

EAST WEST BANCORP INC  
 Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p><b>Â CHOW DONALD SANG</b></p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>EAST WEST BANK,Â 135 N.          LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH          FLOOR</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>PASADENA,Â CAÂ 91101</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>02/19/2008</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p><b>EAST WEST BANCORP INC [EWBC]</b></p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other          (give title below) (specify below)          Executive Vice President</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person  <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Restricted Common Stock	51,506	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/16/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	01/16/2011	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 12.0937	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	01/23/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/23/2012	Common Stock	16,000	\$ 12.945	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/22/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	10/22/2009	Common Stock	200	\$ 16.64	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/28/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/28/2010	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 16.625	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	03/05/2005 <sup>(5)</sup>	03/05/2011	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 26.42	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	03/10/2007 <sup>(6)</sup>	03/10/2012	Common Stock	5,315	\$ 37.63	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	03/09/2008 <sup>(7)</sup>	03/09/2013	Common Stock	5,424	\$ 36.87	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/26/2009 <sup>(8)</sup>	02/26/2014	Common Stock	6,460	\$ 38.81	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	02/19/2010 <sup>(9)</sup>	02/19/2015	Common Stock	8,535	\$ 21.09	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHOW DONALD SANG EAST WEST BANK 135 N. LOS ROBLES AVE. 7TH FLOOR PASADENA, CA 91101	Â	Â	Â Executive Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Douglas P. Krause,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/21/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 16, 2002.
- (2) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 23, 2003.
- (3) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on October 22, 2003.
- (4) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 28, 2004.

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- (5) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 5, 2005.
- (6) The options vest in three annual installments beginning on March 10, 2007.
- (7) The options vest in three annual installments beginning on March 9, 2008.
- (8) The options vest in three annual installments beginning on February 26, 2009.
- (9) The options vest in three annual installments beginning on February 19, 2010.

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