

Cozzi Vincent M.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Cozzi Vincent M. | | (Month/Day/Year) | VENTAS INC [VTR] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 09/13/2010 | |
| 111 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 4800 | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| CHICAGO,Â ILÂ 60606 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | Senior Vice President | |

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 | 8,449 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Title | | | |

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| | Expiration Date | Amount or Number of Shares | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 01/22/2008 ⁽¹⁾ 01/22/2018 | Common Stock 7,539 \$ 41.54 | D Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 02/27/2009 ⁽²⁾ 02/27/2019 | Common Stock 7,764 \$ 21.57 | D Â |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | 02/26/2010 ⁽³⁾ 02/26/2020 | Common Stock 3,594 \$ 44.19 | D Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Cozzi Vincent M. 111 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 4800 CHICAGO, IL 60606 | Â | Â | Â Senior Vice President | Â |

Signatures

Vincent M. Cozzi, By: T. Richard Riney,
 Attorney-In-Fact 09/22/2010
 **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 22, 2008.
- (2) These options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on February 27, 2009.
- (3) These options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on February 26, 2010.

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