

VENTAS INC  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
THEOBALD THOMAS C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

8 SOUND SHORE DRIVE, SUITE 285

(Street)

GREENWICH,, CT 06830

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
VENTAS INC [VTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/09/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/09/2011		M	5,000 A \$ 27.09	21,949.449	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2011		M	5,000 A \$ 32.02	26,949.449	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2011		S <sup>(1)</sup>	10,000 D \$ 53.3043	16,949.449	D	
Common Stock					3,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By Trust
Common Stock					1,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Child

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.09	12/09/2011		M	5,000	01/03/2005 <sup>(4)</sup> 01/03/2015	Common Stock	5,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.02	12/09/2011		M	5,000	01/01/2006 <sup>(5)</sup> 01/01/2016	Common Stock	5,000

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THEOBALD THOMAS C 8 SOUND SHORE DRIVE, SUITE 285 GREENWICH,, CT 06830		X		

### Signatures

Thomas C. Theobald, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact 12/13/2011

\*\*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)

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On December 9, 2011, the Reporting Person transmitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission a Form 144 covering the sale of the Issuer's common stock reported on Table 1. The price reported in column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold by the Reporting Person in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$53.29 to \$53.32, inclusive. Reporting Person undertakes to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote (1).

- (2) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 3,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (3) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 1,000 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 5,000 on January 3, 2005, by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in two equal installments on January 3, 2005 and January 3, 2006.
- (5) These options were part of a previously reported grant of 5,000 on January 1, 2006, by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested in two equal installments on January 1, 2006 and January 1, 2007.
- (6) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of December 9, 2011.

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