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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549								OMB OMB Number:	3235-0287		
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(Print or Type I	Responses)										
			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					(Check all applicable)			
353 N. CLA 3300	ARK STREET, S	SUITE	(Month/D 01/27/2	-				Director X Officer (give below) EV		Owner r (specify	
	(Street) 4. If Ame Filed(Mon				nte Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
CHICAGO,	IL 60654							Form filed by M Person	ore than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-E	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	uired, Disposed of	or Beneficial	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date any (Month/Day/Year)			n Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securiti on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed	of (D)	Securities Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	01/27/2016			Code V A	Amount 14,714 (1)	(A) or (D) A	Price \$ 0	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 35,671	(Instr. 4) D		
Common Stock	01/27/2016			F	1,513 (2)	D	\$ 53.79	34,158	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 53.79	01/27/2016		А	33,592 (<u>3)</u>	01/27/2016(4)	01/27/2026	Common Stock	33,592

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Probst Robert F 353 N. CLARK STREET SUITE 3300 CHICAGO, IL 60654			EVP and CFO				
Signatures							
Robert F. Probst, By: T. Richar Attorney-In-Fact		01/29/2016					
**Signature of Reportin	g Person		Dat	e			

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) Restricted stock granted by Issuer pursuant to the Ventas, Inc. 2012 Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). This restricted stock vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of the grant.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to pay the taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on January 27, 2016 under the Plan.
- (3) Stock options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Plan.
- (4) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of the grant.

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