

EAST WEST BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2004

**UNITED STATES**  
**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**

**October 21, 2004**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**000-24939**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**95-4703316**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**415 Huntington Drive, San Marino, California 91108**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(626) 799-5700**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 2.02: Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 21, 2004, East West Bancorp, Inc. announced its results of operations for the quarter ended September 30, 2004. A copy of the related press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01: Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(a) Not Applicable

(b) Not Applicable

(c) The following exhibit is included with this Report:

Exhibit 99.1

Press Release dated October 21, 2004, 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.

Dated: October 21, 2004

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

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