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Julia S. Gouw is President, Chief Operating Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of East West Bancorp, Inc. and East West Bank – one of the largest independent banks headquartered in California that serves as the financial bridge between U.S. and China. East West Bancorp is among the top 30 largest banks in the nation and has been ranked in the top 10 of the 100 Best Banks in America by Forbes for the third year in a row.

Gouw originally joined East West Bank in 1989 as Controller and quickly rose through the ranks to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, a position she held from 1994 to 2008. Under Gouw’s leadership, East West achieved 11 consecutive years of record earnings – a stellar track record widely recognized throughout the banking and investment communities. Prior to joining the Bank, Julia was a Senior Audit Manager at KPMG.

Gouw was ranked one of the “25 Most Powerful Women in Banking” five times by American Banker magazine and has twice received the Los Angeles Business Journal’s “Women Making a Difference” award. She has also been selected among Los Angeles Business Journal’s “L.A.’s Top Women in Finance”. Gouw is a member of the Trusteeship, the affiliate organization of the International Women’s Forum. Gouw has been named Philanthropist of the Year by the National Association of Women Business Owners in Los Angeles.

Gouw currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of Pacific Mutual Holding Company and PacificLife Corp. Gouw serves on the Board of Visitors of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, where she established an Endowed Chair for Mood Disorders Research. She is the founding Chair of the Executive Women’s Advisory Board for the Iris Cantor-UCLA Women’s Health Center and serves on the Board of Directors of The UCLA Foundation.

Born and raised in Indonesia, Gouw came to the United States in 1978 where she earned her B.S. degree in accounting from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Gouw is a Certified Public Accountant.