

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)

8 SOUND SHORE DRIVE, SUITE 285

(Street)

GREENWICH, CT 06830

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**01/01/2009**

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/01/2009		A	(A) or (D) 2,059 (1)	\$ 0 23,108.449 (2)	D	
Common Stock					3,000 (3)	I	By Trust
Common Stock					1,000 (4)	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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.57	01/01/2009		A	5,000 (5)	01/01/2009(6) 01/01/2019	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THEOBALD THOMAS C 8 SOUND SHORE DRIVE, SUITE 285 GREENWICH, CT 06830		X		

## Signatures

Thomas C. Theobald, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact 01/05/2009

\_\_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) Restricted Stock Units granted by Issuer pursuant to the Ventas, Inc. 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 on the first anniversary of the date of grant.
  - (2) Includes 122.810 Units acquired on December 30, 2008 under the Ventas Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to the dividend on Issuer's common stock paid on December 30, 2008.
  - (3) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 3,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
  - (4) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 1,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.

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- (5) Stock Options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Stock Plan.
- (6) These options vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the date of grant.

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