

Cozzi Vincent M.  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 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 <sup>(1)</sup> 01/22/2018	Common Stock 7,539 \$ 41.54	D Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/27/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/27/2019	Common Stock 7,764 \$ 21.57	D Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/26/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 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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