

Doman Timothy A
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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 *
 Doman Timothy A

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 111 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE,
 SUITE 4800
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/13/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP-Asset Management

CHICAGO, IL 60606

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/13/2010		M	8,672 A \$ 21.57	18,863.73	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2010		S ⁽¹⁾	8,672 D \$ 49.3513	10,234.54 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock					3,417 ⁽³⁾	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. 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)	\$ 21.57	05/13/2010		M	8,672	02/27/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/27/2019	Common Stock	8,672

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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SVP-Asset Management

Signatures

Timothy A. Doman, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact

05/17/2010

__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) On May 13, 2010, 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 I.
- (2) Includes 42.81 shares acquired between March 2, 2010 and May 14, 2010, under the Ventas Employee and Director Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 3,417 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 13,007 on February 27, 2009, by the Issuer to the Reporting Person that vested or vest in three equal annual installments on February 27, 2009, February 27, 2010 and February 27, 2011.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held directly by the Reporting Person as of May 13, 2010. Reporting Person also owns a total of 13,355 unexercised stock options indirectly by trust.

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