Ventas Promotes Schweinhart and Lewis to Executive Vice Presidents

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 8 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Ventas, Inc. (NYSE: VTR) ("Ventas" or the "Company") said today that Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Richard A. Schweinhart and Chief Investment Officer (CIO) Raymond J. Lewis have been promoted to Executive Vice Presidents (EVP), effective immediately. Both had been Senior Vice Presidents (SVP).

"Rick Schweinhart and Ray Lewis have been important drivers of the tremendous success at Ventas since they joined our Company in 2002," Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Debra A. Cafaro said. "They each bring unique skills and experiences to Ventas, making us a strong, committed and focused management team. Along with EVP and General Counsel Rick Riney, I look forward to many years of continued success with my Ventas colleagues."

Rick Schweinhart, 56, joined the Company in May 2002 as a full time consultant, becoming SVP and CFO in December of that year. Before joining Ventas, he was SVP and CFO for Kindred Healthcare, Inc. Prior to that, he was SVP of Finance for Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corporation. Mr. Schweinhart is a Certified Public Accountant, and he is on the Board of Directors of Health Enterprises Network of Louisville.

Ray Lewis, 41, was named SVP and CIO of Ventas in October 2002. Previously, he was managing director of business development for GE Capital Healthcare Financial Services, a division of General Electric Capital Corporation ("GECC"), which is a subsidiary of General Electric Corporation, where he led a team focused on mergers and portfolio acquisitions of healthcare assets. Before that, Mr. Lewis was EVP of healthcare finance for Heller Financial, Inc. (acquired by GECC in 2001). He is on the Board of Directors of the National Investment Center for the Seniors Housing & Care Industry (NIC). He is also on the Executive Board of the American Seniors Housing Association.

Ventas, Inc. is a leading healthcare real estate investment trust that is the nation's largest owner of seniors housing and long-term care assets. Its diverse portfolio of properties located in 42 states includes independent and assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, hospitals and medical office buildings. More information about Ventas can be found on its website at http://www.ventasreit.com .

This press release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements regarding Ventas, Inc.'s ("Ventas" or the "Company") and its subsidiaries' expected future financial position, results of operations, cash flows, funds from operations, dividends and dividend plans, financing plans, business strategy, budgets, projected costs, capital expenditures, competitive positions, growth opportunities, expected lease income, continued qualification as a real estate investment trust ("REIT"), plans and objectives of management for future operations and statements that include words such as "anticipate," "if," "believe," "plan," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "could," "should," "will" and other similar expressions are forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain, and security holders must recognize that actual results may differ from the Company's expectations. The Company does not undertake a duty to update such forward-looking statements.

The Company's actual future results and trends may differ materially depending on a variety of factors discussed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). Factors that may affect the plans or results of the Company include without limitation: (a) the ability and willingness of the Company's operators, tenants, borrowers and other third parties to meet and/or perform the obligations under their various contractual arrangements with the Company; (b) the ability and willingness of Kindred Healthcare, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, "Kindred"), Brookdale Living Communities, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, "Brookdale") and Alterra Healthcare Corporation (together with its subsidiaries, "Alterra") to meet and/or perform their obligations to indemnify, defend and hold the Company harmless from and against various claims, litigation and liabilities under the Company's respective contractual arrangements with Kindred, Brookdale and Alterra; (c) the ability of the Company's operators, tenants and borrowers to maintain the financial strength and liquidity necessary to satisfy their respective obligations and liabilities, including without limitation their existing credit facilities; (d) the Company's success in implementing its business strategy and the Company's ability to identify, underwrite, finance, consummate and integrate diversifying acquisitions or investments; (e) the nature and extent of future competition; (f) the extent of future or pending healthcare reform and regulation, including cost containment measures and changes in reimbursement policies, procedures and rates; (g) increases in the cost of borrowing for the Company; (h) the ability of the Company's operators to deliver high quality care and to attract patients; (i) the results of litigation affecting the Company; (j) changes in general economic conditions and/or economic conditions in the markets in which the Company may, from time to time, compete; (k) the ability of the Company to pay down, refinance, restructure, and/or extend its indebtedness as it becomes due; (l) the movement of interest rates and the resulting impact on the value of and the accounting for the Company's interest rate swap agreement; (m) the ability and willingness of the Company to maintain its qualification as a REIT due to economic, market, legal, tax or other considerations; (n) final determination of the Company's taxable net income for the year ended December 31, 2005 and the year ending December 31, 2006; (o) the ability and willingness of the Company's tenants to renew their leases with the Company upon expiration of the leases and the Company's ability to relet its properties on the same or better terms in the event such leases expire and are not renewed by the existing tenants; (p) risks associated with the Company's acquisition of Provident Senior Living Trust, including its ability to timely and fully realize expected revenues and cost savings from the merger; (q) the impact on the liquidity, financial condition and results of operations of the Company's operators resulting from increased operating costs and uninsured liabilities for professional liability claims, and the ability of the Company's operators to accurately estimate the magnitude of such liabilities; and (r) the value of the Company's rental Reset Right with Kindred, which is dependent on a variety of factors and is highly speculative. Many of such factors are beyond the control of the Company and its management.

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