## Alkyne-Alkenyl Coupling at a Diruthenium Complex

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (401 MHz, CDCI<sub>3</sub>) of 2.



Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (401 MHz, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>) of [3]CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>.







Figure S6.  $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>) of [4]BF<sub>4</sub>.



Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (401 MHz, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>) of [5]CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>) of [5]CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (401 MHz, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>) of [6]CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.



Figure S10. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum (101 MHz, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>) of [6]CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>.





Figure S12.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum (101 MHz, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>) of [7]CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>.



## Spectroscopic characterization of [6b]CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>.

Dark-yellow solid. IR (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): ῦ/cm<sup>-1</sup> = 2006vs (CO), 1868s (μ-CO). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (acetone-d<sub>6</sub>): δ/ppm = 7.37, 7.17, 6.98-6.92, 6.89-6.77, 6.69 (m, 20 H, Ph); 6.00, *5.81*, *5.76*, 5.65 (s, 10 H, Cp); *3.45*, 1.68 (s, 1 H, CH). Isomeric ratio (cis/trans) = 5. **Figure S13.** DFT-optimized structures of diruthenium complexes and relative Gibbs free energies (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, C-PCM/PBEh-3C calculations). Ru, green; O, red; C, white. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S14.** DFT-optimized structures of stereoisomers of **[6**<sup>b</sup><sub>cis</sub>**]**<sup>+</sup> differing in the orientation of H and Ph bound to one carbon atom, and Gibbs free energy difference (kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>, C-PCM/PBEh-3C calculations). Ru, green; O, red; C, white. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

