



Ventas Named to Dow Jones Sustainability North America Index; Ranked #1 Healthcare REIT by GRESB

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CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sep. 18, 2017-- Ventas, Inc.'s (NYSE: VTR) leadership in sustainability has been recognized by two prominent global ESG (environment, social, governance) benchmarking organizations, the Dow Jones Sustainability™ North America Index (DJSI) and GRESB.

Included in the DJSI for the first time and highlighting the Company's enhanced focus across all elements of ESG, Ventas ranked in the top quartile of real estate companies in North America, outperforming industry peers across a broad spectrum of ESG metrics.

In the GRESB real estate ESG assessment, Ventas ranked first among the three listed healthcare real estate company participants, retained its Green Star designation for the fourth consecutive year and improved its score by nearly 10%. Ventas also achieved an "A" ranking, the highest possible score, on the new GRESB Public Disclosure Assessment, recognizing the Company's focus on transparency and public reporting.

"Ventas is incredibly proud of our ESG performance. Our deep commitment to corporate responsibility is evidenced by our inclusion in the prestigious Dow Jones Sustainability Index and our #1 ranking on GRESB among our healthcare REIT peers," said Debra A. Cafaro, Ventas Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "The Ventas culture and company policies promote strong governance and ethics, engaged corporate citizenship and minimized impact on the environment. These are essential elements of our commitment to sustained excellence for all of our stakeholders."

About DJSI

Since its launch in 1999, the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices have been a globally recognized independent benchmark measuring a company's ESG performance based on RobecoSAM's analysis of industry-specific ESG factors and the robust index methodology of S&P Dow Jones indices. The DJSI North America index tracks the performance of the top 20% of the 600 largest North American companies in the S&P Global Broad Market Index that lead the field in terms of sustainability.

About GRESB

GRESB is an investor-driven organization that assesses the ESG performance of real estate investments (public, private and direct) around the world. GRESB benchmarking data and analytical tools are used by institutional and retail investors representing more than \$17 trillion of institutional capital.

Ventas, Inc., an S&P 500 company, is a leading real estate investment trust. Its diverse property portfolio of more than 1,200 assets in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom consists of seniors housing communities, medical office buildings, life science and innovation centers, inpatient rehabilitation and long-term acute care facilities, health systems and skilled nursing facilities. Through its Lillibridge subsidiary, Ventas provides management, leasing, marketing, facility development and advisory services to highly rated hospitals and health systems throughout the United States. References to "Ventas" or the "Company" mean Ventas, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries unless otherwise expressly noted. More information about Ventas and Lillibridge can be found at www.ventasreit.com and www.lillibridge.com.

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