

VENTAS INC

Form 4

January 29, 2016

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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*See Instruction*  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Cobb John D.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

353 N. CLARK STREET, SUITE  
3300

(Street)

CHICAGO., IL 60654

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

VENTAS INC [VTR]

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

01/27/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP, Chief Investment Off.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/27/2016		A	(A) or (D) Amount 13,581 (1)	\$ 0	64,365	D
Common Stock	01/27/2016		F	(2) 1,407	\$ 53.79	62,958	D
Common Stock	01/27/2016		S(3)	2,700	\$ 55.66	60,258	D
Common Stock	01/29/2016		F	(4) 1,005	\$ 55.32	59,253	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. 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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 53.79	01/27/2016		A		31,005 (5)		01/27/2016 <sup>(6)</sup>	01/27/2026	Common Stock	31,005

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Cobb John D. 353 N. CLARK STREET, SUITE 3300 CHICAGO,, IL 60654	EVP, Chief Investment Off.

## Signatures

John D. Cobb, By: T. Richard Riney,  
Attorney-In-Fact 01/29/2016

\_\_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 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) On January 27, 2016, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported in Table I.
- (4) Represents shares withheld to pay the taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on January 29, 2014 under the Plan.
- (5) Stock options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Plan.

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(6) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of the grant.

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