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**VENTAS ANNOUNCES 2009 THIRD QUARTER  
EARNINGS RELEASE DATE AND CONFERENCE CALL**

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**CHICAGO, IL (October 1, 2009)** – Ventas, Inc. (NYSE: VTR) (“Ventas” or the “Company”) announced today that it will issue its 2009 third quarter earnings release prior to the opening of trading on the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday, October 29, 2009. A conference call to discuss those earnings will be held the same day at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time (8:00 a.m. Central Time).

The dial-in number for the conference call is (617) 614-3523. The participant passcode is “Ventas.” The call will also be webcast live by CCBN and can be accessed at the Company’s website at [www.ventasreit.com](http://www.ventasreit.com) or at [www.earnings.com](http://www.earnings.com). A replay of the call will be available at the Company’s website, or by calling (617) 801-6888, passcode 88823474, beginning on October 29, 2009, at approximately 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time and will remain for one month.

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).

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