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**Supporting information for article:** 

Crystal structure of bis(µ2-triphenylacetatoκ*O*:κ*O'*)bis(diisobutylaluminium)

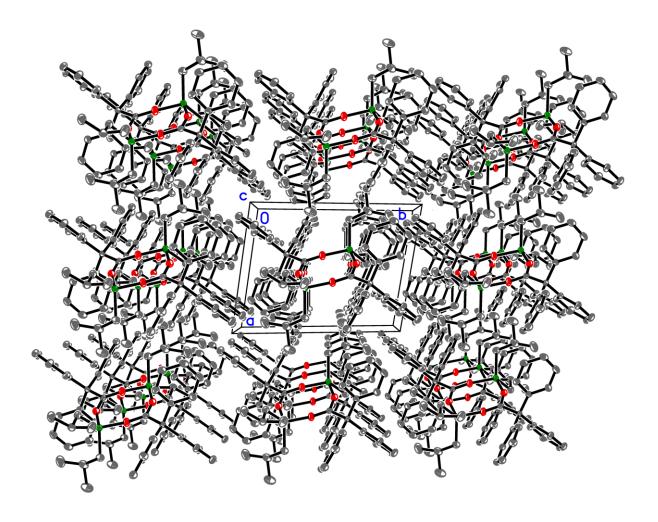
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Parameters for two non-valence intermolecular interactions of  $H_{Ph}$  atoms with the  $\pi$ -system of a Ph-group (H6..C12<sup>ii</sup> and H7..C11<sup>ii</sup>) are given in Table S1 [symmetry code: (ii) -x+2, -y+2, -z+2]. Interacting Phrings are located nearly perpendicular with the corresponding angle between C3..C8 and C9<sup>ii</sup>..C14<sup>ii</sup> planes being of 82.83(3)°. The packing plots below demonstrate the impact of these C-H<sub>Ph</sub>..C<sub>Ph</sub> interactions among the  $2/3^{rds}$  of phenyl groups on crystal packing, leading to orthogonal orientations of these Ph groups.

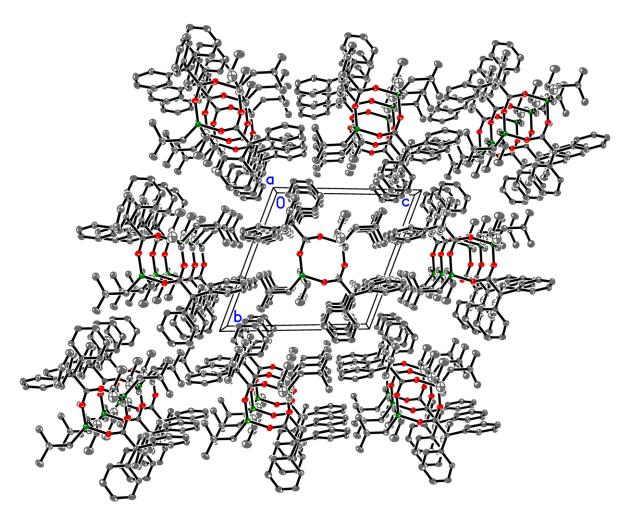
**Table S1.** Hydrogen-bond geometry (Å, °)

<i>D</i> —H···A	<i>D</i> —Н	$H \cdots A$	$D \cdots A$	<i>D</i> —H···A
C6—H6···C12 <sup>ii</sup>	0.95	2.89	3.6598 (16)	138.7
C7—H7····C11 <sup>ii</sup>	0.95	2.98	3.7509 (16)	139.3

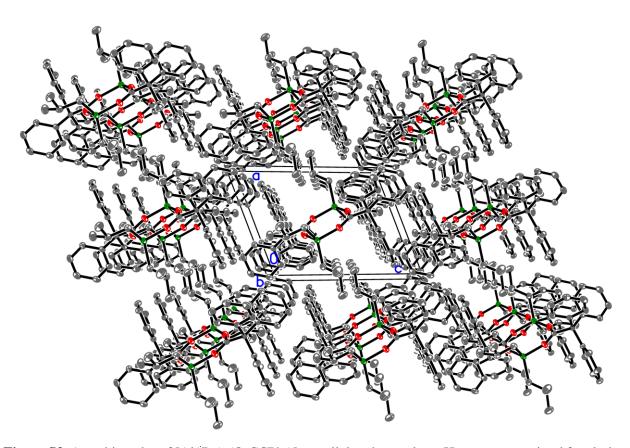
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**Figure S1.** A packing plot of [Al(<sup>i</sup>Bu)<sub>2</sub>(O<sub>2</sub>CCPh<sub>3</sub>)]<sub>2</sub> parallel to the *ab* plane H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Displacement ellipsoids are set to the 50% probability level.



**Figure S2.** A packing plot of [Al(<sup>i</sup>Bu)<sub>2</sub>(O<sub>2</sub>CCPh<sub>3</sub>)]<sub>2</sub> parallel to the *ab* plane. H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Displacement ellipsoids are set to the 50% probability level.



**Figure S3.** A packing plot of [Al(<sup>i</sup>Bu)<sub>2</sub>(O<sub>2</sub>CCPh<sub>3</sub>)]<sub>2</sub> parallel to the *ac* plane. H-atoms are omitted for clarity. Displacement ellipsoids are set to the 50% probability level.