VENTAS INC Form 4 February 23, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * PASQUALE DOUGLAS M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]				ng	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last)	(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Check all applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)					_X_ Director	10%	Owner
353 N. CLARK STREET, SUITE 3300			02/21/2017					Officer (give below)	title Other below)	er (specify
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line)		
								X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
CHICAGO, IL 60654										
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Dee Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution (Instr. 3) any							-	5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. N		
			n Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				Securities Beneficially	Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Benefic	Indirect Beneficial	
(Instr. 3)		2	Day/Year) (Instr. 8)			3)	Owned	Ownership		
								Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
						(A)		Reported Transaction(s)		
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common							\$			
Stock	02/21/2017			M	5,000	Α	40.91	109,022	D	
Common Stock	02/21/2017			S	5,000 (1)	D	\$ 62.9	104,022	D	
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Common Stock								4,326	I	By IRA

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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. Transactic 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)	\$ 40.91	02/21/2017		M	5,000	12/31/2011(2)	02/15/2021	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
PASQUALE DOUGLAS M 353 N. CLARK STREET						
SUITE 3300	X					
CHICAGO, IL 60654						

Signatures

Douglas M. Pasquale, By. T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact

**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) On February 22, 2017, 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.

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- (2) These options were part of a previously reported grant by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that became fully vested on December 31, 2011.
- (3) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of February 21, 2017.

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