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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LUSTIG MATTHEW J Issuer Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction X_ Director (Month/Day/Year) 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA 01/01/2017 below) (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 NEW YORK, NY 10020 Person

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securities Acquired (A)			5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	istr. 8)			Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
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					(4)		Reported	(I)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
					or		(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	,		
Common Stock	01/01/2017		A	359.885 (1)	A	\$ 62.52	23,086.851 (2)	D	
Common Stock	01/01/2017		A	900 (3)	A	\$ 0	23,986.851 (4)	D	

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

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

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

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LUSTIG MATTHEW J 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA	X						
NEW YORK, NY 10020							

Signatures

Matthew J. Lustig, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact
01/04/2017

**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).
- Common stock in the form of units granted under the Ventas Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Deferred (1) Plan") in lieu of director fees pursuant to the director's deferral election. Such units are payable solely in common stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the director's deferral election and the Deferred Plan.
- (2) Includes 116.773 units acquired on December 30, 2016 under the Deferred Plan as a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to the dividend on Issuer's common stock paid on December 30, 2016.
- Restricted stock units granted by Issuer pursuant to the Ventas, Inc. 2012 Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Such units are payable solely in common stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the director's deferral election and the Plan. These restricted stock units vest in two equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.
- (4) As of January 1, 2017, Reporting Person owns options to purchase an aggregate of 9,731 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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