The reactions of Cp$_2$HfCl$_2$ with some higher monocarboxylic acids having straight chains, caprylic (C$_8$H$_{16}$O$_2$), lauric (C$_{12}$H$_{24}$O$_2$), myristic (C$_{14}$H$_{28}$O$_2$), palmitic (C$_{16}$H$_{32}$O$_2$), stearic (C$_{18}$H$_{36}$O$_2$), and behenic (C$_{22}$H$_{44}$O$_2$) acid, have been studied in anhydrous tetrahydrofuran in 1:1 and 1:2 molar ratios, respectively. The reaction products isolated, of types Cp$_2$Hf(L)Cl, CpHf(L)$_2$Cl (LH represents different carboxylic acids), have been characterised by conductivity and magnetic susceptibility measurements and spectral (infrared, electronic, $^1$H NMR and $^{13}$C NMR) data. The bonding of the carboxylato ligand in these complexes has been discussed and plausible structures have been established.