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**VENTAS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2009 BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH
GLOBAL REAL ESTATE CONFERENCE**

CHICAGO, IL (September 28, 2009) – Ventas, Inc. (NYSE: VTR) (“Ventas” or the “Company”) said today that management will participate in a panel discussion at the 2009 Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Real Estate Conference in New York, New York on Wednesday, September 30, 2009, at 9:40 a.m. Eastern Time.

The discussion will be audio-webcast and may be accessed through the Company’s website at 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 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.