

VENTAS INC
Form 8-K
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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): February 17, 2011

VENTAS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-10989

61-1055020

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**111 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 4800,
Chicago, Illinois**

60606

(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.)

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- 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 February 17, 2011, Ventas, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing its results of operations for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2010. 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 year ended December 31, 2010 were \$454.0 million, or \$2.88 per diluted common share, as compared to \$409.0 million, or \$2.68 per diluted common share, for the year ended December 31, 2009. FFO, as defined by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (NAREIT), for the year ended December 31, 2010 was \$421.5 million, or \$2.67 per diluted common share, as compared to \$393.4 million, or \$2.58 per diluted common share, for the year ended December 31, 2009. The Company's net income attributable to common stockholders for the year ended December 31, 2010 was \$246.2 million, or \$1.56 per diluted common share (including discontinued operations of \$27.8 million), as compared to \$266.5 million, or \$1.74 per diluted common share (including discontinued operations of \$73.4 million), for 2009. For the quarter ended December 31, 2010, the Company's normalized FFO was \$121.4 million, or \$0.77 per diluted common share, as compared to \$104.8 million, or \$0.67 per diluted common share, for the quarter ended December 31, 2009. NAREIT FFO for the fourth quarter of 2010 was \$108.3 million, or \$0.68 per diluted common share, as compared to \$104.0 million, or \$0.66 per diluted common share, for the fourth quarter of 2009. The Company's net income attributable to common stockholders for the fourth quarter of 2010 was \$77.6 million, or \$0.49 per diluted common share (including discontinued operations of \$20.7 million), as compared to \$54.1 million, or \$0.35 per diluted common share (including discontinued operations of \$0.7 million), for the comparable period in 2009.

The press release also states that the Company expects its normalized FFO for the year ending December 31, 2011 to be between \$3.06 and \$3.14 per diluted common share. The Company expects its net income attributable to common stockholders for 2011 to be between \$1.01 and \$1.19 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 or its tenants', operators', managers' or borrowers' expected future financial position, results of operations, cash flows, funds from operations, dividends and dividend plans, financing plans, business strategy, budgets, projected costs, operating metrics, capital expenditures, competitive positions, acquisitions, investment opportunities, dispositions, 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, may, could, 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. These factors include without limitation: (a) the ability and willingness of the Company's tenants, operators, borrowers, managers and other third parties to meet and/or perform their obligations under their respective contractual arrangements with the Company, including, in some cases, their obligations to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company from and against various claims, litigation and liabilities; (b) the ability of the Company's tenants, operators, borrowers and managers 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 and other indebtedness; (c) the Company's success in implementing its business strategy and its ability to identify, underwrite, finance, consummate and integrate diversifying acquisitions or investments, including its pending transaction with Atria Senior Living Group, Inc. and those in different asset types and outside the United States; (d) the nature and extent of future competition; (e) the extent of future or pending healthcare reform and regulation, including cost containment measures and changes in reimbursement policies, procedures and rates; (f) increases in the Company's cost of borrowing as a result of changes in interest rates and other factors; (g) 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; (h) changes in general economic conditions and/or economic conditions in the markets in which the Company may, from time to time, compete, and the effect of those changes on the Company's revenues and its ability to access the capital markets or other sources of funds; (i) the Company's ability to pay down, refinance, restructure and/or extend its indebtedness as it becomes due; (j) the Company's ability and willingness to maintain its qualification as a REIT due to economic, market, legal, tax or other considerations; (k) final determination of the Company's taxable net income for the year ended December 31, 2010 and for the year ending December 31, 2011; (l) 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 reposition its properties on the same or better terms in the event such leases expire and are not renewed by the Company's tenants or in the event the Company exercises its right to replace an existing tenant upon default; (m) risks associated with the Company's senior living operating portfolio, such as factors causing volatility in the Company's operating income and earnings generated by its properties, including without limitation national and regional economic conditions, costs of materials, energy, labor and services, employee benefit costs and professional and general liability claims, and the timely delivery of accurate property-level financial results for those properties; (n) the movement of U.S. and Canadian exchange rates; (o) 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 Healthcare, Inc., and the Company's earnings; (p) the Company's ability and the ability of its tenants, operators, borrowers and managers to obtain and maintain adequate liability and other insurance from reputable and financially stable providers; (q) the impact of increased operating costs and uninsured professional liability claims on the liquidity, financial condition and results of operations of the Company's tenants, operators, borrowers and managers, and the ability of the Company's tenants, operators, borrowers and managers to accurately estimate the magnitude of those claims; (r) risks associated with the Company's medical office building (MOB) portfolio and operations, including the Company's ability to successfully design, develop and manage MOB's, to accurately estimate its costs in fixed fee-for-service projects and to retain key personnel; (s) the ability of the hospitals on or near whose campuses the Company's MOB's are located and their affiliated health systems to remain competitive and financially viable and to attract physicians and physician groups; (t) the Company's ability to maintain or expand its relationships with its existing and future hospital and health system clients; (u) risks associated with the Company's investments in joint ventures, including its lack of sole decision-making authority and its reliance on its joint venture partners' financial condition; (v) the impact of market or issuer events on the liquidity or value of the Company's investments in marketable securities; and (w) the impact of any financial, accounting, legal or regulatory issues or litigation that may affect the Company or its major tenants, operators or managers. Many of these factors are beyond the control of the Company and its management.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On February 17, 2011, the Company also announced that its Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$0.575 per share, payable in cash on March 31, 2011 to stockholders of record on March 11, 2011.

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:*

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99.1 Press release issued by the Company on February 17, 2011.

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: February 17, 2011

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

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