

# VENTAS, INC. (NYSE: VTR) RESPONDING TO THE COMPANY'S UNDERWHELMING "WINNING STRATEGY"

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### WHAT VENTAS WANTS INVESTORS TO BELIEVE IS HIGHLY MISLEADING



#### **CORRECTING THE RECORD, IT APPEARS THAT:**

- Ventas wants investors to believe it has performed similarly or even better than its closest peer Welltower (WELL), which is misleading at best given Ventas' consistent and persistent total shareholder return (TSR) underperformance, normalized FFO/share growth underperformance and massively deteriorating relative valuation
- Ventas wants investors to believe it has performed similarly or even better than the NAREIT healthcare index, but the Company is forced to cherry-pick dates over the past decade to make the comparison as favorable as they can
- Ventas wants investors to believe it's a beat and raise story, while ignoring the years of downward earnings estimate revisions as the Company continually walked back future growth projections
- Ventas wants investors to believe sell-side analysts are highly supportive of Company management, capital allocation, and communication, but even a curated collection of analyst quotes can only show lukewarm support
- Ventas wants investors to believe it has a "thoughtful" Board refreshment process ongoing, but upon closer look it's clear the Board has a two-tier structure with recently elected directors having limited power, including committee assignments
- Ventas wants investors to believe that Land & Buildings is unreasonable and does not have a plan in reality Land & Buildings has continually sought out a collaborative solution, including outreach to the Company last week, and has laid out a 4-pronged plan to restore Ventas to blue-chip status
- Ventas wants investors to believe Jonathan Litt is not qualified to be a Company director, when the truth is he is uniquely qualified given decades of leadership in the REIT sector as both a top-rated analyst and leading engaged investor

### WHAT VENTAS DID NOT RESPOND TO



#### WHAT THE COMPANY SEEMINGLY FAILED TO ADDRESS IS MOST TELLING:

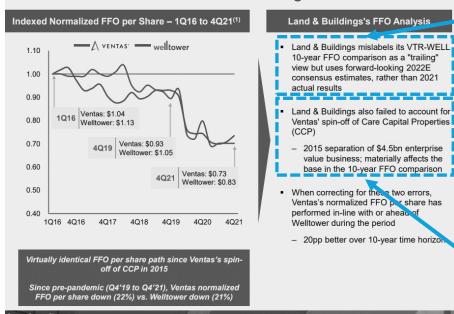
TSR and valuation underperformance to Welltower, its closest peer, over standard time periods TSR and earnings underperformance prior to COVID-19 pandemic Same-store senior housing operating underperformance and operator concentration and performance issues Investor communication failures including 2019 "Pivot to Growth" and consistent overconfidence in face of lagging results Lack of value creation and opportunity cost of large mega-deals (NHP, HCT, etc.) Land & Buildings' plan to help restore Ventas to its blue-chip status

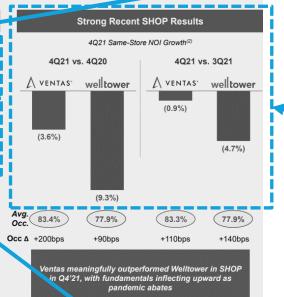
### VTR VS. WELL — A DISINGENUOUS DEFENSE



Ventas is not disputing Welltower (WELL) as its closest peer, but appears to be selectively deciding when to compare itself to WELL

Ventas and Its Largest Competitor Experienced Similar COVID Headwinds, With Ventas Leading the Rebound





Land & Buildings uses actual results in its earnings analysis prior to 2022 and uses consensus estimates for 2022 growth – this is not an "error" to be fixed in our view but an intentional illustration of the Company's continued inferior performance and lack of earnings growth despite powerful industrywide senior housing momentum

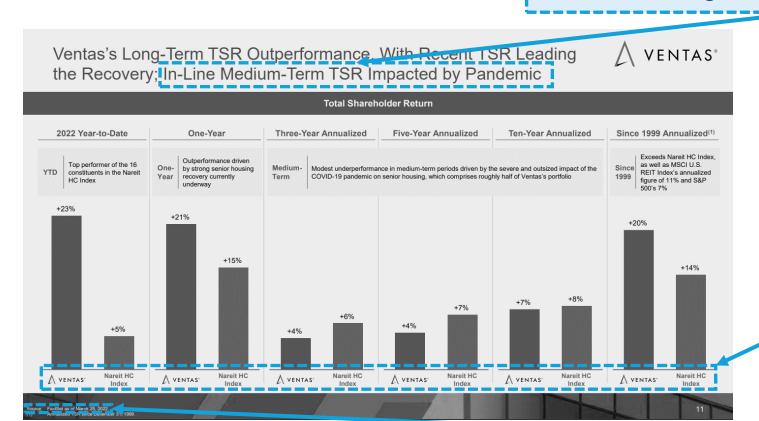
Ventas' focus on <u>only</u> the most recent quarter of senior housing operating (SHOP) results after badly underperforming in prior periods is highly telling

Ventas cannot have its cake and eat it too – the fact that the Company has adjusted for its spin-off of CCP in 2015, but does not adjust for similar restructurings by its peers – including the nearly ~\$4 billion in WELL dispositions in 2015/2016 – is misleading in our view

### **CHERRY-PICKING TIME PERIOD AND PEER SET**



Ventas' TSR badly underperformed prior to COVID-19 – using COVID as a shield against underperformance is a stretch

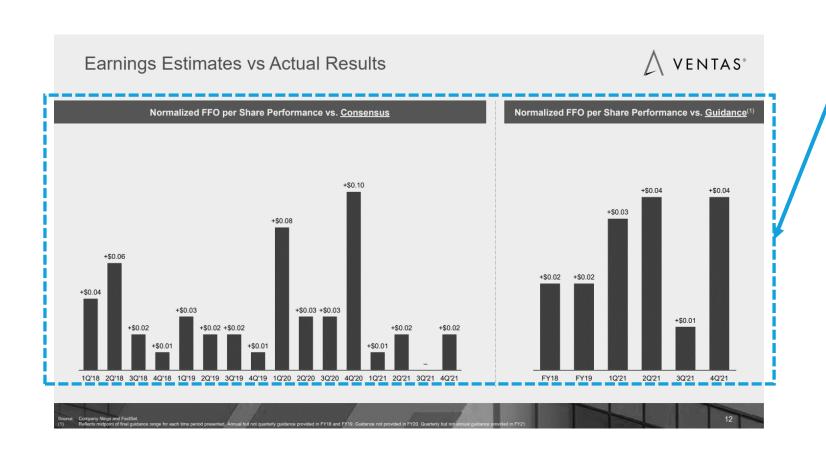


Ventas ignores a direct comparison to Welltower, despite acknowledging WELL as its closest peer for comparison as seen on the prior page

Ventas ignores the unaffected date and uses TSR performance following Land & Buildings' first public engagement, claiming the 12% subsequent advance in the shares as completely their own, and seemingly cherry-picking a March 25, 2022 end date (when the shares peaked on a relative basis)

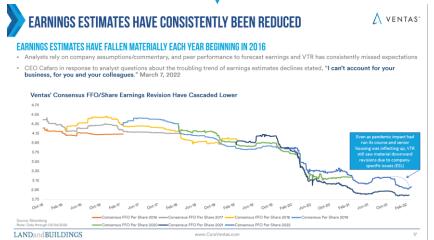
### **BEATING ALREADY LOWERED ESTIMATES**





The Company talked down forward estimates/guidance consistently, taking credit for beating significantly lowered expectations is a hollow victory

We believe the perpetual estimate declines speaks volumes about the inability of the Company to effectively communicate about guidance



### UNIMPRESSIVE CURATED ANALYST COMMENTARY



Just because a management team is "battle-tested", doesn't mean it's the "right team" in our view

This capital allocation quote simply says the Company "shifted its portfolio recently", not that these investments were the rights ones

#### Analysts Recognize Our Progress and Momentum

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Ventas has the right team...

"Ventas has a battle-tested management team, with a high-quality, diversified portfolio. As COVID fades, we have gained increased conviction in the senior housing recovery with accelerating demographic driven demand and moderate supply. External growth accretion should also improve with a stronger cost of capital."

- BMO Capital Markets, 11 March 2022

... taking the right actions...

"The company shifted its portfolio recently, expanding MOB and Life Science assets, restructuring senior living, exiting skilled nursing and growing the third-party management business, all of which were enhanced by the \$3.7 billion investments in 2021."

— Stifel. 7 March 2022

... and clearly communicating...

"We are upgrading VTR... Our upgrade reflects our positive outlook on accelerating senior housing fundamentals. We like VTR's expanded disclosures and change to how it reports earnings (post market close)."

Bank of America. 11 March 2022

"While ultimately execution will be the main driver of performance going forward – we commend VTR on its improved disclosure and earnings release format, which will help the investment community better understand and analyze the business."

- Citi, 17 February 2022

... to capture the upside of the market recovery and drive shareholder value

"We continue to believe VTR is well positioned to benefit from the ongoing seniors housing recovery that should drive strong, accelerating earnings growth in 2022 and 2023 ... However, the seniors housing recovery should accelerate in the Spring / Summer offset by elevated operating expense pressures that should moderate in 2H22 and 2023."

- RBC Capital Markets, 8 March 2022

"With estimates largely reset, we continue to see attractive upside in the stock (without needing to assume the multiple discount to peers returns to historical levels) through (1) improved pricing power and robust lead volumes; (2) lower contract labor usage/cost potentially serving as a deflationary offset to rising expenses; and (3) the fragmented industry continuing to provide accretive acquisition opportunities."

- Baird, 15 December 2021

"We walked away from 4Q with greater conviction in SHOP's recovery with stronger-than-expected pricing helping offset agency cost pressures that should moderate."

- BMO Capital Markets, 11 March 2022

"VTR is a longer-term value play on senior housing – with upside in its operating segment via REVPOR growth. This is balanced by ongoing strength in its life science segment and steady MOB business."

- Mizuho, 20 January 2022

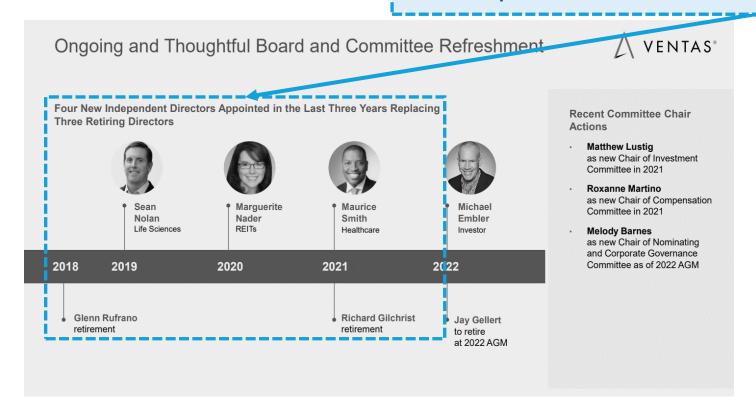
While disclosures are historically poor and need enhancement, improving disclosures is not the primary communication issue to solve in our view

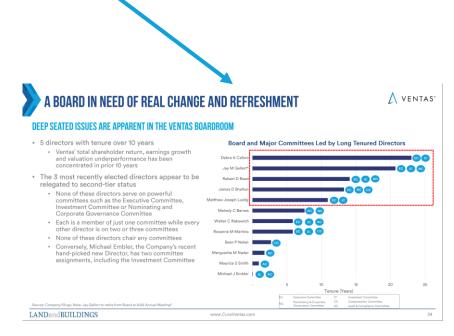
We certainly agree there is substantial opportunity in VTR stock, but these quote make it clear to us analysts are betting on the senior housing industry-wide upside, not Ventas-specific actions

### A TWO-TIER BOARD STRUCTURE



Seemingly surface-level Board refreshment: most recently appointed directors each only sit on one Board committee, do not chair any committees, and are not on the powerful Investment Committee or Executive Committee





### LAND & BUILDINGS HAS OFFERED VALUE-ENHANCING IDEAS AND CONSISTENTLY SOUGHT

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A CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION

Land & Buildings has offered a 4-pronged, detailed approach to restoring Ventas to blue-chip status – the substance of which was repeatedly discussed with the Company over the past roughly 4 months

Since Campaign Began In November 2021, L&B Has Offered No Substantive Ideas to Drive Value For All Ventas Shareholders Nearly one month passed, Jan 7 & 10 from late January to late L&B counsel requests copy Ms. Cafaro and Bob Probst, CFO. NCG Committee interviews Mr. Litt L&B leaks info to WSJ about February hold call with Mr. Litt: Ventas asks of director nomination Mr. Litt's efforts to secure a board Mr. Litt was asked to provide references and seat at Ventas. WSJ article published questionnaire with no for suggestions L&B did not make never did so engagement during prior Mr. Litt did not raise any March 7 substantive or strategic following Ventas's Mr. Litt emails Debra Cafaro Jan 11 recommendations, other than settlement proposal Coinciding with the beginning of the requesting meeting his joining the Board Board informs Mr. Litt that neither L&B Citi conference, L&B issues a press Ms. Cafaro responds and candidates meet the Ventas Board's standards release and files a preliminary proxy schedules meeting Feb 24 nominating Mr. Litt; discloses Notwithstanding Mr. Litt's ownership position of ~0.2% L&B submits formal nomination silence, Ms. Cafaro once Nov. 30 Ventas attempts to continue constructive notice naming two directors - Mr. again reaches out to Mr. Litt L&B withdraws second nominee. dialogue with Mr. Litt. including settlement Company provides requested Litt and Ms. Applebaum, a retired Michelle Applebaum from slate reiterating willingness to director questionnaire steel and metals analyst continue discussions a) Providing Mr. Litt access to the Company to provide perspectives and views March 14 Late November b) Seeking L&B input on Company's ongoing Ventas files its preliminary proxy Dec 15 L&B moves shares into record Board enhancement and succession Ventas offers to enter into position confidentiality agreement to engage in potential settlement discussions Reviewing scope of responsibilities of Ventas issues a press release, mails Board's Investment Committee L&B refused to enter a letter to shareholders and files its confidentiality agreement After learning that Mr. Litt would not be definitive proxy immediately appointed to the Ventas Board, L&B declared an 'impasse' and Land & Buildings has attempted multiples times to restart a constructive

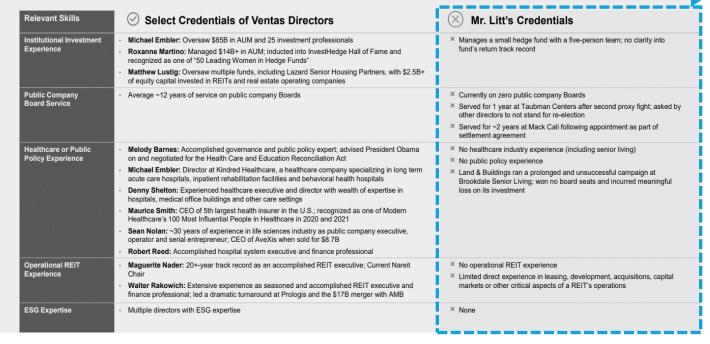
dialogue, including in early April when Mr. Litt reached out to CEO Cafaro, but was rebuffed and offered no concessions other than a repayment of expenses

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### JONATHAN LITT IS A UNIQUELY QUALIFIED DIRECTOR NOMINEE



We Thoroughly Evaluated Mr. Litt and Determined He Did Not Meet the Standards for Board Service



Mr. Litt has served on multiple REIT boards, and for the last 30 years has been an outspoken shareholder advocate as the #1-ranked analyst for 8 years by Institutional Investor magazine and as a leading activist in the REIT industry since 2012

#### WHY JONATHAN LITT IS THE RIGHT SHAREHOLDER REPRESENTATIVE

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#### UNPARALLELED EXPERTISE IN REIT FINANCIAL ANALYSIS, CAPITAL ALLOCATION AND GOVERNANCE IMPROVEME

- 30-year career researching, analyzing and investing in public and private real estate, including healthcare
  - Has followed Ventas since before its creation, covered the company and many other healthcare REITs as a sell-side REIT analyst
- Top-rated REIT analyst
  - Led the #1 Institutional Investor All American Real Estate Research Team for 8 years and was top ranked for 13 years while at Citigroup, PaineWebber and Salomon Brothers
- · Prior REIT Board experience
  - Has successfully joined boards in the past as a lone voice and generated positive change and shareholder value
  - Proven track record of driving governance improvements and holding management teams accountable
- · Investment results demonstrate capital allocation expertise
- Since inception, Land & Buildings' activist positions have materially outperformed the REIT universe



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Mr. Litt proactively sought to not stand for election at Taubman Centers (TCO) after achieving several major objectives and helped catalyze significant positive change at Brookdale Senior Living (BKD) including new management, several new board members and asset sales before the stock was derailed by the COVID-19 pandemic

### SELECTIVELY HIGHLIGHTING SHELTON'S RESUME



Land & Buildings Has Chosen to Target Our Presiding Director Denny Shelton, an Accomplished Healthcare Executive



#### James D. Shelton - Background & Credentials



- Joined the Ventas Board in March 2008 and has served as Presiding Director since May 2016
- Member of the Compensation and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees
- Served as Chair of Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, driving strong board refreshment, governance practices and ESG leadership, as well as board self-evaluation processes as Presiding Director
- In the Ventas boardroom, Shelton brings a wealth of expertise on hospitals, medical office buildings and other care settings, which collectively comprise 41% of the care of the collective of the compression of the care of the collective of the collect
- Best-in-class network of relationships in the highly complex healthcare ecosystem, including with many of Ventas's tenants
- Served as non-executive Chairman (2010-15) and interim CEO (2010-11) at Omnicare, as well as Chairman and CEO of Triad Hospitals (1999-2007)
- Previously was President of multiple groups of Columbia/HCA Healthcare (now HCA) and, before that, Executive Vice President of National Medical Enterprises (now Tenet Healthcare)

#### Triad Hospitals - Governance & Value Creation Case Study

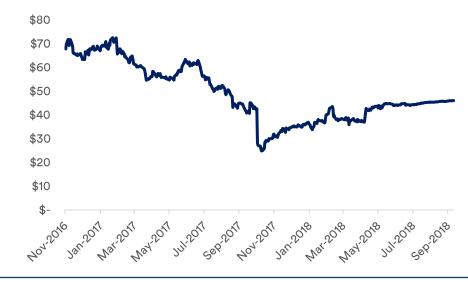
- Shelton led Triad Hospitals as Chairman and CEO from its 1999 spin-off from HCA, through its acquisition of Quorum Health Group in 2000 until its 2007 sale
- In 2007, Triad received a \$4.7bn buyout offer from Goldman Sachs and CCMP; shortly thereafter, Community Health Systems topped the bid, paying \$5.1bn in a deal that created the largest publicly traded U.S. hospital system
- Triad Hospitals delivered TSR of 321% from its 1999 spin-off through sale, outpacing the S&P 500's 28%

#### Omnicare - Governance & Value Creation Case Study

- In 2008, Shelton was elected to the Board of Omnicare, a provider of pharmaceutical services to elder-care facilities
- Shelton was tapped as Interim CEO in July 2010; following appointment of a permanent CEO in December 2010, Shelton was appointed non-executive Chairman
- In this role, Shelton took necessary steps to optimize performance; oversaw numerous management changes, including two CEO transitions
- Served in this role until Omnicare was acquired by CVS Health in 2015 for \$12.7bn
- Omnicare delivered TSR of 305% during Shelton's tenure as non-executive Chairman, far outpacing the S&P 500's 84%

On the Company's slide highlighting Mr. Shelton, Ventas fails to even mention his Director tenure at Envision Healthcare (NYSE: EVHC), a national medical group. EVHC was created following a public-to-public merger and declined 32% during his time on the Board (from December 2016 to October 2018), inclusive of its acquisition by KKR.

#### **EVHC Share Price Declined Materially Under Mr. Shelton's Tenure**



Source: Land & Buildings, SEC filings, Bloomberg

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