

VENTAS INC
Form 8-K
May 16, 2014

**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 15, 2014**

VENTAS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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| Delaware | 1-10989 | 61-1055020 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| 353 N. Clark Street, Suite 3300, Chicago, Illinois | 60654 | |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code) | |

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: **(877) 483-6827**

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:

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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 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Ventas, Inc. (the “Company”) was held on May 15, 2014.

Proxies for the Annual Meeting were solicited pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Set forth below are the voting results for the proposals considered and voted upon at the Annual Meeting, all of which were described in the Company’s definitive Proxy Statement, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 4, 2014:

1. The election of ten directors to terms expiring at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

| Nominee | For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Debra A. Cafaro | 235,588,450 | 4,117,888 | 10,307,852 | 18,383,299 |
| Douglas Crocker II | 236,771,604 | 13,016,233 | 226,353 | 18,383,299 |
| Ronald G. Geary | 236,903,287 | 12,880,777 | 230,126 | 18,383,299 |
| Jay M. Gellert | 248,238,420 | 1,545,256 | 230,514 | 18,383,299 |
| Richard I. Gilchrist | 249,635,439 | 147,988 | 230,763 | 18,383,299 |
| Matthew J. Lustig | 248,232,037 | 1,495,401 | 286,752 | 18,383,299 |
| Douglas M. Pasquale | 220,262,875 | 29,519,646 | 231,669 | 18,383,299 |
| Robert D. Reed | 249,659,139 | 125,143 | 229,908 | 18,383,299 |
| Glenn J. Rufrano | 249,658,231 | 125,797 | 230,162 | 18,383,299 |
| James D. Shelton | 249,651,642 | 133,343 | 229,205 | 18,383,299 |

2. The ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2014.

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 267,188,381 | 960,273 | 248,835 | — |

3. The approval, on an advisory basis, of the Company’s executive compensation.

| For | Against | Abstain | Broker Non-Votes |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 225,774,934 | 23,611,266 | 627,990 | 18,383,299 |

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 15, 2014, the Company announced that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.725 per share, payable in cash on June 27, 2014 to stockholders of record on June 6, 2014. The dividend is the second quarterly installment of the Company’s 2014 annual dividend.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on May 15, 2014 is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated in this Item 8.01 by reference.

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

99.1 Press release issued by the Company on May 15, 2014.

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 16, 2014 By: /s/ Kristen M. Benson

Kristen M. Benson
Senior Vice President, Associate
General Counsel and Corporate
Secretary

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