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1(b). (Print or Type F	Responses)										
CAFARO DEBRA A Symbol				uer Name and Ticker or Trading l ΓAS INC [VTR]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				(Chee	sheek an approable)			
353 N. CLA 3300	RK STREET,	SUITE	(Month/D 01/27/20	-				X Director X Officer (give below) Chair		Owner er (specify	
				endment, Date Original nth/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(CheckApplicable Line)_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
CHICAGO,	IL 60654							Form filed by M Person	lore than One Re	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Aca	uired, Disposed of	or Beneficial	lv Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction D (Month/Day/Yea	ar) Executio any		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi	ties A ispose 4 and (A)	cquired d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of	
Common Stock	01/27/2017			Code V F	Amount 8,265 (1)	or (D) D	Price \$ 61.08	(Instr. 3 and 4) 719,835 (2)	D		
Common Stock								5,000 <u>(3)</u>	I	By Trust	

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr.	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
I 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. Richar Attorney-In-Fact	rd Riney,		01/30/2017					

<u>**</u>Signature of Reporting Person

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) Represents shares withheld to pay the taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on January 27, 2016 under the Ventas, Inc. 2012 Incentive Plan.

Date

- (2) As of January 27, 2017, Reporting Person owns options to purchase an aggregate of 2,790,859 shares of Issuer's common stock.
- (3) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.

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