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VENTAS INC Form 8-K May 10, 2004

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 10, 2004

VENTAS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-10989 61-1055020
-----(State or other (Commission (IRS Employer jurisdiction of File Number) Identification No.)

10350 Ormsby Park Place, Suite 300, Louisville, Kentucky 40223

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(502) 357-9000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events.

incorporation)

A copy of the consent of KPMG LLP, independent auditors of ElderTrust Operating Limited Partnership and subsidiaries, an indirect subsidiary of the Registrant, is included as Exhibit 23.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated in this Item 5 by reference.

- Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.
 - (a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

Not applicable.

(b) Pro forma financial information.

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Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits:

23.1 Consent of KPMG LLP, independent auditors of ElderTrust Operating Limited Partnership and subsidiaries.

SIGNATURE

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.
(Registrant)

Date: May 10, 2004

By: /s/ T. Richard Riney

Name: T. Richard Riney

Title: Executive Vice President and

General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

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