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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549						OMB Number:	3235-0287		
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Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). 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 I	Responses)								
1. Name and A THEOBAL	2. Issuer Name an Symbol VENTAS INC [Trading	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest T	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Check an applicable)			
8 SOUND SHORE DRIVE, SUITE 03/03/20 285			nth/Day/Year)X_Dir D3/2008Office below)			give title 0ther (specify below)			
	(Street)	4. If Amendment, D	4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
Filed(Month/Day/Year) GREENWICH, CT 06830					Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-	Derivative S	Securities A	equired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		ion Date, if Transacti Code		ies Acquired sposed of (D) 4 and 5) (A)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
G		Code V	Amount	or (D) Pric	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	03/03/2008	А	23.546 (1)	A \$ 42.4	7 19,556.753	D			
Common Stock					3,000 (2)	Ι	By Trust		
Common Stock					1,000 (3) (4)	Ι	By Child		

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacc Code (Instr. 8)	5. tionNumber of Derivativ Securitie Acquirec (A) or Disposec of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day, ve es d d	Date	Amou Under Secur	le and unt of rlying rities . 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
Repo	rting O	wners		Code N	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Fg - 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
THEOBALD THOMAS C 8 SOUND SHORE DRIVE, SUITE 285 GREENWICH, CT 06830	Х					
Signatures						
Thomas C. Theobald, By: T. Richard Rine Attorney-In-Fact		03/05/2008				
** Signature of Reporting Person			I	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).

Common Stock in the form of Units granted under the Non-Employee Director Deferred Stock Compensation Plan (the "Plan"), in lieu of
 (1) 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.

- (2) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 3,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (3) Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these 1,000 shares except to the extent of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the shares.
- (4) As of March 3, 2008, Reporting Person also owns options to purchase 35,000 shares of Issuer's common stock.

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