | vC-H (CH <sub>3</sub> )   |
| 3076  | 0                                  | +0.844                                | 3138  | vC-H (pyridine)<br>or vC-H (enol)   |

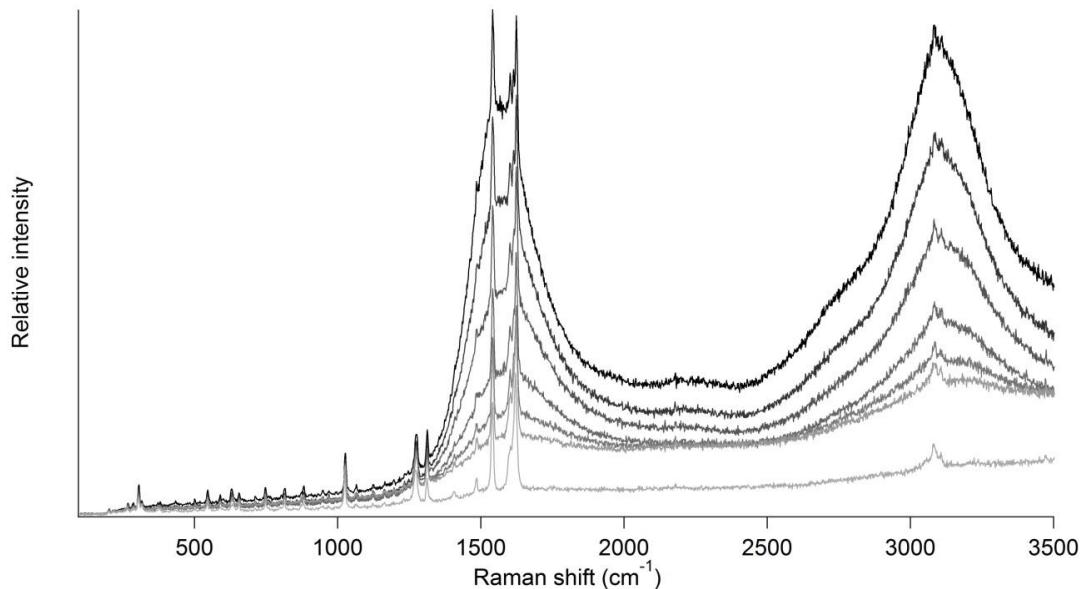
v indicates stretch; δ, in-plane bend; γ, out-of-plane bend and τ, torsion

**Table S8** Intermolecular distances closest to the palladium center and R groups in the crystal structure.Distances calculated from published structures at room temperature.<sup>[1]</sup>

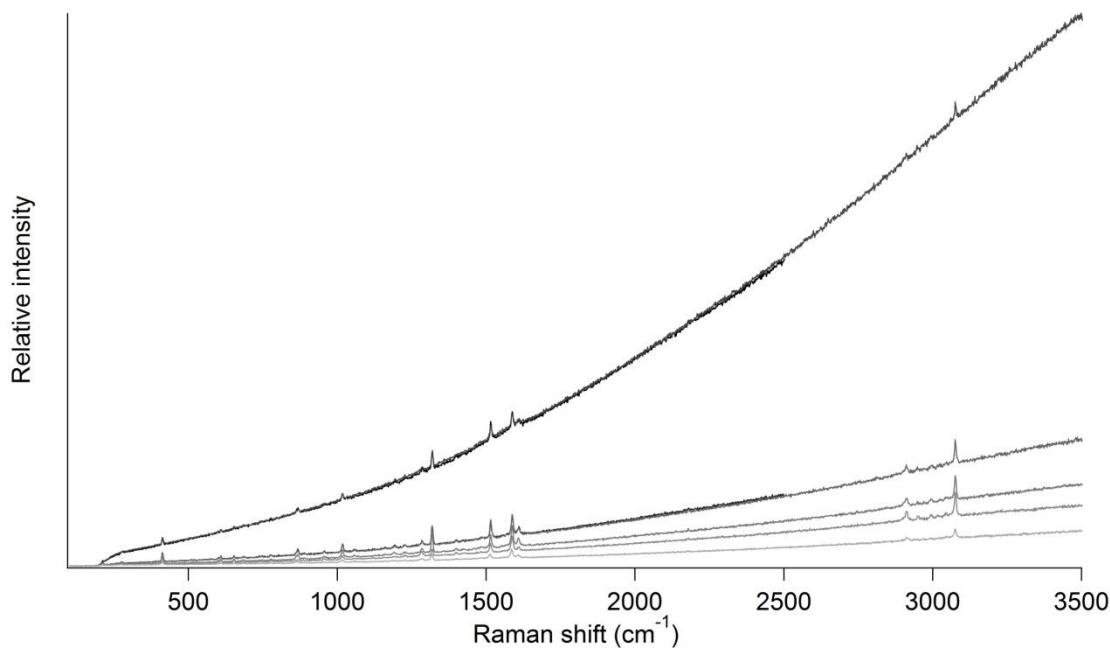
| <b>CH<sub>3</sub></b>   |                     | <b>C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>7</sub></b> |                     |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Intermolecular distance of closest atoms from palladium</b>  |                     |                                   |                     |
| <b>Bond</b>   | <b>Distance (Å)</b> | <b>Bond</b>                       | <b>Distance (Å)</b> |
| <b>Pd-C3</b>  | 5.21                | Pd-C3                             | 4.34                |
| <b>Pd-H3</b>  | 5.57                | Pd-H3                             | 4.59                |
| <b>Pd-C4</b>  | 4.19                | Pd-C4                             | 3.54                |
| <b>Pd-H4</b>  | 3.85                | Pd-H4                             | 3.37                |
| <b>Pd-C5</b>  | 4.09                | Pd-C5                             | 3.76                |
| <b>Pd-C6</b>  | 3.59                | Pd-C6                             | 3.76                |
| <b>Pd-H6</b>  | 3.12                | Pd-H6                             | 3.25                |
| <b>Pd-C7</b>  | 4.26                | Pd-C7                             | 4.75                |
| <b>Pd-C8</b>  | 4.50                | Pd-C8                             | 5.36                |
| <b>Pd-H8</b>  | 3.83                | Pd-F8                             | 4.70                |
| <b>Intermolecular distance of closest atoms from R groups (CH<sub>3</sub> and C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>7</sub>)</b> |                     |                                   |                     |
| <b>C1-H8 (of CH<sub>3</sub>)</b>  | 2.80                | C1-F8 (of CF <sub>2</sub> )       | 3.37                |
| <b>C2-H8 (of CH<sub>3</sub>)</b>  | 3.15                | C2-F8 (of CF <sub>2</sub> )       | 3.52                |
| <b>C3-H8 (of CH<sub>3</sub>)</b>  | 3.57                | C3-F8 (of CF <sub>2</sub> )       | 3.57                |
| <b>C1-C8 (of CH<sub>3</sub>)</b>  | 3.67                | C1-C8 (of CF <sub>2</sub> )       | 4.00                |
| <b>C2-C8 (of CH<sub>3</sub>)</b>  | 3.89                | C2-C8 (of CF <sub>2</sub> )       | 3.89                |
| <b>C3-C8 (of CH<sub>3</sub>)</b>  | 4.06                | C3-C8 (of CF <sub>2</sub> )       | 4.13                |
| <b>C4-C8 (of CH<sub>3</sub>)</b>  | 4.04                | C4-C8 (of CF <sub>2</sub> )       | 4.50                |
| <b>C5-C8 (of CH<sub>3</sub>)</b>  | 3.88                | C5-C8 (of CF <sub>2</sub> )       | 4.63                |
| <b>N-C8 (of CH<sub>3</sub>)</b>   | 3.67                | N-C8 (of CF <sub>2</sub> )        | 4.37                |



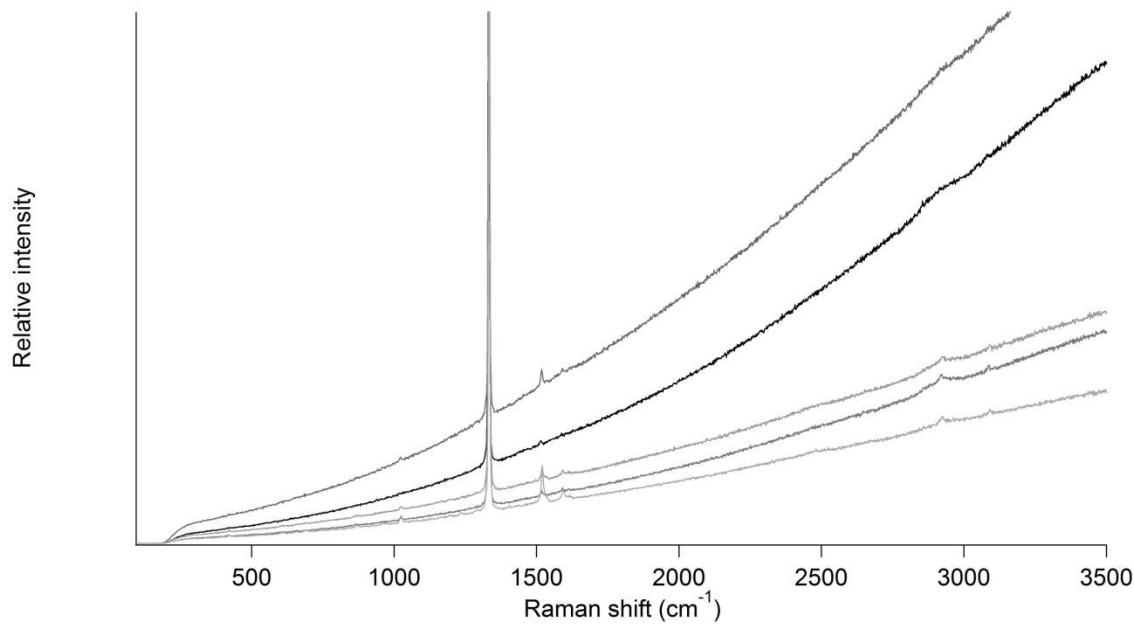
**Fig. S1** Temperature-dependent luminescence spectra of  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{PyCHC}(\text{C}_3\text{F}_7)\text{O}\}]_2$  shown at 80, 100, 125, 175, 180, 200 and 293 K (red to blue). Band maxima are set to identical height to illustrate the shift with temperature.



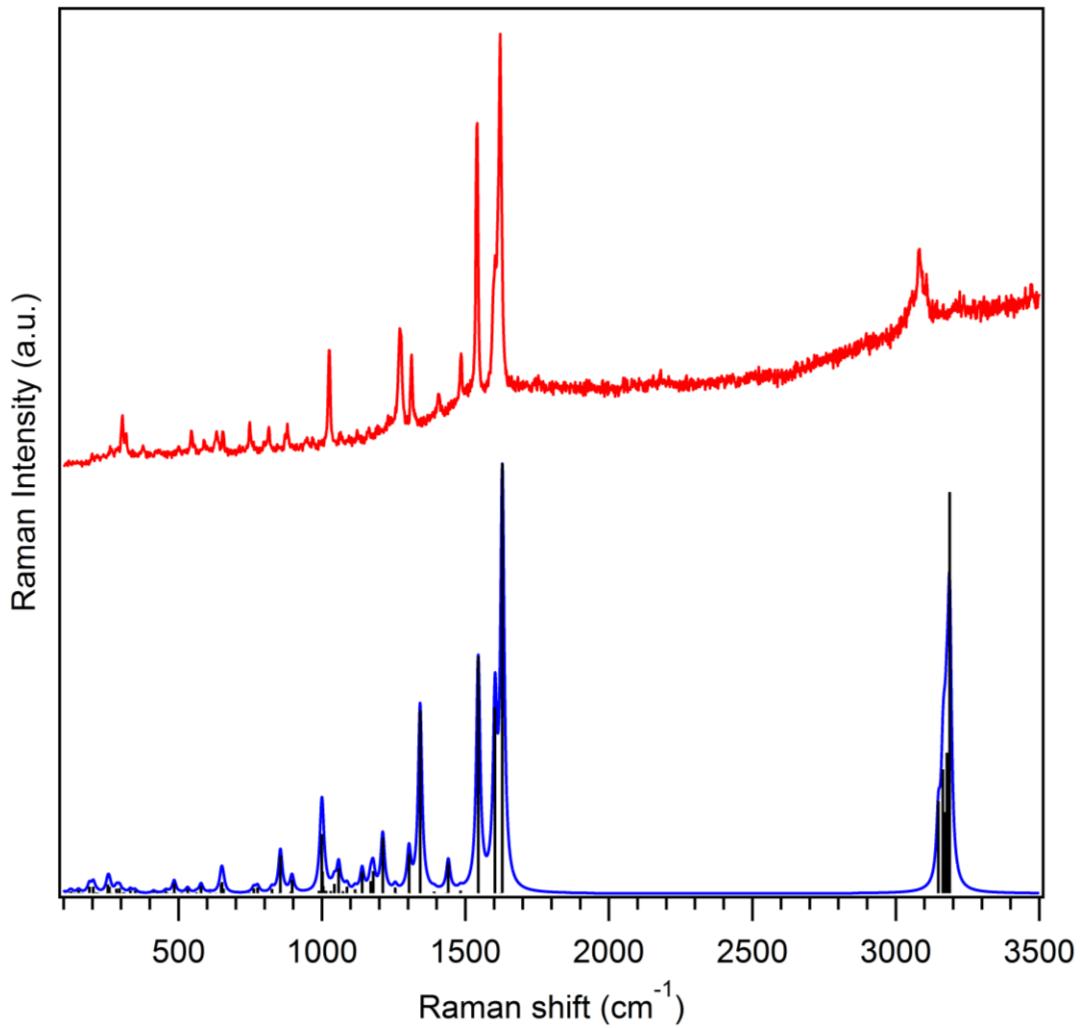
**Fig. S2** Temperature-dependent Raman spectra of  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{PyCHC}(\text{C}_3\text{F}_7)\text{O}\}]_2$  shown at 80, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200 and 293 K (dark to light).



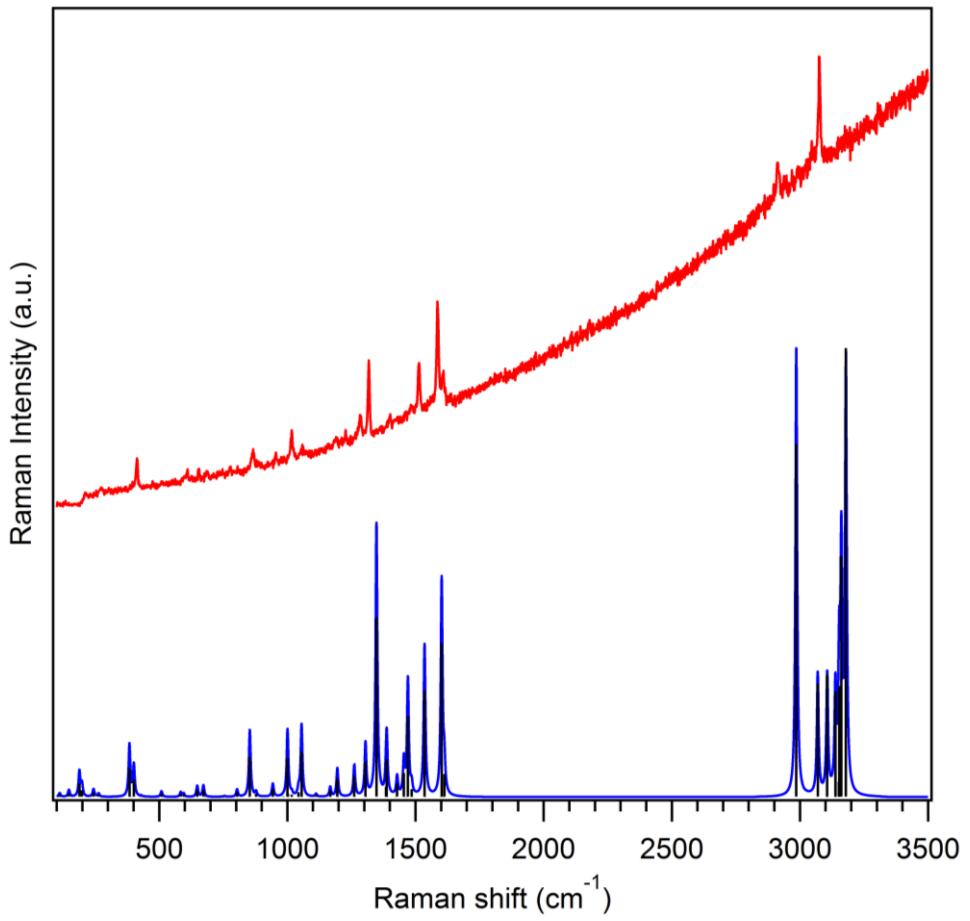
**Fig. S3** Temperature-dependent Raman spectra of  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{PyCHC}(\text{CH}_3)\text{O}\}_2]$  shown at 80, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200 and 293 K (dark to light).



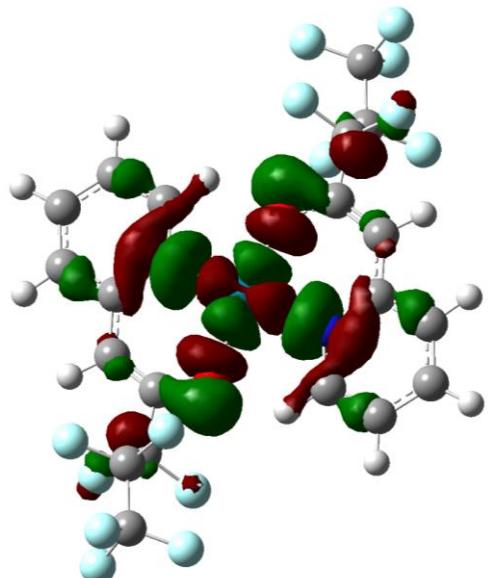
**Fig. S4** Pressure-dependent Raman spectra of  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{PyCHC}(\text{CH}_3)\text{O}\}_2]$  shown at 6, 13, 15, 19 and 20 kbar (dark to light).



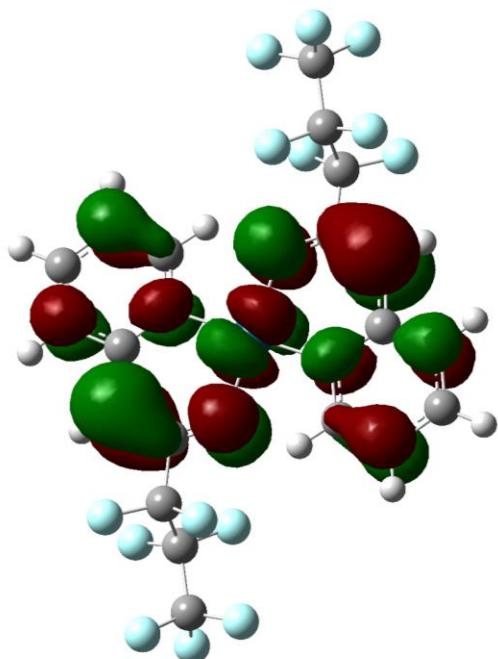
**Fig. S5** Comparison between the experimental Raman spectrum of  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{PyCHC}(\text{C}_3\text{F}_7)\text{O}\}]$  (red) and the theoretical Raman spectrum calculated with DFT in the gas-phase (blue, PBEPBE/Lanl2dz). The vertical black lines represent the calculated transitions. Their full-width-at-half-maximum was set to  $8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  to yield the blue spectrum. The spectra were normalized and offset along the y-axis for clarity.



**Fig. S6** Comparison between the experimental Raman spectrum of  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{PyCHC}(\text{CH}_3)\text{O}\}_2]$  (red) and the theoretical Raman spectrum calculated with DFT in the gas-phase (blue, PBEPBE/Lanl2dz). The vertical black lines represent the calculated transitions. Their full-width-at-half-maximum was set at  $4 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  to yield the blue spectrum. The spectra were normalized and offset along the y-axis for clarity.

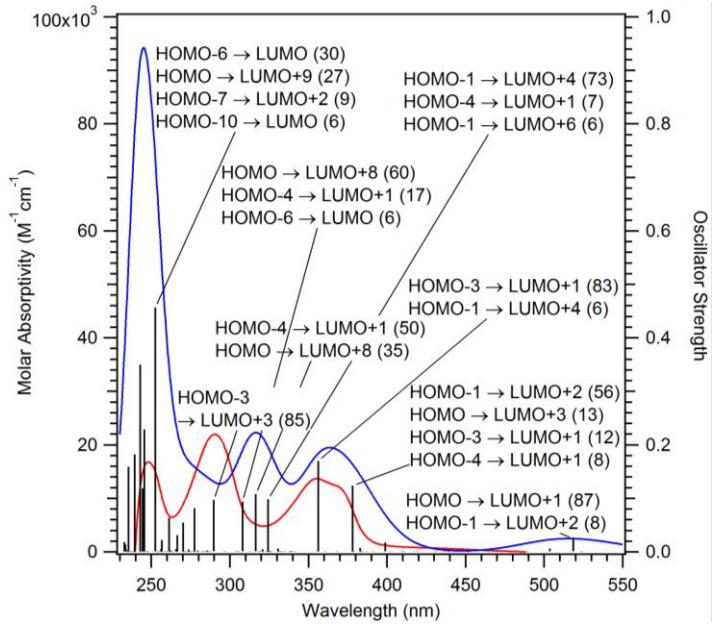


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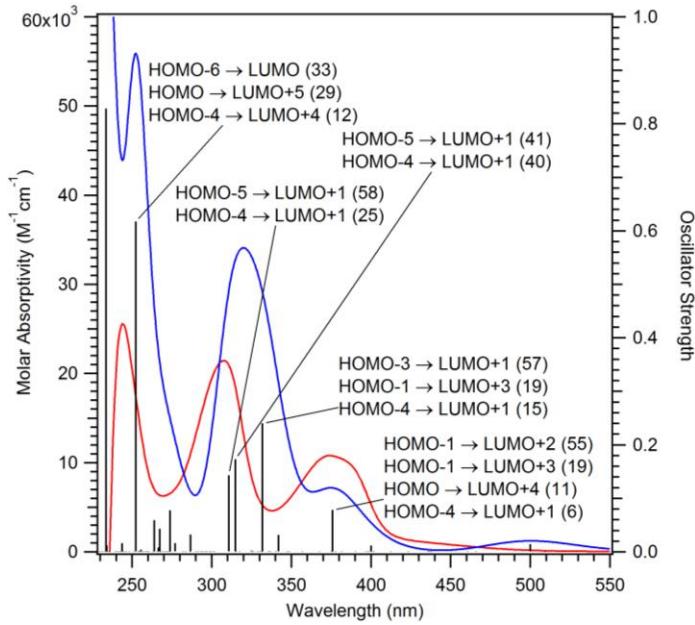


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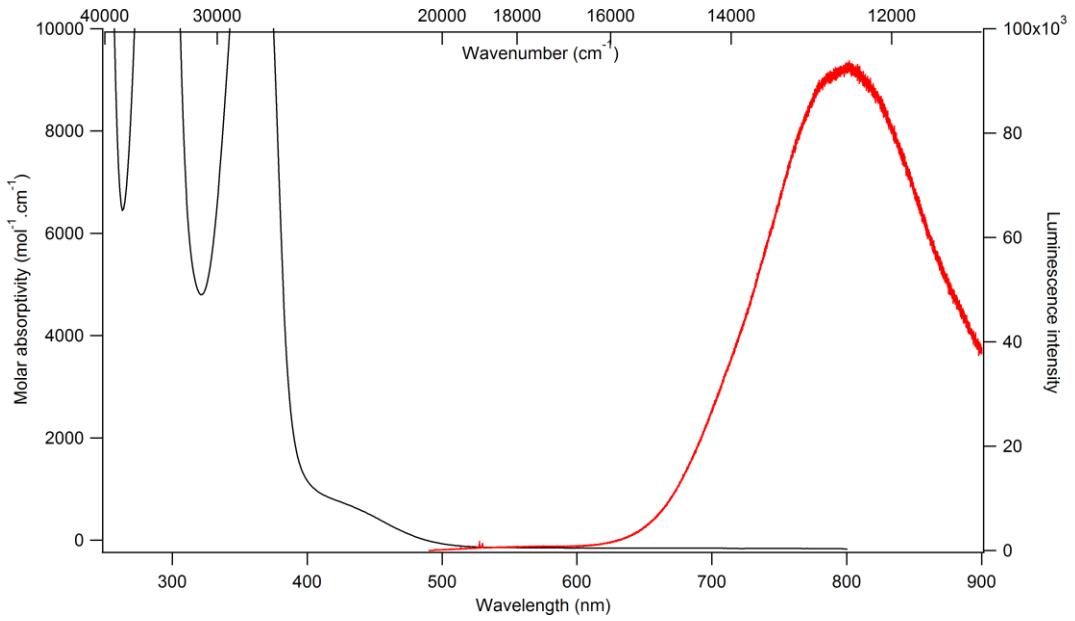
**Fig. S7** LUMO (top) and HOMO (bottom) for  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{PyCHC}(\text{C}_3\text{F}_7)\text{O}\}_2]$  visualized with an isovalue of 0.02 atomic units.



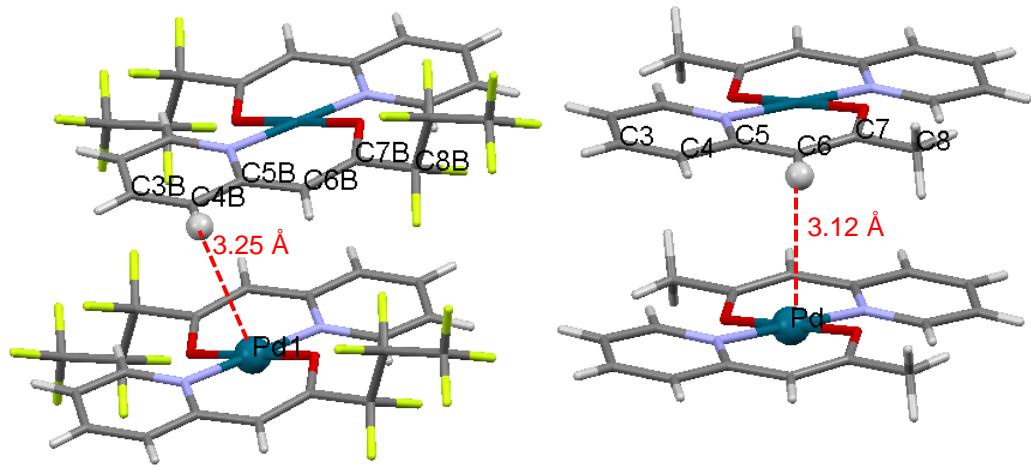
**Fig. S8** Comparison between the experimental absorption spectrum in acetone of  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{PyCHC}(\text{C}_3\text{F}_7)\text{O}\}_2]$  (red) and the theoretical absorption spectrum calculated by TD-DFT in acetone by mean of the polarizable continuum model (PCM) (blue, PBEPBE/Lanl2dz). The vertical black lines represent the calculated transitions with their oscillator strength given on the right axis. Their full-width-at-half-maximum was set at  $1300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  to yield the blue spectrum.



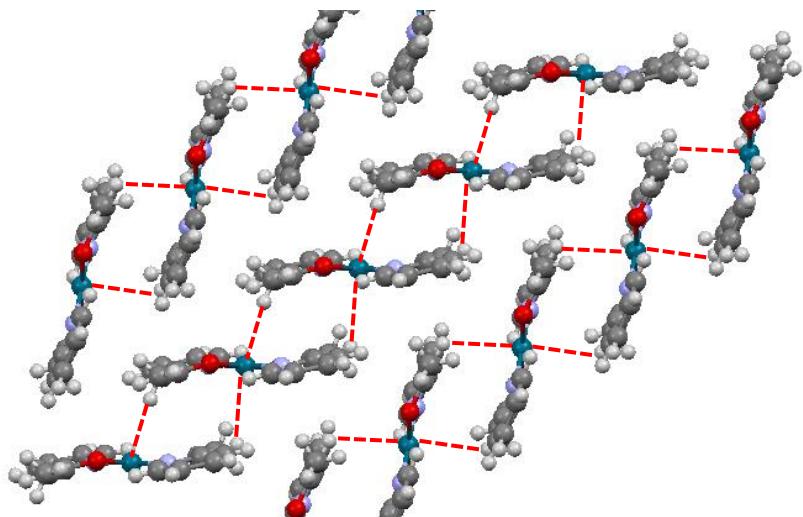
**Fig. S9** Comparison between the experimental absorption spectrum in acetone of  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{PyCHC}(\text{CH}_3)\text{O}\}]_2$  (red) and the theoretical absorption spectrum calculated by TD-DFT in acetone by mean of the polarizable continuum model (PCM) (blue, PBEPBE/Lanl2dz). The vertical black lines represent the calculated transitions with their oscillator strength given on the right axis. Their full-width-at-half-maximum was set at  $1300 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  to yield the blue spectrum.



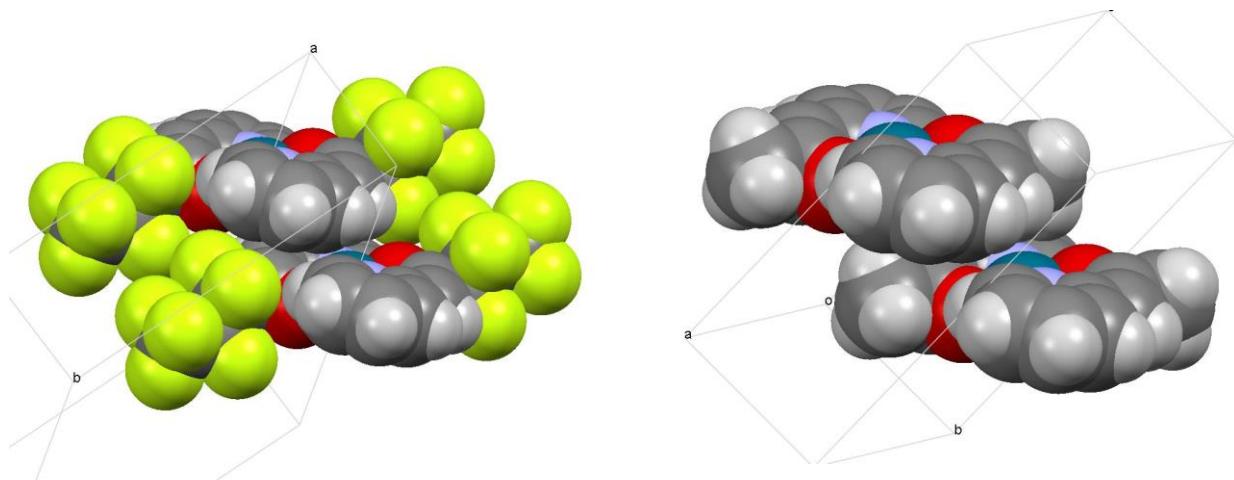
**Fig. S10** Superposition of absorption (black solid line) and luminescence spectra (red solid line) of  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{PyCHC}(\text{C}_3\text{F}_7)\text{O}\}]_2$ .



**Fig. S11** Systematic views of intermolecular packing of  $[Pd\{PyCHC(C_3F_7)O\}_2]$  complex (left) and  $[Pd\{PyCHC(CH_3)O\}_2]$  (right). Shortest intermolecular distance is represented on top figure for both compounds. Atom labels are from published cif files (room temperature).



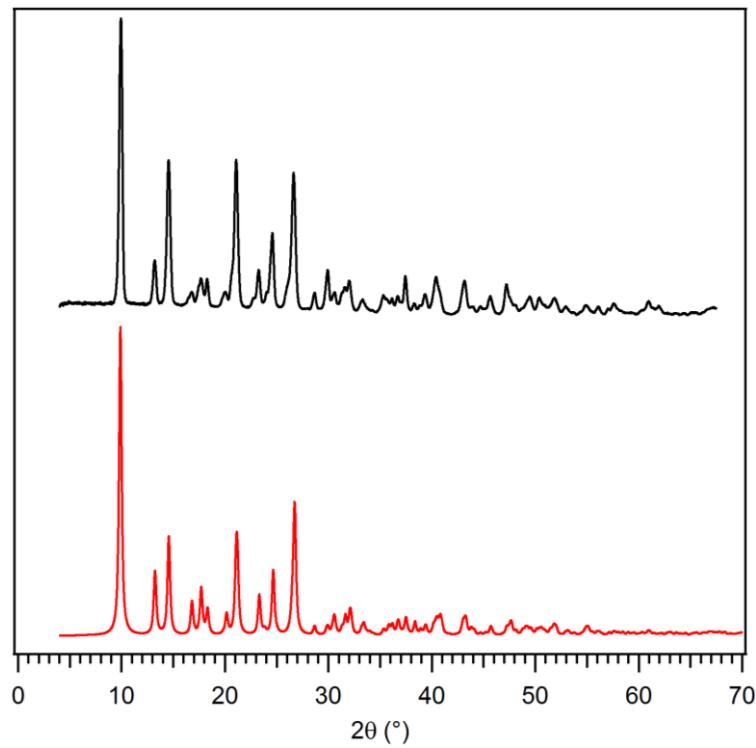
**Fig. S12** View of intermolecular packing including  $Pd\cdots H-C$  interaction (red) in  $[Pd\{PyCHC(CH_3)O\}_2]$  complex.



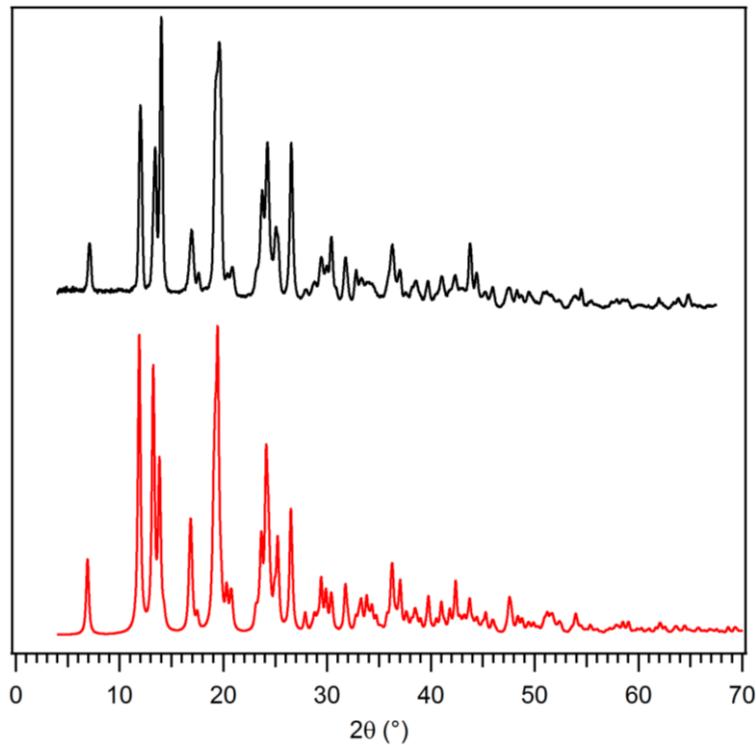
**Fig. S13** Spacefill views of intermolecular packing of  $[Pd\{PyCHC(C_3F_7)O\}_2]$  complex (left) and  $[Pd\{PyCHC(CH_3)O\}_2]$  (right).

### Experimental details (X-ray powder diffraction)

Experimental powder X-ray diffraction patterns were recorded at 20°C in reflection mode on a Bruker D8 Discover diffractometer with the GADDS High-Throughput Screening (HTS) setting, using graphite monochromatized Cu K $\alpha$  radiation generated at 40 kV and 40 mA. The 2D HI-Star detector was positioned at a distance of 15 cm from the powder sample, which was placed on a glass plate. This allowed simultaneous collection of data over an angular domain up to 35° in 2 $\theta$ . Measurements were carried out in coupled scan mode ( $\theta$ - $\theta$  geometry). Three separate frames were collected with a scanning time of 30 min/frame and intensity along each measured diffraction arc was integrated to create the 1D powder pattern of intensity versus 2 $\theta$ , over the angular range  $4^\circ < 2\theta < 70^\circ$ . The structural data from single-crystal analyses<sup>1</sup> retrieved in CIF format were used to calculate theoretical powder X-ray diffraction patterns with the aid of the Mercury software<sup>2</sup>.



**Fig. S14** Experimental (black) and calculated<sup>1</sup> (red) powder XRD patterns for  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{PyCHC}(\text{CH}_3)\text{O}\}_2]$ .



**Fig. S15** Experimental (black) and calculated<sup>1</sup> (red) powder XRD patterns for  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{PyCHC}(\text{C}_3\text{F}_7)\text{O}\}_2]$ .

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