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## **Supplementary Information**

# Thiophene-fused dithiaoctaphyrins: $\pi$ -system switching between cross-conjugated and macrocyclic $\pi$ -networks

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#### **1. Experimental Section**

#### Instrumentation and Materials.

Commercially available solvents and reagents were used without further purification unless otherwise mentioned. Silica-gel column chromatography was performed with UltraPure Silica Gel (230-400 mesh, SiliCycle) unless otherwise noted. Thin-layer chromatography (TLC) was performed with Silica gel 60 F<sub>254</sub> (Merck). UV/Vis/NIR absorption spectra were measured with a Perkin-Elmer Lambda 900 UV/vis/NIR spectrometer. Steady-state fluorescence spectra were obtained by a HORIBA Nanolog spectrometer. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded with a JEOL EX-400 spectrometer (operating at 399.65 MHz for <sup>1</sup>H and 100.40 MHz for <sup>13</sup>C) by using the residual solvent as the internal reference for <sup>1</sup>H (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  = 7.26 ppm) and <sup>13</sup>C (CDCl<sub>3</sub>:  $\delta$  = 77.16 ppm) or tetramethylsilane as the internal reference for <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C ( $\delta$  = 0.00 ppm). High-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on a Thermo Fischer Scientific EXACTIVE spectrometer (APCI and ESI).

## 2. Synthesis



Scheme S1. Synthesis of thiophene-fused dithiaoctaphyrins.

3,5-Diiododithienothiophene (2),<sup>[S1]</sup> *N*-Boc-2-pyrrolylboronic acid (3),<sup>[S2]</sup> and 2,5-bis[ $\alpha$ -hydroxy- $\alpha$ -(4-methylphenyl)]methylpyrrole (6a),<sup>[S3]</sup> were prepared according to literature.

#### 3,5-Di(N-Boc-pyrrol-2-yl)dithienothiophene (4):

To a mixture of dithienothiophene **2** (30.0 mg, 70 µmol), *N*-Boc-pyrrolylboronic acid **3** (44.0 mg, 210 µmol), Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub> (0.68 mg, 3.0 µmol), SPhos (2.18 mg, 5.3 µmol), and K<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> (57.3 mg, 270 µmol) was added *n*-BuOH (1.0 mL) under an argon atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 12 h and subsequently allowed to cool to room temperature. The mixture was poured into H<sub>2</sub>O (20 mL) and the product was extracted with EtOAc (20 mL×4). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was removed, the residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (*n*-hexane:CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> = 1:1) to give 4 (24.3 mg, 50 µmol, 69%) as a dark yellow solid. **4**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (399.65 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 7.45 (s, 2H, thienyl-H), 7.39 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H, pyrrole-H), 6.42 (dd, *J* = 2.0 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H, pyrrole-H), 6.24 (t, *J* = 3.4 Hz, 2H, pyrrole-H), and 1.38 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.40 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 148.8, 142.7, 135.3, 124.1,

123.5, 121.4, 117.1, 114.1, 110.8, 83.9, and 27.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>26</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>S<sub>3</sub>Na [*M*+Na]<sup>+</sup> 549.0947; found 549.0942.

#### 3,5-Di(pyrrol-2-yl)dithienothiophene (5):

Dithienothiophene 4 (215 mg, 0.41 mmol) and  $K_2CO_3$  (170 mg, 1.23 mmol) were added to a 3:1 mixture of MeOH and H<sub>2</sub>O (8.0 mL) under an argon atmosphere. The mixture was refluxed for 2 h. The mixture was cooled to room temperature and H<sub>2</sub>O (10 mL) was added to the mixture. The product was extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 mL×4). The combined organic layer was dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was removed, the residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give 5 (122.7 mg, 0.37 mmol, 92%) as a yellow solid.

**5:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (399.65 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 8.35 (s, 2H, NH), 7.29 (s, 2H, thienyl-H), 6.88 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H, pyrrole-H), and 6.35 (dd, *J* = 2.4 Hz, *J* = 2.9 Hz, 2H, pyrrole-H) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.40 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 136.4, 136.0, 125.0, 122.4, 119.0, 110.7, 110.5, and 107.8 ppm. HRMS (APCI) calcd. for C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>2</sub>S<sub>3</sub> [*M*+H]<sup>+</sup> 327.0079; found 327.0070.

#### 2-(3,5-Di-tert-butylphenyl)-1,3-benzoxathiolium tetrafluoroborate (8b):

A mixture of *o*-mercaptophenol (878 mg, 7.00 mmol), 3,5-di-*tert*-butylbenzoic acid (1.64 g, 7.00 mmol) and phosphorus oxychloride (4.3 mL) was heated at 110 °C for 15 min, and then allowed to cool to room temperature. Tetrafluoroboric acid-ether complex (50% in ether, 2.9 mL) and dry Et<sub>2</sub>O (60 mL) were successively added and the tetrafluoroborate was precipitated. The product was collected by filtration, washed several times with dry Et<sub>2</sub>O, and dried to give **8b** (2.03 g, 4.9 mmol, 70 %) as a yellow solid.

**8b**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (399.65 MHz, TFA-*d*<sub>1</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 8.83 (s, 1H, *para*-ArH), 8.29 (s, 2H, *ortho*-ArH), 8.22 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, benzoxathiolyl-H), 8.18 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H, benzoxathiolyl-H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H, benzoxathiolyl-H), 7.88 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H, benzoxathiolyl-H), and 1.45 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.40 MHz, TFA-*d*<sub>1</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 157.9, 140.1, 134.9, 132.4, 127.0, 126.4, 125.1, 120.9, 118.1, 115.3, 112.4, and 31.7 ppm. HRMS (APCI, positive) calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>25</sub>NOS [*M*–BF<sub>4</sub>]<sup>+</sup> 325.1621; found 325.1611.

#### 2,5-Bis[α-(3,5-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)-α-(1,3-benzoxathiolyl)]pyrrole (9b):

Tetrafluoroborate **8b** (14.8 g, 35.8 mmol) was added to a solution of pyrrole (1.13 g, 16.8 mmol), dry pyridine (2.9 mL) and dry acetonitrile (29.2 mL) in one portion with stirring. The reaction was exothermic and the salt dissolved at once. The mixture was stirred for 30 minute at room

temperature. The reaction was quenched with  $H_2O$  (140 mL) and the product was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (300 mL×3). The combined organic layer was washed with aqueous sodium hydroxide solution (5%, 140 mL) and with water, and dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ . After the solvent was removed, the residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (*n*-hexane: $CH_2Cl_2 = 2:1$ ) to give **9b** (8.23 g, 11.5 mmol, 68%) as a white solid.

**9b:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (399.65 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 9.04 (s, 1H, NH), 7.44 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 4H, *ortho*-ArH), 7.35 (d, *J* = 3.9 Hz, 2 H, *para*-ArH), 7.04 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, benzoxathiolyl-H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, benzoxathiolyl-H), 6.94 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, benzoxathiolyl-H), 6.88 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 2H, benzoxathiolyl-H), 5.81 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H, pyrrole-H), and 1.28 (s, 36 H, *t*-Bu) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.40 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 154.2, 150.1, 140.7, 133.5, 126.1, 122.7, 122.5, 121.8, 120.9, 111.5, 111.2, 110.8, 98.7, 34.9, and 31.4 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>46</sub>H<sub>54</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [*M*+H]<sup>+</sup> 716.3590; found 716.3577.

#### 2,5-Bis(3,5-di-tert-butylbenzoyl)pyrrole (10b):

Pyrrole **9b** (2.18 g, 3.0 mmol) was added to a mixture of mercury(II) oxide (1.32 g, 6.0 mmol) in THF (15 mL) and 42% aqueous tetrafluoroboric acid (2.3 mL). The reaction was exothermic, and mercury(II) oxide dissolved at once. The mixture was heated at 50 °C for 3 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with  $CH_2Cl_2$  (500 mL), and then the reaction mixture was washed successively with 10% potassium iodide solution (50 mL×2), 5% sodium hydroxide solution (50 mL), and dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ . After the solvent was removed, pure **10b** was obtained (1.44 g, 2.9 mmol, 95%) as a white solid.

**10b:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (399.65 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 10.32 (s, 1H, NH), 7.78 (s, 4H, *ortho*-ArH), 7.68 (s, 2H, *para*-ArH), 6.87 (d, *J* = 2.2 Hz, 2H, pyrrole-H), and 1.39 (s, 36H, *t*-Bu) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.40 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 186.3, 151.2, 137.0, 134.3, 126.8, 123.5, 118.1, 35.0, and 31.6 ppm. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>46</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> [*M*+H]<sup>+</sup> 500.3523; found 500.3511.

## 2,5-Bis[a-hydroxy-a-(3,5-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)]methylpyrrole (6b):

To a stirred solution of pyrrole **10b** (129 g, 0.26 mmol) in MeOH (15 ml) and THF (15 ml) was carefully added NaBH<sub>4</sub> (490 mg, 13.0 mmol) and the mixture was stirred for 30 min. After the solvent was removed, water (30 mL) was added to the residue and the resulting suspension was extracted with  $CH_2Cl_2$ . The combined organic layer was washed with water (30 mL ×3), and dried over  $Na_2SO_4$ . The solvent was removed to afford pyrrole **6b** (129.5 mg, 99%) as a white solid, which was used immediately in the next step without further purification.

#### Thiophene-fused meso-(4-methylphenyl)-41,45-dithiaoctaphyrin (1a):

Trifluoroacetic acid (1.1  $\mu$ L, 14  $\mu$ mol) was added to the mixture of **5** (15.3 mg, 46  $\mu$ mol) and **6a** (14.0 mg, 46  $\mu$ mol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (105 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 h at room temperature under argon atmosphere. After addition of DDQ (21.0 mg, 92  $\mu$ mol), the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was passed through an alumina column using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as eluent. After the solvent was removed, the residue was separated by silica-gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give **1a** (6.6 mg, 11.1  $\mu$ mol, 24%) as a dark green solid. Single crystals suitable for X-ray crystallographic analysis were obtained by vapor diffusion of 2-propanol into a 1,2-dichloroethane solution of **1a**.

**1a:** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (399.65 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 12.88 (s, 2H, NH), 7.58 (s, 2H, thienyl-H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 7.26 (br, 4H, Ar-H), 7.17 (br, 8H, Ar-H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H, β-H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 4H, β-H), 6.65 (s, 2H, thienyl-H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H, β-H), 6.42 (d, *J* = 4.9 Hz, 2H, β-H), 6.38 (m, 2H, β-H), 6.36 (m, 2H, β-H), 2.50 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>), and 2.47 (s, 6H, CH<sub>3</sub>). UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda$  ( $\varepsilon$ , M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 354 (37000), 414 (54000), 439 (56000), 555 (11000), 598 (12000), 649 (14000), and 709 (7000) nm. HRMS (ESI) calcd. for C<sub>72</sub>H<sub>47</sub>N<sub>6</sub>S<sub>6</sub> [*M*+H]<sup>+</sup> 1187.2181; found 1187.2170. Due to the low solubility, we could not obtain a <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum in a sufficient S/N ratio.

#### Thiophene-fused meso-(3,5-di-tert-butylphenyl)-41,45-dithiaoctaphyrin (1b):

Trifluoroacetic acid (5.9  $\mu$ L, 77  $\mu$ mol) was added to a mixture of **5** (84.6 mg, 0.26 mmol) and **6b** (129.5 mg, 0.26 mmol) in dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>(60 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 5 h at room temperature under argon atmosphere. After addition of DDQ (117.9 mg, 0.52 mmol), the mixture was stirred for 1 h. The reaction mixture was passed through an alumina column using CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> as eluent. After the solvent was removed, the residue was separated by silica-gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give **1b** (6.0 mg, 3.7 mmol, 2.9%) as a dark green solid.

**1b**: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (399.65 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 12.80 (s, 2H, NH), 7.57 (s, 2H, thienyl-H), 7.50 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H, *para*-ArH), 7.41 (t, *J* = 1.9 Hz, 2H, *para*-ArH), 7.37 (dd, 4H, *J* = 1.4 Hz, *J* = 1.9 Hz *ortho*-ArH), 7.25 (m, 4H, *ortho*-ArH), 7.09 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H, β-H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H, β-H), 6.67 (s, 2H, thienyl-H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H, β-H), 6.45 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H, β-H), 6.38 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H, β-H), 6.30 (d, *J* = 4.4 Hz, 2H, β-H), 1.34 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu), 1.32 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu), 1.26 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu), and 1.22 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.40 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 162.6, 161.6, 153.6, 153.2, 149.8, 149.6, 149.5, 145.7, 140.9, 140.1, 138.5, 138.2, 137.5, 137.1, 136.7, 134.8, 130.5, 127.8, 127.7, 127.0, 126.2, 126.1, 125.4, 125.2, 125.0, 123.5, 122.7, 122.3, 121.8, 114.5, 34.8, 34.7, 31.5, and 31.4 ppm. UV / vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda$  ( $\varepsilon$ , M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 354 (40000), 414 (67000), 439 (75000), 563 (12000), 609 (15000), 653 (18000), 709

(10000) nm. HRMS (APCI) calcd. for  $C_{100}H_{103}N_6S_6 [M+H]^+$  1579.6563; found 1579.6570.

#### Thiophene-fused *meso-*(3,5-di-*tert*-butylphenyl)-41,45-dithiaoctaphyrin 41,45-dioxide(7):

*m*-Chloroperbenzoic acid (*m*-CPBA) (5.1 mg of 75% pure reagent, 6.8 mg, 29.0 µmol) was added to a stirred solution of **1b** (20.8 mg, 13.2 µmol) in 15 mL of  $CH_2Cl_2$  at 0 °C in one portion. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min at 0 °C and at room temperature for 30 min. The reaction was quenched with saturated aqueous NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution. The organic layer was separated, and the aqueous layer was extracted with Et<sub>2</sub>O. The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>. After the solvent was removed, the residue was purified by silica-gel column chromatography (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) to give 7 (19.4 mg, 12.0 µmol, 91%) as light green crystals.

7: <sup>1</sup>H NMR (399.65 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 12.36 (s, 2H, NH), 7.53 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 4H, *ortho*-ArH), 7.48 (s, 2H, thienyl-H), 7.47 (m, 2H, *para*-ArH), 7.38 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 4H, *ortho*-ArH), 7.33 (m, 2H, *para*-ArH), 7.08 (dd, *J* = 4.9 Hz, *J* = 3.1 Hz, 4H, β-H), 6.96 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2H, β-H), 6.62 (d, *J* = 4.3 Hz, 2H, β-H), 6.53 (s, 2H, thienyl-H), 6.49 (m, 4H, β-H), 1.38 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu), 1.33 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu), 1.32 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu), 1.26 (s, 18H, *t*-Bu) ppm; <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100.40 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 25 °C):  $\delta$  = 160.4, 159.5, 153.7, 152.7, 150.7, 149.9, 149.8, 149.7, 149.6, 141.7, 141.5, 140.8, 140.6, 140.3, 139.9, 138.7, 138.6, 137.8, 137.6, 136.7, 136.3, 126.9, 126.6, 126.1, 125.7, 125.1, 124.4, 122.7, 122.4, 115.3, 34.9, 34.8, 31.5, and 31.4 ppm. UV/vis (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\lambda$  ( $\varepsilon$ , M<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>) = 329 (49000), 411 (103000), 458 (63000), 589 (18000), 633 (30000), 682 (22000) nm. Fluorescence (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>,  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 650 nm):  $\lambda_{max}$  = 754 nm. HRMS (APCI) calcd. for C<sub>100</sub>H<sub>103</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 1611.6461; found 1611.6433.

# 3. High-Resolution Mass Spectra



*Figure S1.* Observed (top) and simulated (bottom) high-resolution mass spectra of a) **4**, b) **5**, c) **8b**, d) **9b**, e) **10b**, f) **1a**, g) **1b**, and h) **7**.

# 4. NMR Spectra



*Figure S2.* (a) <sup>1</sup>H and (b) <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 4 at 25 °C in  $CDCl_3$ . Peaks marked with \* arise from residual solvents.



*Figure S3.* (a) <sup>1</sup>H and (b) <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 5 at 25 °C in  $CDCl_3$ . Peaks marked with \* arise from residual solvents.



*Figure S4.* (a) <sup>1</sup>H and (b) <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **8b** at 25 °C in TFA- $d_1$ . Peaks marked with \* arise from residual solvents.



*Figure S5.* (a) <sup>1</sup>H and (b) <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **9b** at 25 °C in  $CDCl_3$ . Peaks marked with \* arise from residual solvents.



*Figure S6.* (a) <sup>1</sup>H and (b) <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **10b** at 25 °C in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Peaks marked with \* arise from residual solvents.



*Figure S7.* <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1a** at 25 °C in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Peaks marked with \* arise from residual solvents.



*Figure S8.* (a) <sup>1</sup>H and (b) <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **1b** at 25 °C in CDCl<sub>3</sub>. Peaks marked with \* arise from residual solvents.



*Figure S9.* (a) <sup>1</sup>H and (b) <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of 7 at 25 °C in  $CDCl_3$ . Peaks marked with \* arise from residual solvents.

# 5. X-Ray Crystallographic Details



*Figure S10.* X-Ray crystal structure of **1a**: (a) top view and (b) side view. Thermal ellipsoids represent 50% probability. Minor disorder component and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. (c) Detailed structural data of **1a**. Selected bond lengths in Å (numbers in green) and bond angles in deg (numbers in blue) are indicated.

# 6. Optical Properties



*Figure S11.* UV/Vis absorption spectra of **1a** (black), **1b** (red), and **7** (blue) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



*Figure S12.* Fluorescence spectra of **1b** (red) and **7** (blue) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.  $\lambda_{ex} = 650$  nm.

# 7. Electrochemical Properties



*Figure S13.* Cyclic voltammograms (black) and differential pulse voltammetry (DPV) curves (red) of octaphyrins a) **1b** and b) **7**. Redox potentials were determined by DPV. Solvent:  $CH_2Cl_2$ ; scan rate: 0.05 V s<sup>-1</sup>; working electrode: glassy carbon; reference electrode: Ag/Ag<sup>+</sup> (0.01 M AgNO<sub>3</sub>); electrolyte: 0.1 M *n*-Bu<sub>4</sub>NPF<sub>6</sub>. Peaks marked with \* arise from oxygen. Ar = 3,5-(*t*-Bu)<sub>2</sub>C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>3</sub>.

## 8. DFT Calculations

All calculations were carried out using the *Gaussian 09* program.<sup>[S4]</sup> The calculations were performed by the density functional theory (DFT) method with restricted B3LYP (Becke's three-parameter hybrid exchange functionals and the Lee-Yang-Parr correlation functional) level,<sup>[S5,56]</sup> employing a basis set 6-31G(d,p) for C, H, N, O, and S. Excitation energies and oscillator strengths for the optimized structures were calculated with the TD-SCF method at the B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level.



*Figure S14.* Selected Kohn-Sham orbitals of **1b** and **7** on the optimized structures.



*Figure S15.* Optimized structural data of (a) **1b** and (b) **7**. The conjugated  $36\pi$ -electron network (green) and selected bond lengths in Å are indicated. Averaged C–C bond lengths are calculated from red numbers for single bonds and blue numbers for double bonds. C–C bond length alternations (BLAs) are calculated by the following equation: BLA =  $r_1 - r_2$ .

	state	excitation energy		oscillator	excitation			weight [%]
		[eV]	[nm]	strength				
1b	1	1.51	823	0.0089	НОМО	$\rightarrow$	LUMO	98.4
	2	1.73	716	0.0124	HOMO-1	$\rightarrow$	LUMO	21.0
					HOMO	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+1	78.0
	3	1.93	643	0.2508	HOMO-1	$\rightarrow$	LUMO	78.4
					НОМО	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+1	20.7
	4	1.95	636	0.0312	HOMO-1	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+1	97.3
	5	2.09	592	0.2292	HOMO-2	$\rightarrow$	LUMO	94.4
	6	2.22	557	0.0203	HOMO-2	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+1	89.8
	7	2.38	521	0.0327	HOMO-3	$\rightarrow$	LUMO	84.9
	8	2.46	503	0.0052	HOMO-3	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+1	82.4
					HOMO	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+2	12.3
	9	2.64	469	0.3319	НОМО	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+2	76.5
	10	2.67	464	0.1040	HOMO-4	$\rightarrow$	LUMO	25.2
					HOMO-1	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+2	12.8
					НОМО	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+3	50.4
7	1	1.74	713	0.0238	НОМО	$\rightarrow$	LUMO	99.1
	2	1.89	657	0.0131	HOMO-1	$\rightarrow$	LUMO	32.3
					НОМО	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+1	67.0
	3	2.04	606	0.0438	HOMO-1	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+1	96.0
	4	2.05	604	0.3361	HOMO-1	$\rightarrow$	LUMO	66.1
					НОМО	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+1	32.6
	5	2.33	531	0.0023	HOMO-3	$\rightarrow$	LUMO	83.6
	6	2.35	528	0.0748	HOMO-2	$\rightarrow$	LUMO	86.0
	7	2.37	523	0.0453	HOMO-4	$\rightarrow$	LUMO	63.5
					HOMO-3	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+1	30.9
	8	2.46	504	0.0429	HOMO-2	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+1	82.2
	9	2.49	497	0.0029	HOMO-4	$\rightarrow$	LUMO	31.3
					HOMO-3	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+1	61.8
	10	2.55	487	0.0064	HOMO-4	$\rightarrow$	LUMO+1	88.3

*Table S1.* Selected excitation energies and oscillator strengths of **1b** and **7** calculated by the TD-DFT method.

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