VENTAS INC Form 4 April 09, 2008

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading CAFARO DEBRA A Issuer Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, 04/07/2008 below) SUITE 300 Chairman, President and CEO (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 LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223 Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-De	rivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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 n (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or		5. Amount of Securities Ownership Form: Direct Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
a			Code V	Amount		Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	04/07/2008		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 46.98	770,736	D	
Common Stock	04/07/2008		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.03	770,636	D	
Common Stock	04/07/2008		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.07	770,536	D	
Common Stock	04/07/2008		S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.08	770,436	D	
Common Stock	04/07/2008		S(1)(2)	500	D	\$ 47.09	769,936	D	

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Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.1	769,836	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.11	769,736	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.17	769,636	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.19	769,536	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.2	769,436	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 47.24	769,236	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.28	769,136	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.34	769,036	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 47.35	768,436	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 47.37	768,236	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 47.38	768,036	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 47.39	767,736	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	600	D	\$ 47.4	767,136	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 47.41	766,836	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.42	766,736	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 47.44	766,536	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	300	D	\$ 47.46	766,236	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 47.49	766,036	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 47.5	765,836	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.51	765,736	D
	04/07/2008	$S_{\underline{(1)(2)}}$	100	D		765,636	D

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Common Stock					\$ 47.53		
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.54	765,536	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	100	D	\$ 47.57	735,436	D
Common Stock	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 47.58	765,236	D
Common Stock (3)	04/07/2008	S(1)(2)	200	D	\$ 47.59	765,036	D

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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. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	5. nNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Tit. Amou Under Secur (Instr	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
CAFARO DEBRA A 10350 ORMSBY PARK PLACE, SUITE 300 LOUISVILLE,, KY 40223	X		Chairman, President and CEO					

Signatures

Debra A. Cafaro, By: T. Richard Riney, Attorney-In-Fact 04/09/2008

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**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 January 10, 2008, 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) These shares are being sold pursuant to a written non-discretionary Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan dated November 15, 2007.
- (3) Please see the Reporting Person's subsequent Form 4 filing dated the date hereof which contains additional transactions which are part of one aggregate direction under the Rule 10b5-1(c) sales plan described in Footnote (2).

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