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FORM 4

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

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Cobb John D.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

VENTAS INC [VTR]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

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

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

353 N. CLARK STREET, SUITE

3300

05/04/2016

EVP, Chief Investment Off.

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(Instr. 4)

Person

below)

CHICAGO,, IL 60654

(City) (State) (Zip)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (T)

(A)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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

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(Instr. 4)

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

(Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A)

or Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

(A)

Code V

(D) Date Exercisable Expiration

Title Date

Amount or Number of Share

Stock

Option (Right to Buy)

\$ 65.45 05/04/2016

31,005 A (1)

05/04/2016(2) 05/04/2026

Common

31,00 Stock

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

05/05/2016

**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) Stock options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Ventas, Inc. 2012 Incentive Plan.
- (2) These options vest one-third on the date of grant, one-third on January 27, 2017 and one-third on January 27, 2018.

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