Significance: A metal–organic layer (MOL) containing eosin Y and Fe-TPY ligands (Hf-EY-Fe), prepared according to equation 1, catalyzed the trifluoromethylative amination (eq. 2), hydroxylation (eq. 3), or chlorination (eq. 4) of alkenes to give the corresponding products in yields of up to 95%.

Comment: Hf-EY-Fe was characterized by means of ICP-MS, TEM, AFM, HRTEM, PXRD, UV–Vis, fluorescence, XANES, XPS, and EXAFS analyses. In the trifluoromethylative chlorination of 7-bromohept-1-ene with trifluoromethanesulfonyl chloride, the catalyst was recovered and reused four times without significant loss of its catalytic activity.