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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
			VENTAS INC [VTR]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (Middle) 3	. Date of	Earliest Tr	ansaction						
		`		ay/Year)				_X_ Director		Owner	
353 N. CLA 3300	ARK STREET, S	UITE 0)4/12/2(018				Officer (give below)	below)	r (specify	
(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			
CHICAGO.	, IL 60654							Person	iore man One Ke	porting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acqı	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	e 2A. Deeme	d	3.	4. Securit	ies Ac	quired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution I	Execution Date, if		Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)			Securities	Ownership	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any		Code	(Instr. 3, 4	and 5	5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct		
		(Month/Day	//Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	(D) or	Ownership	
								Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)	
						(A)		Reported	(Instr. 4)		
						or		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Ilisti. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	04/12/2018			A	163.59	A	\$ 48.35	30,233.682	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title a	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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						Exercisable		of			
				Code V	(A) (D)			SI	hares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
SHELTON JAMES D 353 N. CLARK STREET SUITE 3300 CHICAGO, IL 60654	X						

Signatures

James D. Shelton, By: T. Richard Riney, 04/13/2018 Attorney-In-Fact

> **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 "Plan") as (1) a result of dividend equivalents credited with respect to the dividend on Issuer's common stock paid on April 12, 2018. Such units are payable solely in common stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the director's deferral election and the Plan.
- (2) As of April 12, 2018, Reporting Person owns options to purchase an aggregate of 23,760 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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