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Form 5 obligation may cont <i>See</i> Instru 1(b).	ns Section 1 inue. action	Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940										
(Print or Type F 1. Name and A LUSTIG MA	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTAS INC [VTR]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer					
(Last) 30 ROCKER	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/05/2011						(Check all applicable) <u>X</u> Director Officer (give title below) below) (Check all applicable) 10% Owner Other (specify below)					
				endment, I nth/Day/Ye		e Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	le I - Non-	-De	erivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Da (Month/Day/Yea	r) Execution any		3. Transact Code (Instr. 8) Code	tioı)	4. Securiti (A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4) Amount	posed	l of (D)	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)	
Common Stock	12/05/2011			A		29.059 (1)	A	\$ 51.62	3,444.298	D		
Common Stock									24,770,619 (2) (3) (4)	I	See Footnote (2) (3)	

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date	Secur	unt of rlying	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address Director 10% Owner Officer Other LUSTIG MATTHEW J **30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA** Х NEW YORK,, NY 10020 Signatures Matthew J. Lustig, By: T. Richard Riney, 12/07/2011 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).

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Common stock in the form of Units granted under the Ventas Nonemployee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan") in (1)lieu of Director fees pursuant to the Director's deferral election. Such Units are payable solely in common stock and subject to the terms and conditions of the Director's deferral election and the Plan.

Prometheus Senior Quarters LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Prometheus"), Lazard Senior Housing Partners LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("LSHP"), and LSHP Coinvestment Partnership I LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("LSHP Coinvest"), collectively, may be deemed to beneficially own 24,770,619 shares of common stock. The Managing Members of Prometheus are LFSRI II-CADIM Alternative Partnership L.P., LF Strategic Realty Investors II L.P. and LFSRI II Alternative Partnership L.P., each a Delaware limited

(2) partnership, and Lazard Freres Real Estate Investors L.L.C., a New York limited liability company ("LFREI"), is the general partner of each such limited partnership. Lazard Senior Housing Partners GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("LSHP GP"), is the general partner of LSHP. LSHP Coinvestment I GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("LSHP Coinvest GP"), is the general partner of LSHP Coinvest.

[Continued from previous] Lazard Alternative Investments LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("LAI"), is the managing member of each of LFREI, LSHP GP and LSHP Coinvest GP. In his capacity as Managing Director of LAI, Managing Principal of LFREI and

(3) Managing Principal and Chief Executive Officer of each of LSHP GP and LSHP Coinvest GP, Mr. Lustig may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the securities reported herein. Mr. Lustig expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, if any.

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(4) As of December 5, 2011, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 3,191 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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