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Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

Name and Address of Repor LEWIS RAYMOND J	ting Person *	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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
		(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
353 N. CLARK STREET, SUITE 3300		01/23/2013	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
			President		
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
CHICAGO,, IL 60654		Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			Beneficially Form: Direction Owned (D) or	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/23/2013		A	28,348 (1)	A	\$ 0	175,070	D	
Common Stock	01/23/2013		F	4,436 (2)	D	\$ 65.93	170,634	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)

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 orderivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 65.93	01/23/2013		A	78,994 (3)	01/23/2013(4)	01/23/2023	Common Stock	78,994

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
LEWIS RAYMOND J 353 N. CLARK STREET, SUITE 3300 CHICAGO,, IL 60654			President				

Signatures

Raymond J. Lewis, By: T. Richard Riney,
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).
- (1) Restricted stock granted by Issuer pursuant to the Ventas, Inc. 2012 Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). This restricted stock vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of the grant.
- (2) Represents shares withheld to pay the taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted on January 23, 2013 under the Plan.
- (3) Stock options granted by Issuer pursuant to the Plan.
- (4) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the date of the grant.
- (5) Represents total number of unexercised stock options held by the Reporting Person as of January 23, 2013.

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