



Ventas Honored as NAREIT Health Care Leader in the Light for Second Time

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2017 Award Recognizes Superior and Sustained Sustainability Practices

CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 16, 2017-- Ventas, Inc. (NYSE: VTR) today received the 2017 Health Care "Leader in the Light" Award from the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT) in recognition of the Company's superior sustainability practices. Presented during the REITWorld 2017 Annual Convention in Dallas, TX, the award celebrates sustainability leaders from nine major property sectors including healthcare, retail, office and residential.

"We are honored to receive the Leader in the Light Award for the second time – an achievement that highlights our systematic approach to reducing the energy, water and landfill waste footprint of our diverse, high-quality healthcare and research properties," said Debra A. Cafaro, Ventas Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Across our portfolio, our interdisciplinary team, in collaboration with our partners, is undertaking wide-scale and long-term sustainability initiatives that meet our objectives of protecting the planet and improving efficiencies to lower operating costs."

The Leader in the Light Award underscores a strong year for Ventas and its enhanced emphasis on all elements of ESG (environmental, social and governance). In 2017, the Company was included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI) for the first time, ranking in the top quartile of real estate companies in North America and outperforming industry peers. In addition, Ventas ranked first among the three listed healthcare real estate company participants in the GRESB real estate ESG assessment, retaining its Green Star designation for the fourth consecutive year. 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. Finally, Ventas was identified as a "Winning Company" in the 2020 Women on Boards Gender Diversity Index, which recognizes Fortune 1000 Companies that have 20 percent or greater women serving on their boards of directors. The Ventas Board composition is currently 30 percent female.

Ventas, Inc., an S&P 500 company, is a leading real estate investment trust. Its diverse 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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