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## **Supporting Information**

Ionic liquids containing half-sandwich ruthenium complexes: in-situ interconversions via photochemical and thermal ligand exchange

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Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of (a) 1-MeCN, (b) 1-SMe<sub>2</sub>, and (c) 1-DMSO (in CD<sub>3</sub>CN).



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of (a) 1-CO and (b) 2-CO (in CD<sub>3</sub>CN).



Figure S3. Packing diagram of 1-MeCN viewed along the *a*-axis. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



Figure S4. Simulated UV-vis spectra of 1-L based on TD-DFT calculations.



Figure S5. TG-DTA curves of 1-L and 2-CO.







Figure S7. Molecular orbitals of the cations in 1-L and 2-CO obtained by DFT calculations.

	$[Ru(Cp)L^{1}(MeCN)]PF_{6}$
Empirical formula	$C_{19}H_{26}F_6N_3PRu$
Formula weight	542.47
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_{1}/c$
<i>a</i> [Å]	9.4336(12)
<i>b</i> [Å]	21.056(3)
<i>c</i> [Å]	11.5841(14)
β[°]	104.669(2)
V [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	2226.0(5)
Ζ	4
$ ho_{ m calcd} [ m g  cm^{-3}]$	1.619
<i>F</i> (000)	1096
Temperature [K]	90
Reflns collected	12833
Independent reflns	5085
Parameters	319
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0446
$R_1^a, R_w^b (I > 2\sigma(I))$	0.0355, 0.0661
$R_1^a$ , $R_w^b$ (all data)	0.0569, 0.0726
Goodness of fit	0.991
$\Delta  ho_{ m max,min}$ [e Å <sup>-3</sup> ]	0.519, -0.681
$\mu$ (Mo-K $\alpha$ )	0.836
$\overline{{}^{a}R_{1} = \Sigma   F_{o}  -  F_{c}   / \Sigma  F_{o} } \cdot {}^{b}R_{w} = [\Sigma w (F_{o}{}^{2} - F_{c}{}^{2})^{2} / \Sigma w (F_{o}{}^{2})^{2}]^{1/2}$	

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