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**EAST WEST BANCORP ANNOUNCES DATE FOR
FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR 2018 FINANCIAL RESULTS**

Pasadena, California – December 19, 2018 – East West Bancorp, Inc. (“East West” or the “Company”) (Nasdaq: EWBC), parent company of East West Bank, the financial bridge between the United States and Greater China, will release fourth quarter and full year 2018 financial results before the market opens on Thursday, January 24, 2019.

Conference Call Information

Management will discuss fourth quarter and full year 2018 financial results with the public on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 8:30 A.M. Pacific Time/ 11:30 A.M. Eastern Time via conference call. The public and investment community are invited to listen as management discusses fourth quarter and full year results and operating developments.

Dial-In Numbers:

Within the U.S. (877) 506-6399
Within Canada (855) 669-9657
International (412) 902-6699

Replay Numbers:

Within the U.S. (877) 344-7529
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International (412) 317-0088
Replay Access Code 10127117

Replay will be available from January 24, 2019 at 11:30 A.M. Pacific Time/ 2:30 P.M. Eastern Time until February 24, 2019.

Information for the conference call and replay are provided on the Investor Relations page at www.eastwestbank.com/investors.

About East West

East West Bancorp, Inc. is a publicly owned company with total assets of \$39.1 billion and is traded on the Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol “EWBC”. The Company’s wholly owned subsidiary, East West Bank, is one of the largest independent banks headquartered in California. East West is a premier bank focused exclusively on the United States and Greater China markets and operates over 130 locations worldwide, including in the United States markets of California, Georgia, Massachusetts, Nevada, New York, Texas and Washington. In Greater China, East West’s presence includes full service branches in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Shantou and Shenzhen, and representative offices in Beijing, Chongqing, Guangzhou, Taipei and Xiamen. For more information on East West, visit the Company’s website at www.eastwestbank.com.