

EAST WEST BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
April 16, 2008

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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

April 15, 2008  
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

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	95-4703316 (IRS Employer Identification Number)
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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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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On April 15, 2008, East West Bancorp, Inc. announced via press release its results of operations for the quarter and year ended March 31, 2008. A copy of the related press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers, Election of Directors, Appointment of Principal Officers

(a) Not Applicable

(b) Departure of Principal Officers

Ms. Julia Gouw will retire as an officer of the Company at the end of 2008. Until her retirement date, she will hold the role of Chief Risk Officer.

(c) Appointment of Principal Officers

Mr. Thomas J. Tolda will assume the role of Chief Financial Officer effective April 31, 2008.

On April 15, 2008, East West Bancorp, Inc. announced via press release the appointment of Thomas J. Tolda as Chief Financial Officer and Julia S. Gouw as Vice Chairman, Chief Risk Officer. A copy of the related press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 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 April 15, 2008, issued by East West Bancorp, Inc.

99.1 Exhibit 99.2 Press Release, dated April 15, 2008, issued by East West Bancorp, Inc

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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: April 15, 2008

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

By:                /s/ Julia Gouw  
                      Julia Gouw  
                      Executive Vice President and  
                      Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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