

VENTAS INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Wood Brian K		(Month/Day/Year)	VENTAS INC [VTR]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE,			(Check all applicable)	
SUITE 300			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(Street)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			Senior Vice President	
LOUISVILLE,Â KYÂ	40223			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	13,950.218	D	Â
Common Stock	2,527	I	By IRA

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/30/2004 ⁽¹⁾	01/30/2013	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 11.2	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/14/2005 ⁽²⁾	01/14/2014	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 23.47	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	01/21/2006 ⁽³⁾	01/21/2015	Common Stock	6,550	\$ 25.44	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Wood Brian K 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE, KY 40223	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

Signatures

Brian K. Wood, By: T. Richard Riney,
Attorney-In-Fact

02/26/2007

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 three equal annual installments beginning on January 30, 2004.
- (2) These options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on January 14, 2005.
- (3) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 21, 2006.

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