

EAST WEST BANCORP INC  
Form 10-K/A  
March 03, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K/A**

(Amendment No. 1)

Mark One

- ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008

or

- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.  
Commission file number 000-24939

**EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** **95-4703316**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)  
organization)

**135 North Los Robles Ave., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Pasadena,** **91101**  
**California** (Zip Code)  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
**(626) 768-6000**

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 Par Value	NASDAQ "Global Select Market"

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:**  
NONE

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 or Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of the Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company <input type="checkbox"/>
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

The aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates is approximately \$439,466,813 (based on the June 30, 2008 closing price of Common Stock of \$7.06 per share).

As of January 31, 2009, 63,745,261 shares of East West Bancorp, Inc. Common Stock were outstanding.

### DOCUMENT INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders Part III

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A amends the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 2, 2009. This Amendment is being filed solely to include the signature of our independent registered public accounting firm, Deloitte & Touche LLP, which was inadvertently omitted from the consent, which is filed herewith as Exhibit 23.1.

In addition, as required by Rule 12b-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, new certifications by our principal executive officer and principal financial officer are filed as exhibits to this Form 10-K/A under Item 15 of Part IV hereof.

This Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A does not modify or update the disclosures set forth in the Original filing, including the financial statements and notes to the financial statements set forth in the 2008 Form 10-K.

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## PART IV

## ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

*(a)(1) Financial Statements*

The following financial statements included in the registrant's 2008 Annual Report to Shareholders are included. Page number references are to the 2008 Annual Report to Shareholders.

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*(a)(2) Financial Statement Schedules*

Schedules have been omitted because they are not applicable, not material or because the information is included in the consolidated financial statements or the notes thereto.

*(a)(3) Exhibits***Exhibit No. Exhibit Description**

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

Dated: March 2, 2009

EAST WEST BANCORP INC.  
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By           /s/ DOMINIC NG          

Dominic Ng  
*Chairman of the Board, President  
and Chief Executive Officer*

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