EAST WEST BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
January 22, 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

January 22, 2004

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**000-24939**	**95-4703316**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATIN AND EXHIBITS

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) The following exhibits are included with this Report:

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, dated January 22, 2004, issued by East West Bancorp, Inc.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE (the following discussion is furnished under Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition)

In accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8216, the following information, required to be furnished under Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition, is furnished under Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 22, 2004, East West Bancorp, Inc. announced via press release its results of operations for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2003. A copy of the related press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This Form 8-K and the attached exhibit are provided under Item 12 of Form 8-K and are furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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: January 22, 2004

EAST WEST BANCORP, INC.

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