VENTAS INC Form 4 August 12, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

OMB Number: 3235-0287

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

Director

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

VENTAS INC [VTR]

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Symbol

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10% Owner

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

Doman Timothy A

(Last)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

(Middle)

111 SOUTE SUITE 480	`	08/08/2008					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)				
(Street) 4. If Ame Filed(Mon					te Origina	l		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
CHICAGO, IL 60606								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	on Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A) or			ed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	08/08/2008		Code	V V	Amount 2,968	(D)	\$ 0	3,138.131	D		
Common Stock	08/08/2008		G	V	2,968	A	\$ 0	3,417	I	By Trust	
Common Stock	08/08/2008		M		1,770	A	\$ 25.44	4,908.131	D		
Common Stock	08/08/2008		M		1,703	A	\$ 30.83	6,611.131	D		
Common Stock	08/08/2008		S <u>(1)</u>		3,473	D	\$ 46.15	3,169.226 <u>(2)</u>	D		

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 25.44	08/08/2008		M	1,770	01/21/2006(3)	01/21/2015	Common Stock	1,770
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.83	08/08/2008		M	1,703	01/27/2006(4)	01/27/2016	Common Stock	1,703

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Doman Timothy A

111 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 4800 CHICAGO, IL 60606

SVP-Asset Management

Signatures

Timothy A. Doman, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact

08/12/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1)

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On August 8, 2008, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported on Table I.

- (2) Includes 31.095 shares acquired between July 2, 2008 and August 11, 2008 under the Ventas Employee and Director Stock Purchase
- (3) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 5,310 on January 21, 2005, by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on January 21, 2006, January 21, 2007 and January 21, 2008.
- (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 5,109 on January 27, 2006, by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in three equal installments on January 27, 2006, January 27, 2007 and January 27, 2008.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of August 8, 2008.

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