Reed Robert D. Form 4 September 17, 2018

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Reed Robert D. | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|---|-------|--|--|--|------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) 353 N. CLA 3300 | (First) (S | | 3. Date of (Month/Date) 09/17/20 | - | ansaction | | | _X_ Director Officer (give below) | 10% | Owner r (specify | |
| CHICAGO, | (Street) IL 60654 | | | ndment, Da th/Day/Year | _ | 1 | | 6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M Person | One Reporting Per | rson | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | rities Acq | uired, Disposed of | , or Beneficial | y Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Date, if | 3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi on(A) or Di (Instr. 3, | ispose 4 and (A) or | d of (D) 5) Price | 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 | 09/17/2018 | | | M | 5,940 | A | \$ 20.26 | 41,166.617 | D | | |

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)

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| 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. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (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) | \$ 28.26 | 09/17/2018 | | M | 5,940 | 01/01/2009(1) | 01/01/2019 | Common Stock | 5,940 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| Reed Robert D. 353 N. CLARK STREET SUITE 3300 CHICAGO, IL 60654 | X | | | | | |

Signatures

Robert D. Reed, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact

09/17/2018

**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 options vested in two equal annual installments beginning on January 1, 2009.

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