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**VENTAS ANNOUNCES 2009 FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR-END
EARNINGS RELEASE DATE AND CONFERENCE CALL**

CHICAGO, IL (January 11, 2010) – Ventas, Inc. (NYSE: VTR) (“Ventas” or the “Company”) announced today that it will issue its 2009 fourth quarter and year-end earnings release prior to the opening of trading on the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday, February 18, 2010. A conference call to discuss those earnings will be held the same day at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time (9:00 a.m. Central Time).

The dial-in number for the conference call is (617) 597-5362. 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 or at www.earnings.com. A replay of the call will be available at the Company’s website, or by calling (617) 801-6888, passcode 50996326, beginning on February 18, 2010, at approximately 1:00 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.

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