

VENTAS INC
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): May 6, 2008

VENTAS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

1-10989
(Commission File Number)

61-1055020
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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10350 Ormsby Park Place, Suite 300, Louisville, Kentucky
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

40223
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (502) 357-9000

Not Applicable

Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 6, 2008, Ventas, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing its results of operations for the quarter ended March 31, 2008.

A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated in this Item 2.02 by reference.

The press release states that the Company's normalized funds from operations (FFO) for the first quarter ended March 31, 2008 were \$92.4 million, or \$0.68 per diluted common share, as compared to \$72.1 million, or \$0.68 per diluted common share, for the first quarter ended March 31, 2007. FFO per diluted common share, as defined by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, was \$0.75 in the first quarter of 2008, compared to \$0.73 in the first quarter of 2007. The Company's funds available for distribution (FAD) for the first quarter ended March 31, 2008 were \$87.8 million, or \$0.64 per diluted common share, as compared to \$67.8 million, or \$0.64 per diluted common share, for the first quarter ended March 31, 2007. The Company's net income applicable to common shares for the first quarter of 2008 was \$32.1 million, or \$0.23 per diluted common share (including income from discontinued operations of \$1.0 million), versus \$45.1 million, or \$0.42 per diluted common share (including income from discontinued operations of \$1.5 million), for the comparable period in 2007.

The press release also states that the Company expects its normalized FFO for the year ending December 31, 2008 to be between \$2.75 and \$2.82 per diluted common share, and its FAD for the same period to be between \$2.56 and \$2.63 per diluted common share. The Company expects its net income applicable to common shares for 2008 to be between \$1.36 and \$1.43 per diluted common share.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Current Report on Form 8-K includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements regarding the Company's and its subsidiaries expected future financial position, results of operations, cash flows, funds from operations, dividends and dividend plans, financing plans, business strategy, budgets, projected costs, capital expenditures, competitive positions, acquisitions, investment opportunities, merger integration, growth opportunities, expected lease income, continued qualification as a real estate investment trust (REIT), plans and objectives of management for future operations and statements that include words such as anticipate, if, believe, plan, estimate, expect, intend, should, will and other similar expressions are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain, and security holders must recognize that actual results may differ from the Company's expectations. The Company does not undertake a duty to update these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made.

The Company's actual future results and trends may differ materially depending on a variety of factors discussed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Factors that may affect the Company's plans or results include without limitation: (a) the ability and willingness of the Company's operators, tenants, borrowers, managers and other third parties, as applicable, to meet and/or perform the obligations under their various contractual arrangements with the Company; (b) the ability and willingness of Kindred Healthcare, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, Kindred), Brookdale Living Communities, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, Brookdale) and Alterra Healthcare Corporation (together with its subsidiaries, Alterra) to meet and/or perform their obligations to indemnify, defend and hold the Company harmless from and against various claims, litigation and liabilities under the Company's respective contractual arrangements with Kindred, Brookdale and Alterra; (c) the ability of the Company's operators, tenants, borrowers and managers, as applicable, to maintain the financial strength and liquidity necessary to satisfy their respective obligations and liabilities to third parties, including without limitation obligations under their existing credit facilities; (d) the Company's success in implementing its business strategy and its ability to identify, underwrite, consummate, finance and integrate diversifying acquisitions or investments, including those in different asset types and outside the United States; (e) the nature and extent of future competition; (f) the extent of future or pending healthcare reform and regulation, including cost containment measures and changes in reimbursement policies, procedures and rates; (g) increases in the Company's cost of borrowing; (h) the ability of the Company's operators and managers, as applicable, to deliver high quality services, to attract and retain qualified personnel and to attract residents and patients; (i) the results of litigation affecting the Company; (j) changes in general economic conditions and/or economic conditions in the markets in which the Company may, from time to time, compete; (k) the Company's ability to pay down, refinance, restructure and/or extend its indebtedness as it becomes due; (l) the movement of interest rates and the resulting impact on the value of and the accounting for the Company's interest rate swap agreement; (m) the Company's ability and willingness to maintain its qualification as a REIT due to economic, market, legal, tax or other considerations; (n) final determination of the Company's taxable net income for the year ended December 31, 2007 and for the year ending December 31, 2008; (o) the ability and willingness of the Company's tenants to renew their leases with the Company upon expiration of the leases and the Company's ability to relet its properties on the same or better terms in the event such leases expire and are not renewed by the existing tenants; (p) risks associated with the Company's seniors housing communities managed by Sunrise Senior Living, Inc. (Sunrise), including the timely delivery of accurate property-level financial results for the Company's properties; (q) factors causing volatility in the Company's revenues generated by its seniors housing communities managed by Sunrise, including without limitation national and regional economic conditions, costs of materials, energy, labor and services, employee benefit costs and professional and general liability claims; (r) the movement of U.S. and Canadian exchange rates; (s) year-over-year changes in the Consumer Price Index and the effect of those changes on the rent escalators, including the rent escalator for Master Lease 2 with Kindred, and the Company's earnings; (t) the impact on the liquidity, financial condition and results of operations of the Company's operators, tenants, borrowers and managers, as applicable, resulting from increased operating costs and uninsured liabilities for professional liability claims, and the ability of the Company's operators, tenants, borrowers and managers to accurately estimate the magnitude of such liabilities; (u) the impact of market or issuer events on the liquidity or value of the Company's investments in marketable securities; and (v) the impact of the Sunrise strategic review process and accounting, legal and regulatory issues. Many of these factors are beyond the Company's control and the control of its management.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Supplemental information regarding the Company's portfolio of seniors housing and healthcare assets for the quarter ended March 31, 2008 is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.2 and incorporated in this Item 7.01 by reference.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

Effective May 19, 2008, the Company's principal executive office will be relocated from Louisville, Kentucky to its office in Chicago, Illinois. The Louisville office will continue to be the Company's largest location, with more than 60% of the Company's employees.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) *Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.*

Not applicable.

(b) *Pro Forma Financial Information.*

Not applicable.

(c) *Shell Company Transactions.*

Not applicable.

(d) *Exhibits:*

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press release issued by the Company on May 6, 2008. |
| 99.2 | Ventas, Inc. First Quarter 2008 Supplemental Data. |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

VENTAS, INC.

Date: May 6, 2008

By: /s/ T. Richard Riney
T. Richard Riney
Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General
Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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