

EAST WEST BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
July 17, 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

July 15, 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

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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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - 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 July 15, 2009, East West Bancorp, Inc. announced via press release its preliminary results of operations for the quarter ended June 30, 2009. 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 June 30, 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: July 15, 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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