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<i>See</i> Instruction 1(b). 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940												
(Print or Type	e Responses)											
				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading 5. 1 Symbol Iss VENTAS INC [VTR]					ionship of Reporting Person(s) to			
(Last)	(First) (I	Middle)	3. Date of	of Earliest Tra	ansaction			(Check all applicable)				
(Mo				(Month/Day/Year) _> 01/12/2015 ->				X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman and CEO				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		ansaction Date 2A. Deemed			Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	01/12/2015			М	9,848	А	\$ 28.96	14,848	Ι	By Trust		
Common Stock	01/12/2015			S <u>(1)(2)</u>	9,848	D	\$ 77.0067	5,000	Ι	By Trust		
Common Stock	01/13/2015			М	7,919	А	\$ 28.96	12,919	Ι	By Trust		
Common Stock	01/13/2015			S <u>(1)</u>	7,919	D	\$ 77	5,000 <u>(3)</u>	Ι	By Trust		
Common Stock								507,086	D			

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	ransaction of Derivative ode Securities		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)	\$ 28.96	01/12/2015		М		9,848 <u>(4)</u>	01/21/2009	01/21/2019	Common Stock	9,848
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 28.96	01/13/2015		М		7,919 	01/21/2009	01/21/2019	Common Stock	7,919

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
I B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
CAFARO DEBRA A 353 N. CLARK STREET SUITE 3300 CHICAGO, IL 60654	Х		Chairman and CEO						
Signatures									
Debra A. Cafaro, By: T. Richa Attorney-In-Fact		01/14/2015							
<u>**</u> Signature of Reporting	ng Person		Date						

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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).
- On January 12, 2015, The Debra A. Cafaro Insurance Trust (the "Trust")(of which Reporting Person's spouse is the trustee) transmitted to
 (1) the SEC a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported in Table I. The shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated October 2, 2014 entered into by the Trust.

The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold by the Trust in multiple transactions at prices ranging(2) from \$77.00 to \$77.05, inclusive. The Trust undertakes to provide Issuer, any security holder of Issuer or the staff of the SEC, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (2).

- (3) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 5,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (4) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 173,301 on January 21, 2009 by the Issuer to the Reporting Person (a portion of which was subsequently gifted to the Trust) that vested in three equal annual installments beginning on January 21, 2009.
- (5) As of January 13, 2015, Reporting Person owns options to purchase an aggregate of 1,056,527 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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