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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * RINEY T RICHARD			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(and officers)		
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300			(Month/Day/Year) 08/16/2016	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Chief Admin. Off., GC		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reportin Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiom Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or Code V Amount (D) Price				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. 7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Beneficial Direct (D) Ownership or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	08/16/2016		M	37,631	A	\$ 46.88	176,170	D	
Common Stock	08/16/2016		S	37,631 (1)	D	\$ 73.0278	138,539	D	
Common Stock	08/16/2016		M	69,116	A	\$ 51.85	207,655	D	
Common Stock	08/16/2016		S	69,116 (1)	D	\$ 73.0278	138,539	D	
Common Stock	08/16/2016		S	9,000 (2)	D	\$ 73.0297	129,539	D	

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Common Stock	08/17/2016	M	10,995	A	\$ 51.85	140,534	D	
Common Stock	08/17/2016	S	10,995 (3)	D	\$ 72.8899	129,539	D	
Common Stock	08/17/2016	M	42,708	A	\$ 55.5	172,247	D	
Common Stock	08/17/2016	S	42,708 (3)	D	\$ 72.8899	129,539	D	
Common Stock						70,000	I	By Spouse
Common Stock						1,300	I	By IRA

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)	\$ 46.88	08/16/2016		M	37,631	01/18/2012(4)	01/18/2022	Common Stock	37,631
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.85	08/16/2016		M	69,116	01/29/2014(5)	01/29/2024	Common Stock	69,110
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 51.85	08/17/2016		M	10,995	01/29/2014(5)	01/29/2024	Common Stock	10,995
	\$ 55.5	08/17/2016		M	42,708	01/23/2013(6)	01/23/2023		42,708

Stock
Option
(Right to

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

RINEY T RICHARD 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE., KY 40223

EVP, Chief Admin. Off., GC Common

Stock

Signatures

Buy)

T. Richard 08/18/2016 Riney

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).
 - On August 16, 2016, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported in Table I. The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold
- (1) by the Reporting Person in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$72.79 to \$73.66, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide Issuer, any security holder of Issuer or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (1).
 - On August 16, 2016, the Reporting Person transmitted to the SEC a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported in Table I. The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold by the Reporting Person in multiple
- (2) transactions at prices ranging from \$72.87 to \$73.56, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide Issuer, any security holder of Issuer or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (2).
 - On August 16, 2016, the Reporting Person transmitted to the SEC a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported in Table I. The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold by the Reporting Person in multiple
- (3) transactions at prices ranging from \$72.65 to \$73.21, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide Issuer, any security holder of Issuer or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (3).
- (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant by the Issuer to the Reporting Person which vested in three equal annual installments beginning on January 18, 2012.
- (5) These options were part of a previously reported grant by the Issuer to the Reporting Person which vested in three equal annual installments beginning on January 29, 2014.
- (6) These options were part of a previously reported grant by the Issuer to the Reporting Person which vested in three equal annual installments beginning on January 23, 2013.

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