

VENTAS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**THEOBALD THOMAS C**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
227 WEST MONROE, STE. 3500  
(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**VENTAS INC [VTR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/01/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/01/2008		A	V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 220.994 (1) 45.25	18,048.994	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2008		A	V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 1,337 (2)	19,449.68 (3)	D	
Common Stock					3,000 (4)	I	By Trust
Common Stock					1,000 (5)	I	By Child

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number 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)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 45.25	01/01/2008		A	5,000 (6)	01/01/2008 <sup>(7)</sup> 01/01/2018	Common Stock 5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THEOBALD THOMAS C 227 WEST MONROE, STE. 3500 CHICAGO, IL 60606	X			

## Signatures

Thomas C. Theobald, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact 01/03/2008

\*\*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).
- Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in lieu of
- (1) Director fees pursuant to the Director's deferral election. Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.
  - (2) Restricted Stock Units granted pursuant to the 2006 Stock Plan for Directors ("the Stock Plan"). Such Units are payable solely in Common Stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Stock Plan. These Restricted Stock Units vest in two equal annual installments beginning January 1, 2009.
  - (3) Includes 63.686 Units acquired on December 28, 2007 under the Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to the dividend paid on Issuer's Common Stock on December 28, 2007.

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- (4) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 3,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (5) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 1,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (6) Stock Options granted pursuant to the Stock Plan.
- (7) These options vest in two equal annual installments beginning January 1, 2008.

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