

**Supplementary Figure 1.** (a) Thermogravimetric analysis (10 °C min<sup>-1</sup>) and (b) differential scanning calorimetry (5 °C min<sup>-1</sup>) of EH-IDTBR and O-IDTBR measured under nitrogen. Thermograms are offset vertically for clarity.



**Supplementary Figure 2**. Chemical structures and minimum energy conformations of (a) FBR and (b) IDTBR calculated (with methyl replacing n-octyl or 2-ethylhexyl groups) using Gaussian (B3LYP/6-31G\*) to visualize the LUMO and HOMO distributions.



**Supplementary Figure 3**. (a) Absorption coefficients  $\alpha$  of EH-IDTBR in the thin film compared with a selection of low bandgap donor polymers (structures shown in Supplementary Figure 16), where  $\alpha$  was calculated with the equation  $\alpha = 1/d*ln(1/T)$ ; (b) UV-vis absorption spectra of O-IDTBR thin films spin-coated from 10 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> chlorobenzene solution, as-cast and with 10 min annealing at different temperatures.



**Supplementary Figure 4:** Normalised UV-vis absorption spectra of as-cast IDTBR thin films compared with that of  $PC_{60}BM$ .



**Supplementary Figure 5:** (a) *J-V* characteristics and (b) EQE spectra for IDTBR:P3HT devices compared to reference  $PC_{60}BM$ :P3HT device measured at 100 mW cm<sup>-2</sup> illumination.



**Supplementary Figure 6.** *J-V* characteristics of O-IDTBR:P3HT devices with different active areas measured under 100 mW cm<sup>-2</sup> illumination.



**Supplementary Figure 7.** Specular XRD of (a) O-IDTBR and (b) EH-IDTBR films as-cast and with annealing at 110 °C and 130 °C.



**Supplementary Figure 8.** (a) Specular XRD of FBR films as-cast and with annealing at 110 °C and 130 °C; (b) DSC first heating cycles measured at 5 °C min<sup>-1</sup> on drop-cast samples of FBR, P3HT and P3HT:FBR (1:1). Thermograms are offset vertically for clarity.



**Supplementary Figure 9**. Chi-Q plots of (top) EH-IDTBR and EH-IDTBR:P3HT blend (bottom) O-IDTBR and O-IDTBR:P3HT blend, for which the diffraction intensity is integrated in two ranges of Chi =  $87.5-92.5^{\circ}$  and  $40-50^{\circ}$  and plotted against the whole wave vector Q.



**Supplementary Figure 10**. Line cuts from GIXRD chi-Q plots of (a) EH-IDTBR and EH-IDTBR:P3HT blend at 87.5-92.5°; (b) O-IDTBR and O-IDTBR:P3HT blend at 87.5-92.5°; (c) O-IDTBR and O-IDTBR:P3HT blend at 40-50°.



**Supplementary Figure 11.** Current-voltage characteristics of electron-only devices of different thickness in log-lin representation for (a) O-IDTBR:P3HT and (b) EH-IDTBR:P3HT blends and of hole-only devices of different thickness for (c) EH-IDTBR:P3HT blends. The solid lines represent fits to the experimental data (open triangles in (a) and (b) and open dots in (c)) according to the Mott-Gurney law assuming space charge-limited currents in these devices. Note that for EH-IDTBR:P3HT the hole mobility is about two orders higher than the electron mobility.



**Supplementary Figure 12**: Photoluminescence spectra of EH-IDTBR, O-IDTBR and annealed EH-IDTBR:P3HT (130 °C for 10 min) and O-IDTBR:P3HT (130 °C for 20 min) blends excited at 680 nm. Note that P3HT does not absorb at this excitation wavelength. All the spectra are corrected for film absorption.



**Supplementary Figure 13**. Femtosecond-transient absorption spectra of (a), (b) EH-IDTBR:P3HT and (c), (d) O-IDTBR:P3HT blends and pristine counterparts excited at 680 nm with  $2\mu$ J cm<sup>-2</sup> density in N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere at (a), (c) 1 pico-second (exciton signature) and (b), (d) 6 nano-second (polaron signature).



**Supplementary Figure 14.** Oxidative stability of **O-IDTBR**:P3HT devices (normalised PCE values) compared with other high performace polymer:fullerene systems (polymer structures shown). Devices were exposed to air over the course of 1200 hr.



**Supplementary Figure 15.** Optical microscopy of O-IDTBR:P3HT blends in comparison with  $PC_{60}BM$ :P3HT blends. Films were prepared on ITO/ZnO coated glass substrates according to procedures for the device active layers, and then annealed for 1 h under inert atmosphere.

Supplementary Table 1. Optoelectronic properties of PC<sub>60</sub>BM as measured in this study.

$\epsilon [10^4  \text{M}^{-1}  \text{cm}^{-1}]^{a)}$	$\lambda_{\max}$ film [nm] <sup>b)</sup>	E <sub>g</sub> opt. [eV] <sup>b)</sup>	EA [eV] <sup>c)</sup>	IP [eV] <sup>d)</sup>
0.39 (400 nm)	333	2.05	4.10	6.15

Measurements were carried out in <sup>a)</sup> CHCl<sub>3</sub> solution; <sup>b)</sup> thin film spin-coated from 10 mg ml<sup>-1</sup> chlorobenzene solution; <sup>c)</sup> cyclic voltammetry carried out on the as-cast thin film with 0.1 M TBAPF<sub>6</sub> electrolyte in acetonitrile; <sup>d)</sup> estimated from the EA and the optical  $E_g$ .

**Supplementary Table 2.** Photovoltaic characteristics of PC<sub>60</sub>BM:P3HT reference devices

	$J_{sc} [\mathrm{mA \ cm}^{-2}]$	$V_{oc}$ [V]	FF	PCE [%]
PC <sub>60</sub> BM:P3HT	9.59	0.58	0.67	3.73

**Supplementary Table 3**. Photovoltaic performance of O-IDTBR:P3HT OPV devices tested for differerent active areas under 100 mW cm<sup>-2</sup> illumination.

Area of Device	$J_{sc} [\mathrm{mA/cm}^2]$	V <sub>oc</sub> [V]	FF	PCE [%]
$0.045 \text{ cm}^2$	14.1	0.73	0.62	6.4
$0.15 \text{ cm}^2$	13.9	0.72	0.63	6.3
$0.75 \text{ cm}^2$	11.9	0.73	0.55	4.8
$1.5 \text{ cm}^2$	11.1	0.73	0.53	4.3

**Supplementary Table 4**: Device parameters for the cells used in photo-CELIV measurements measured under 100 mW cm<sup>-2</sup> illumination.

	$J_{sc}$ [mA cm <sup>-2</sup> ]	$V_{oc}$ [V]	FF	PCE [%]
O-IDTBR:P3HT	13.5	0.73	0.60	5.91
EH-IDTBR:P3HT	12.0	0.76	0.61	5.56