



Ventas Retains Sustainability Leadership Position in Prominent Global Rankings

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Ranked #1 Healthcare REIT by GRESB, Listed on Dow Jones Sustainability North America Index

CHICAGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sep. 26, 2018-- Ventas, Inc. (NYSE: VTR) has retained its sustainability leadership position as ranked by two prominent global ESG (environment, social, governance) benchmarking organizations, GRESB and the Dow Jones Sustainability™ North America Index (DJSI).

For the second consecutive year, Ventas retained the #1 position among the three listed healthcare real estate company participants in the GRESB real estate ESG assessment. Ventas performed in the top 30% of all GRESB participants, which includes 874 public and private real estate companies around the world. Ventas retained its Green Star designation for the fifth straight year and its "A" ranking, the highest possible score, on the GRESB Public Disclosure Assessment.

The Company was also included in the DJSI North America for the second consecutive year, improving its overall score and ranking in the top 20% of publicly traded real estate industry participants across a broad spectrum of ESG metrics.

"We are proud that Ventas's strong ESG leadership and commitment have been again recognized in these prestigious global rankings," said Debra A. Cafaro, Ventas Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "Integrity, transparency, commitment to corporate citizenship and environmental stewardship are core values at Ventas, supporting our singular goal of 'Excellence. Sustained.'"

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

The Company routinely announces material information to investors and the marketplace using press releases, Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filings, public conference calls, webcasts and the Company's website at www.ventasreit.com/investor-relations. The information that the Company posts to its website may be deemed to be material. Accordingly, the Company encourages investors and others interested in the Company to routinely monitor and review the information that the Company posts on its website, in addition to following the Company's press releases, SEC filings and public conference calls and webcasts.

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.

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.

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