

VENTAS INC  
Form 8-K  
August 14, 2008

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): August 11, 2008**

**VENTAS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**1-10989**  
(Commission File Number)

**61-1055020**  
(IRS Employer  
  
Identification No.)

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111 South Wacker Drive, Suite 4800, Chicago, Illinois  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60606  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (877) 483-6827

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) *Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.*  
Not applicable.

(b) *Pro Forma Financial Information.*  
Not applicable.

(c) *Shell Company Transactions.*  
Not applicable.

(d) *Exhibits:*

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>  |
|---------------------------|---|
| 1.1                       | Underwriting Agreement dated August 11, 2008 among Ventas, Inc., Ventas Realty, Limited Partnership and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated. |
| 5.1                       | Opinion of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.  |

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

VENTAS, INC.

Date: August 13, 2008

By: /s/ T. Richard Riney  
T. Richard Riney  
Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer,

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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