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

41	5	Huntington	Drive.	San	Marino.	California	91108

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(626) 799-5700

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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:

Press Release dated October 21, 2004, issued by East West Bancorp,

Exhibit 99.1

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

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