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Prospectus Supplement  
(To Prospectus dated November 28, 2008)

VENTAS, INC.

DISTRIBUTION REINVESTMENT AND STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

This prospectus supplement supplements the prospectus of Ventas, Inc. dated November 28, 2008, as previously supplemented on December 7, 2009 (which we refer to herein as the prospectus), relating to Ventas, Inc.'s Distribution Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan. You should read this prospectus supplement in conjunction with the prospectus. This prospectus supplement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the prospectus, except to the extent the information in this prospectus supplement supersedes the information contained in the prospectus. Capitalized terms used in this prospectus supplement and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings specified in the prospectus.

This prospectus supplement contains a revised Schedule A to the prospectus. The revised Schedule A to the prospectus restates in its entirety the Schedule A previously included as part of the prospectus. The revised Schedule A sets forth the expected dates relating to common share distribution reinvestments and optional cash payments under the Plan for 2011, as such dates are described in the prospectus.

The date of this Prospectus Supplement is December 6, 2010.

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**SCHEDULE A**  
**2011**  
**COMMON SHARE DISTRIBUTION REINVESTMENTS<sup>1</sup>**

| <b>Discount Set Date</b> | <b>Record Date</b> | <b>Investment Date<sup>2</sup></b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| March 8                  | March 11           | March 31                           |
| June 7                   | June 10            | June 30                            |
| September 6              | September 9        | September 30                       |
| December 13              | December 16        | December 30                        |

**OPTIONAL CASH PAYMENTS**

| <b>Threshold Price and Discount Set Date</b> | <b>Record Date and Optional Cash Payment Due Date</b> | <b>Pricing Period Commencement Date</b> | <b>Pricing Period Conclusion Date<sup>3</sup></b> |
|--|---|---|---|
| January 3                                    | January 6   | January 7                               | January 25  |
| February 1                                   | February 4  | February 7                              | February 23                                       |
| March 1                                      | March 4   | March 7                                 | March 22  |
| April 1                                      | April 6   | April 7                                 | April 25  |
| May 2  | May 5   | May 6                                   | May 23  |
| June 1                                       | June 6  | June 7                                  | June 22   |
| July 1                                       | July 7  | July 8                                  | July 25   |
| August 1                                     | August 4  | August 5                                | August 22   |
| September 1                                  | September 7   | September 8                             | September 23                                      |
| October 3                                    | October 6   | October 7                               | October 24  |
| November 1                                   | November 4  | November 7                              | November 22                                       |
| December 1                                   | December 6  | December 7                              | December 22                                       |

<sup>1</sup> The dates indicated are those expected to be applicable under the Plan with respect to future distributions, if and when declared by the Board of Directors. The actual record and distribution payment dates will be determined by the Board of Directors.

<sup>2</sup> The investment date (and

pricing date)  
with respect to  
shares of  
common stock  
purchased  
directly from us  
will be the  
distribution  
payment date  
declared by the  
Board of  
Directors. The  
investment date  
with respect to  
shares of  
common stock  
purchased on  
the open market  
will typically be  
the distribution  
payment date,  
but will be no  
later than ten  
business days  
following the  
distribution  
payment date.  
See Question  
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- 3 The pricing  
period  
conclusion date  
is also the  
investment date  
with respect to  
optional cash  
payments of  
\$5,000 or less.

#### NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE HOLIDAYS

|                                       | 2011                   |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| New Year's Day                        | January 17             |
| Martin Luther King, Jr. Day           | February 21            |
| Washington's Birthday/Presidents' Day | April 22               |
| Good Friday                           | May 30                 |
| Memorial Day                          | July 4                 |
| Independence Day                      | September 5            |
| Labor Day                             | November 24            |
| Thanksgiving Day                      | December 26 (observed) |
| Christmas                             |                        |

