ITIES AND EVOLUTION COMMISSION

SECURITIES	AND EXCHANGE CO	MIMISSION
	Washington, D.C. 20549	
	FORM 8-K	
	CURRENT REPORT	
Pursuant to Section	on 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Excha	nge Act of 1934
Date of Re	port (Date of Earliest Event Reported): June 2	29, 2005
	VENTAS, INC.	
Œ	xact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)	
Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction	1-10989 (Commission File Number)	61-1055020 (IRS Employer
of Incorporation)		Identification No.)
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:		
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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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On June 29, 2005, Ventas, Inc. (the Company) announced that it had agreed to sell 3,247,000 shares of its common stock to Merrill Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (Merrill Lynch), as sole underwriter in an underwritten public offering. A copy of the press release issued by the Company on June 29, 2005 is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated in this Item 1.01 by reference.

In connection with the public offering, the Company and Ventas Realty, Limited Partnership (Ventas Realty), an operating partnership of the Company, entered into a Purchase Agreement dated June 29, 2005 (the Purchase Agreement) with Merrill Lynch. The Purchase Agreement provides for the sale by the Company of 3,247,000 shares of its common stock to Merrill Lynch at a price of \$29.88 per share. The Company expects to receive net proceeds of approximately \$97 million from the sale. The foregoing description of the Purchase Agreement is qualified by reference in its entirety to the Purchase Agreement, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 1.1 and incorporated in this Item 1.01 by reference.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On July 5, 2005, the Company announced that it has agreed to acquire and lease six seniors housing facilities to subsidiaries of Capital Senior Living Corporation in a transaction valued at \$85 million.

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on July 5, 2005 is filed as Exhibit 99.2 hereto and is 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) Exhibits:

Exhibit

Number Description

- 1.1 Purchase Agreement, dated June 29, 2005, by and among Ventas, Inc., Ventas Realty, Limited Partnership and Merrill Lynch & Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.
- 5.1 Opinion of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.
- 23.1 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP with respect to the audited financial statements of Brookdale Living Communities, Inc. incorporated by reference in the Company s prospectus supplement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 1, 2005.
- 99.1 Press release issued by the Company on June 29, 2005.
- 99.2 Press release issued by the Company on July 5, 2005.

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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: July 5, 2005 By: /s/ T. Richard Riney

T. Richard Riney Executive Vice President,

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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