## Supporting Information

# Intriguing Indium-salen Complexes as Multicolor Luminophores 

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Figure S1. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of 3 (top) and $\mathbf{4}$ (bottom) in THF-d ${ }^{8}$ and THF-d ${ }^{8} / \mathrm{D}_{2} \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}=4 / 1)$


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Figure S2. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (top) and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ (bottom) NMR spectra of $\mathbf{1}$ ( $*$ from residual $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ).



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Figure S3. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (top) and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ (bottom) NMR spectra of 2 (* from residual $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ).



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Figure S4. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (top) and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ (bottom) NMR spectra of 3 (* from residual $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ).
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Figure S5. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (top) and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ (bottom) NMR spectra of 4 (* from residual $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ).








Figure S6. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (top) and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ (bottom) NMR spectra of 5 (* from residual $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ).


Figure S7. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (top) and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ (bottom) NMR spectra of 6 (* from residual $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ).





Figure S8. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (top) and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ (bottom) NMR spectra of 7 (*from residual $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ and $\boldsymbol{\Delta}$ from residual $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{CN}$ ).

Table S1. Crystallographic data and parameters for compound 3, 4, and 5

| Compound | 3 | $\left(4 \cdot \mathrm{O}\left(\mathrm{C}_{2} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2}\right)_{2}$ | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Formula | $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{31} \mathrm{Br}_{2} \mathrm{In}_{1} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{78} \mathrm{H}_{86} \mathrm{In}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{5}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{37} \mathrm{In}_{1} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}$ |
| Fomula weight | 666.16 | 1389.14 | 568.40 |
| Crystal system | Trigonal | Monoclinic | Orthorhombic |
| Space group | $R_{-3}$ | P2 ${ }_{1} / n$ | Pbca |
| $a(\AA)$ | 40.4131(5) | 15.8881(10) | 8.7418(13) |
| $b(\AA)$ | 40.4131(5) | 28.3612(17) | 24.418(4) |
| $c(\AA)$ | 9.8061(2) | 18.5279(12) | 25.523(4) |
| $\alpha\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 90 | 107.547(4) | 90 |
| $\gamma\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 120 | 90 | 90 |
| $V\left(\AA^{3}\right)$ | 13869.8(5) | 7960.3(9) | 5448.1(15) |
| Z | 18 | 4 | 8 |
| $\rho_{\text {calc }}\left(\mathrm{g} \mathrm{cm}^{-3}\right)$ | 1.436 | 1.159 | 1.386 |
| $\mu\left(\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right)$ | 3.380 | 0.626 | 0.901 |
| $F(000)$ | 5940 | 2880 | 2352 |
| $T$ (K) | 100 | 296 | 100 |
| Scan mode | multi | multi | multi |
|  | $-45 \rightarrow+45$, | $-18 \rightarrow+19$, | $-10 \rightarrow+10$, |
| $h k l$ range | $-48 \rightarrow+48$, | $-34 \rightarrow+34$, | $-29 \rightarrow+29,$ |
|  | $-11 \rightarrow+11$ | $-22 \rightarrow+22$ | $-30 \rightarrow+30$ |
| Measd reflns | 30805 | 66682 | 63588 |
| Unique reflns [ $R_{\text {int }}$ ] | 5666 [0.0736] | 9726 [0.1087] | 4979 [0.0573] |
| Reflns used for refinement | 5666 | 9726 | 4979 |
| Refined parameters | 296 | 863 | 316 |
| $\mathrm{R}_{1}{ }^{\text {a }}$ ( $\mathrm{I}>2 \sigma(\mathrm{I})$ ) | 0.0402 | 0.0811 | 0.0444 |
| $\mathrm{wR}_{2}{ }^{\text {b }}$ all data | 0.1016 | 0.2434 | 0.1163 |
| GOF on $F^{2}$ | 1.014 | 1.024 | 1.021 |
| $\rho_{\text {fin }}(\mathrm{max} / \mathrm{min})\left(\mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}\right)$ | 0.909, -1.602 | 1.106, -1.677 | 1.142, -0.737 |
| ${ }^{a} \mathrm{R}_{1}=\sum\| \| F \mathrm{o}\|-\|F \mathrm{c}\|\| \sum\|F \mathrm{o}\| .{ }^{b} w \mathrm{R}_{2}=\left\{\left[\sum w\left(\mathrm{Fo}^{2}-F^{2}\right)^{2}\right] /\left[\sum w\left(F \mathrm{o}^{2}\right)^{2}\right]\right\}^{1 / 2}$. |  |  |  |

Table S2. Selected bond lengths $(\AA)$ and angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ for 3, 4, and 5

| Compound | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| lengths |  |  |  |
| In-N1 | 2.242(3) | 2.242(6) | 2.250(4) |
| In-N2 | 2.236 (3) | 2.239(6) | 2.255(4) |
| In-O1 | 2.102(3) | $2.105(5)$ | 2.084(3) |
| In-O2 | 2.100(2) | 2.067(5) | 2.093(3) |
| In-C25 | 2.129(4) | - | - |
| In-C27 | - | - | 2.134(6) |
| In-C37 | - | 2.142(8) |  |
| Angles |  |  |  |
| N1-In-N2 | 72.87(11) | 73.7(2) | 72.15(15 |
| N1-In-O1 | 81.23(11) | 81.40(2) | 81.39(13) |
| O1-In-O2 | 88.65(9) | 85.40(19) | 88.25(12) |
| N2-In-O2 | 81.00(10) | 81.90(2) | 78.94(13) |
| N1-In-O2 | 120.20(11) | 126.1(2) | 126.62(14) |
| N2-In-O1 | 141.80(12) | 137.0(2) | 134.04(14) |
| N1-In-C25 | 125.30(14) | - | - |
| N2-In-C25 | 107.21(17) | - | - |
| O1-In-C25 | 110.63(16) | - | - |
| O2-In-C25 | 113.47(14) | - | - |
| N1-In-C27 | - | - | 115.6(2) |
| N2-In-C27 | - | - | 112.1(2) |
| O1-In-C27 | - | - | 113.1(2) |
| O2-In-C27 | - | - | 116.7(2) |
| N1-In-C37 | - | 113.3(3) | - |
| N2-In-C37 | - | 109.1(3) | - |
| O1-In-C37 | - | 112.8(3) | - |
| O2-In-C37 | - | 120.0(3) | - |



Figure S9. (a) UV/Vis absorption and (b) PL spectra in cyclohexane $\left(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{M}\right)$ for $\mathbf{1 - 7}$.


Figure S10. (a) UV/Vis absorption and (b) PL spectra in $\operatorname{DMSO}\left(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{M}\right)$ for $\mathbf{1 - 7}$.


Figure S11. PL spectra in solid state for 1-7.


Figure S12. Emission decay curves of 1-7 in THF solution $\left(1.0 \times 10^{-5} \mathrm{M}\right)$ at 298 K and their exponential fitting curves (red-line, single or double exponential curve fitting).


Figure S13. Cyclic voltammograms (CV) of 1-7 showing oxidation $\left(5 \times 10^{-4} \mathrm{M}\right.$ in DMSO, scan rate $=$ $100 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s}$ for oxidation).


Figure S14. The selected frontier orbitals of 1 from B3LYP calculations (Isovalue $=0.04$ a.u.) at the ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene.

Table S3. Computed absorption wavelengths ( $\lambda_{\text {calc }}$ in nm ) and oscillator strengths ( $f_{\text {calc. }}$ ) for $\mathbf{1}$ from TDB3LYP calculations using the B3LYP geometries at the ground state ( $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ ) and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene

| state | $\lambda_{\text {calc }}(/ \mathrm{nm})$ | $f_{\text {calc }}$ | Major contribution |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 375.38 | 0.0398 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (95.4\%) |
| 2 | 366.47 | 0.0825 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (96.6\%) |
| 3 | 339.58 | 0.0011 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (47.8\%) |
|  |  |  | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (48.7\%) |
| $\mathrm{S}_{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 991.73 | 0.0014 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (99.8\%) |
| 2 | 610.28 | 0.0027 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (99.7\%) |
| 3 | 438.73 | 0.0154 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (99.1\%) |

Table S4. Molecular orbital energies (in eV ) and molecular orbital distributions (in \%) of $\mathbf{1}$ at the ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene

|  | $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{eV})$ | Imine bridge | Phenyl rings | $\mathrm{In}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\mathrm{~S}_{0}$ |  |  |
| LUMO+2 | 0.30 | 1.7 | 96.8 | 1.5 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.34 | 52.5 | 47.4 | 0.1 |
| LUMO | -1.63 | 56.2 | 42.7 | 1.1 |
| HOMO | -5.49 | 7.3 | 90.4 | 2.3 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.54 | 5.9 | 89.6 | 4.5 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.54 | 18.8 | 80.6 | 0.6 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{~S}_{1}$ |  |  |
| LUMO+2 | 0.07 | 2.0 | 96.4 | 1.7 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.44 | 53.8 | 45.6 | 0.5 |
| LUMO | -2.28 | 55.7 | 43.7 | 0.6 |
| HOMO | -4.21 | 4.0 | 12.0 | 84.0 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.60 | 6.6 | 90.8 | 2.6 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.05 | 4.3 | 89.2 | 6.4 |



Figure S15. The selected frontier orbitals of 2 from B3LYP calculations (Isovalue $=0.04 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{u}$.) at the ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene.

Table S5. Computed absorption wavelengths ( $\lambda_{\text {calc }}$ in nm ) and oscillator strengths ( $f_{\text {calc. }}$ ) for $\mathbf{2}$ from TDB3LYP calculations using the B3LYP geometries at the ground state ( $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ ) and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene

| state | $\lambda_{\text {calc }}(/ \mathrm{nm})$ | $f_{\text {calc }}$ | Major contribution |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 383.44 | 0.0357 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (96.5\%) |
| 2 | 374.15 | 0.0832 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (97.9\%) |
| 3 | 346.23 | 0.0040 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (49.3\%) |
|  |  |  | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (48.0\%) |
| $\mathrm{S}_{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 972.20 | 0.0015 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (99.8\%) |
| 2 | 604.19 | 0.0030 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (99.7\%) |
| 3 | 451.33 | 0.0180 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (99.3\%) |

Table S6. Molecular orbital energies (in eV ) and molecular orbital distributions (in \%) of 2 at the ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene

|  | $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{eV})$ | Imine bridge | Phenyl rings | In- $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\mathrm{~S}_{0}$ |  |  |
| LUMO+2 | 0.38 | 1.9 | 96.7 | 1.5 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.30 | 51.9 | 48.0 | 0.1 |
| LUMO | -1.59 | 55.7 | 43.3 | 1.1 |
| HOMO | -5.36 | 7.5 | 90.9 | 1.5 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.41 | 6.1 | 89.3 | 4.5 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.48 | 17.5 | 82.1 | 0.4 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{~S}_{1}$ |  |  |
| LUMO+2 | 0.15 | 2.1 | 96.2 | 1.7 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.39 | 53.3 | 46.1 | 0.5 |
| LUMO | -2.23 | 55.3 | 44.2 | 0.6 |
| HOMO | -4.18 | 4.1 | 12.7 | 83.2 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.46 | 6.8 | 90.1 | 3.1 |
| HOMO-2 | -5.92 | 5.0 | 88.3 | 6.7 |


| $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{S}_{1}$ |  |

Figure S16. The selected frontier orbitals of 3 from B3LYP calculations (Isovalue $=0.04 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{u}$.) at the ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene.

Table S7. Computed absorption wavelengths ( $\lambda_{\text {calc }}$ in nm ) and oscillator strengths ( $f_{\text {calc. }}$ ) for $\mathbf{3}$ from TDB3LYP calculations using the B3LYP geometries at the ground state ( $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ ) and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene

| state | $\lambda_{\text {calc }}(/ \mathrm{nm})$ | $f_{\text {calc }}$ | Major contribution |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 385.37 | 0.0399 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (95.6\%) |
| 2 | 376.54 | 0.0845 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (97.1\%) |
| 3 | 348.95 | 0.0007 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (57.3\%) |
|  |  |  | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (39.1\%) |
| $\mathrm{S}_{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 1054.54 | 0.0015 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (99.8\%) |
| 2 | 630.62 | 0.0025 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (99.7\%) |
| 3 | 454.46 | 0.0174 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (99.2\%) |

Table S8. Molecular orbital energies (in eV ) and molecular orbital distributions (in \%) of 3 at the ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene

|  | $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{eV})$ | Imine bridge | Phenyl rings | In- $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\mathrm{~S}_{0}$ |  |  |
| LUMO+2 | -0.04 | 1.6 | 97.0 | 1.4 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.57 | 50.7 | 49.2 | 0.1 |
| LUMO | -1.85 | 54.9 | 44.1 | 1.1 |
| HOMO | -5.61 | 6.9 | 91.2 | 1.9 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.65 | 5.7 | 90.1 | 4.2 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.83 | 19.4 | 78.8 | 1.8 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{~S}_{1}$ |  |  |
| LUMO+2 | -0.25 | 1.9 | 97.1 | 1.0 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.67 | 52.2 | 47.3 | 0.5 |
| LUMO | -2.50 | 54.2 | 45.2 | 0.6 |
| HOMO | -4.37 | 4.0 | 12.0 | 84.0 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.70 | 6.2 | 91.2 | 2.6 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.14 | 4.9 | 88.9 | 6.2 |



Figure S17. The selected frontier orbitals of 4 from B3LYP calculations (Isovalue $=0.04 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{u}$.) at the ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene.

Table S9. Computed absorption wavelengths ( $\lambda_{\text {calc }}$ in nm ) and oscillator strengths ( $f_{\text {calc. }}$ ) for $\mathbf{4}$ from TDB3LYP calculations using the B3LYP geometries at the ground state ( $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ ) and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene

| state | $\lambda_{\text {calc }}(/ \mathrm{nm})$ | $f_{\text {calc }}$ | Major contribution |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 398.07 | 0.0412 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (96.2\%) |
| 2 | 387.91 | 0.0773 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (97.4\%) |
| 3 | 357.61 | 0.0521 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (88.0\%) |
| $\mathrm{S}_{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 611.35 | 0.0023 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (99.7\%) |
| 2 | 463.85 | 0.0685 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (97.8\%) |

Table S10. Molecular orbital energies (in eV ) and molecular orbital distributions (in \%) of 4 at the ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene

|  | $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{eV})$ | Imine bridge | Phenyl rings | In- $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\mathrm{~S}_{0}$ |  |  |
| LUMO+2 | -0.55 | 0.4 | 98.9 | 0.7 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.41 | 52.0 | 47.9 | 0.1 |
| LUMO | -1.70 | 56.0 | 43.0 | 1.1 |
| HOMO | -5.33 | 5.8 | 93.1 | 1.1 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.38 | 4.8 | 91.7 | 3.4 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.62 | 16.8 | 82.4 | 0.7 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{~S}_{1}$ |  |  |
| LUMO+2 | -0.72 | 0.4 | 99.2 | 0.4 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.11 | 54.7 | 45.0 | 0.3 |
| LUMO | -2.35 | 55.7 | 43.3 | 1.1 |
| HOMO | -4.82 | 5.0 | 93.9 | 1.1 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.66 | 6.3 | 90.3 | 3.3 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.46 | 14.1 | 85.6 | 0.3 |



Figure S18. The selected frontier orbitals of 5 from B3LYP calculations (Isovalue $=0.04 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{u}$.) at the ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene.

Table S11. Computed absorption wavelengths ( $\lambda_{\text {calc }}$ in nm ) and oscillator strengths ( $f_{\text {calc. }}$.) for 5 from TDB3LYP calculations using the B3LYP geometries at the ground state ( $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ ) and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene

| state | $\lambda_{\text {calc }}(/ \mathrm{nm})$ | $f_{\text {calc }}$ | Major contribution |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 393.43 | 0.0326 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (96.4\%) |
| 2 | 384.07 | 0.0895 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (97.8\%) |
| 3 | 355.37 | 0.0062 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (46.7\%) |
|  |  |  | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (50.9\%) |
| $\mathrm{S}_{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 919.35 | 0.0025 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (99.5\%) |
| 2 | 575.78 | 0.0051 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (99.4\%) |
| 3 | 513.97 | 0.0170 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (99.4\%) |

Table S12. Molecular orbital energies (in eV) and molecular orbital distributions (in \%) of 5 at the ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene

|  | $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{eV})$ | Imine bridge | Phenyl rings | In- $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\mathrm{~S}_{0}$ |  |  |
| LUMO+2 | 0.29 | 3.3 | 95.3 | 1.3 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.40 | 51.4 | 48.5 | 0.1 |
| LUMO | -1.68 | 55.3 | 43.6 | 1.1 |
| HOMO | -5.37 | 7.2 | 91.3 | 1.5 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.41 | 5.9 | 89.8 | 4.3 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.61 | 18.0 | 81.2 | 0.8 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{~S}_{1}$ |  |  |
| LUMO+2 | 0.14 | 7.5 | 92.2 | 0.3 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.44 | 52.6 | 47.0 | 0.4 |
| LUMO | -2.30 | 55.7 | 43.7 | 0.6 |
| HOMO | -4.31 | 4.3 | 18.7 | 76.9 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.18 | 6.3 | 89.1 | 4.6 |
| HOMO-2 | -5.60 | 3.9 | 85.7 | 10.3 |



Figure S19. The selected frontier orbitals of 6 from B3LYP calculations (Isovalue $=0.04$ a.u.) at the ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene.

Table S13. Computed absorption wavelengths ( $\lambda_{\text {calc }}$ in nm ) and oscillator strengths ( $f_{\text {calc. }}$.) for $\mathbf{6}$ from TDB3LYP calculations using the B3LYP geometries at the ground state ( $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ ) and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene

| state | $\lambda_{\text {calc }}(/ \mathrm{nm})$ | $f_{\text {calc }}$ | Major contribution |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 447.85 | 0.0320 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (97.1\%) |
| 2 | 434.59 | 0.0787 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (98.1\%) |
| 3 | 398.79 | 0.0611 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (33.8\%) |
|  |  |  | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (63.5\%) |
| $\mathrm{S}_{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 935.59 | 0.0032 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (99.8\%) |
| 2 | 530.41 | 0.0647 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (10.3\%) |
|  |  |  | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (89.4\%) |

Table S14. Molecular orbital energies (in eV) and molecular orbital distributions (in \%) of $\mathbf{6}$ at the ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene

|  | $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{eV})$ | Imine bridge | Phenyl rings | $\mathrm{In}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\mathrm{~S}_{0}$ |  |  |
| LUMO+2 | 0.47 | 4.0 | 94.8 | 1.2 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.30 | 51.3 | 48.6 | 0.1 |
| LUMO | -1.58 | 55.0 | 44.0 | 1.0 |
| HOMO | -4.84 | 5.6 | 93.8 | 0.6 |
| HOMO-1 | -4.89 | 4.9 | 92.8 | 2.3 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.41 | 2.8 | 88.8 | 8.4 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{~S}_{1}$ |  |  |
| LUMO+2 | 0.23 | 4.4 | 95.2 | 0.3 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.00 | 55.9 | 42.9 | 1.1 |
| LUMO | -2.18 | 53.4 | 46.0 | 0.5 |
| HOMO | -3.92 | 5.5 | 93.4 | 1.1 |
| HOMO-1 | -5.26 | 5.7 | 93.0 | 1.3 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.11 | 12.8 | 84.4 | 2.8 |



Figure S20. The selected frontier orbitals of 7 from B3LYP calculations (Isovalue $=0.04 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{u}$.) at the ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene.

Table S15. Computed absorption wavelengths ( $\lambda_{\text {calc }}$ in nm ) and oscillator strengths ( $f_{\text {calc. }}$.) for 7 from TDB3LYP calculations using the B3LYP geometries at the ground state ( $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ ) and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene

| state | $\lambda_{\text {calc }}(/ \mathrm{nm})$ | $f_{\text {calc }}$ | Major contribution |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{S}_{0}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 359.55 | 0.0632 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (3.7\%) |
|  |  |  | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (92.5\%) |
| 2 | 352.02 | 0.0712 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (93.0\%) |
|  |  |  | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (4.2\%) |
| $\mathrm{S}_{1}$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 418.75 | 0.0882 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (98.0\%) |
| 2 | 380.12 | 0.0164 | HOMO-1 | $\rightarrow$ LUMO (98.5\%) |
| 3 | 357.84 | 0.0050 | HOMO | $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (97.3\%) |

Table S16. Molecular orbital energies (in eV) and molecular orbital distributions (in \%) of 7 at the ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ and first singlet excited state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{1}\right)$ optimized geometries in toluene

|  | $\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{eV})$ | Imine bridge | Phenyl rings | $\mathrm{In}-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\mathrm{~S}_{0}$ |  |  |
| LUMO+2 | -0.98 | 0.5 | 98.3 | 1.3 |
| LUMO+1 | -2.34 | 47.5 | 52.4 | 0.1 |
| LUMO | -2.61 | 52.5 | 46.5 | 1.0 |
| HOMO | -6.61 | 8.6 | 85.3 | 6.2 |
| HOMO-1 | -6.66 | 7.5 | 88.6 | 3.9 |
| HOMO-2 | -7.64 | 21.3 | 74.0 | 4.7 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{~S}_{1}$ |  |  |
| LUMO+2 | -0.98 | 0.6 | 98.5 | 0.9 |
| LUMO+1 | -2.46 | 49.4 | 50.5 | 0.1 |
| LUMO | -2.89 | 56.7 | 42.1 | 1.3 |
| HOMO | -6.42 | 6.9 | 87.1 | 6.0 |
| HOMO-1 | -6.68 | 7.4 | 87.6 | 5.1 |
| HOMO-2 | -7.59 | 15.2 | 72.5 | 12.2 |



Figure S21. Frontier molecular orbitals for 1-7 at their ground state $\left(\mathrm{S}_{0}\right)$ with their relative energies from DFT calculation (isovalue $=0.04$ ). The transition energy ( in nm ) was calculated using the TDB3LYP method with $6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d})$ basis sets.
$\mathrm{InMe}_{3}$

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Figure S22. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (top) and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ (bottom) NMR spectra of $\mathbf{I n M e}_{3}$ (* from residual $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ).

