

EAST WEST BANCORP INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Chen Wellington | | (Month/Day/Year) | EAST WEST BANCORP INC [EWBC] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 03/14/2005 | |
| EAST WEST BANK,Â 415 HUNTINGTON DRIVE | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| SAN MARINO,Â CAÂ 91108 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | (give title below) (specify below) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| | | | Executive Vice President | |

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) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 10,862 | 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 Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (2) | 03/10/2012 | Common Stock | 10,630 | \$ 37.63 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Chen Wellington EAST WEST BANK 415 HUNTINGTON DRIVE SAN MARINO, CA 91108 | Â | Â | Â Executive Vice President | Â |

Signatures

Douglas P. Krause,
Attorney-in-Fact

02/09/2005

__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) Of these shares, 7,804 are restricted shares vesting on 12/1/2006, 75 are restricted shares vesting on 11/17/2007, 1,328 are restricted shares vesting on 03/10/2009 and 1,329 are restricted shares vesting on 03/10/2010.
- (2) Stock Options vests 1/3 at the end of 2nd year, 1/3 at the end of 3rd year and 1/3 at the end of 4th year.

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