

EAST WEST BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
January 28, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**Current Report**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**January 27, 2009**

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported)

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**EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Commission file number 000-24939**

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**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

**95-4703316**

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**135 N Los Robles Ave., 7th Floor, Pasadena, California 91101**

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

**(626) 768-6000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 27, 2009, East West Bancorp, Inc. announced via press release its preliminary results of operations for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the related press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) Not Applicable

(b) Not Applicable

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, dated January 27, 2009, issued by East West Bancorp, Inc.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 27, 2009

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

By: */s/ Thomas J. Tolda*  
Thomas J. Tolda  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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