

VENTAS INC
Form 4
January 24, 2008

FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SCHWEINHART RICHARD A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,
SUITE 300**

(Street)

LOUISVILLE, KY 40223

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

VENTAS INC [VTR]

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

01/22/2008

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 Fin. Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 (A) 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	01/22/2008		A	(A) or (D) Amount 17,441 (1)	\$ 0	87,146.26 (2)	D
Common Stock					1,605	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. 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)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 41.54	01/22/2008		A	82,140 (3)	01/22/2008(4) 01/22/2018	Common Stock 82,140

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
SCHWEINHART RICHARD A 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223	Director 10% Owner Officer EVP & Chief Fin. Officer

Signatures

Richard A. Schweinhart, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact 01/24/2008

__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) These shares represent restricted shares granted under the Ventas, Inc. 2006 Incentive Plan (the "Plan") on January 22, 2008. These shares vest in cumulative 1/3 annual installments beginning on January 22, 2008.
- (2) Includes 97.345 shares acquired between November 3, 2007 and January 23, 2008 under the Ventas Employee and Director Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) These stock options represent stock options granted under the Plan on January 22, 2008.
- (4) These options vest in cumulative 1/3 annual installments beginning on January 22, 2008.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of January 22, 2008.

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