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**VENTAS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BMO CAPITAL MARKETS  
2009 NORTH AMERICAN REAL ESTATE CONFERENCE**

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**CHICAGO, IL (September 4, 2009)** – Ventas, Inc. (NYSE: VTR) (“Ventas” or the “Company”) said today that management will participate in a panel discussion at the BMO Capital Markets 2009 North American Real Estate Conference in Chicago, Illinois on Thursday, September 10, 2009, at 11:30 a.m. Central Time (12:30 p.m. Eastern Time).

The discussion will be audio-webcast and may be accessed through the Company’s website at [www.ventasreit.com](http://www.ventasreit.com). Any written materials accompanying the discussion will also be available on the Company’s website at the time of the discussion. The webcast and any written materials accompanying the discussion will be archived at [www.ventasreit.com](http://www.ventasreit.com) for a limited period following the event.

Ventas, Inc., an S&P 500 Company, is a leading healthcare real estate investment trust. Its diverse portfolio of properties located in 43 states and two Canadian provinces includes seniors housing communities, skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, medical office buildings and other properties. More information about Ventas can be found on its website at [www.ventasreit.com](http://www.ventasreit.com).