

FORM 8-K

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. "

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On January 24, 2019, East West Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) announced, via press release, its financial results for the quarter and full year ended December 31, 2018 (the “Press Release”). The Press Release is available on the Company’s website. The Press Release is “furnished” as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K pursuant to General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K and the information provided in Item 2.02 of this report, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section. The information provided in Item 2.02 of this report, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filings the Company has made or may make under the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) or the Exchange Act, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 24, 2019, the Company will hold a conference call to discuss its financial results for the quarter and full year ended December 31, 2018, including the Press Release and other matters relating to the Company. The Company has also made available on its website presentation materials containing certain historical and forward-looking information relating to the Company (the “Presentation Materials”). The Presentation Materials are furnished as Exhibit 99.2 and are incorporated by reference in this Item 7.01. All information in Exhibit 99.2 is presented as of the particular date or dates referenced therein, and the Company does not undertake any obligation to, and disclaims any duty to, update any of the information provided. The information provided in Item 7.01 of this report, including Exhibit 99.2, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, nor shall the information or Exhibit 99.2 be deemed incorporated by reference in any filings the Company has made or may make under the Exchange Act, except as otherwise expressly stated in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

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| <u>99.1</u> | Press Release, dated January 24, 2019.          |
| <u>99.2</u> | Presentation Materials, dated January 24, 2019. |

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.

EAST WEST  
BANCORP, INC.

Date: January 24, 2019 By: /s/ Irene H. Oh  
Irene H. Oh  
Executive Vice  
President and  
Chief Financial  
Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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