

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
Form FWP  
March 13, 2008

**Issuer Free Writing Prospectus  
Filed pursuant to Rule 433  
Registration No. 333-138032**

**AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY**  
**\$1,000,000,000**  
**8.150% FIXED RATE 30-YEAR GLOBAL SENIOR NOTES**

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**Terms and Conditions**

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| Issuer:                           | American Express Company  |
| Expected Ratings (1) :            | A1 / A+ / A+ (Moody's / S&P / Fitch)  |
| Ranking:                          | Senior Notes  |
| Trade Date:                       | March 12, 2008  |
| Settlement Date:                  | March 19, 2008 (T+5 days)   |
| Maturity:                         | March 19, 2038  |
| Par Amount:                       | \$1,000,000,000   |
| Benchmark Treasury:               | UST 5.000% due 5/37   |
| Re-offer Spread to Benchmark:     | T30 +380 bps  |
| Re-offer Yield:                   | 8.183%  |
| Coupon:                           | 8.150%  |
| Public Offering Price:            | 99.633%   |
| Underwriting Discount:            | 0.875%  |
| Net Proceeds to American Express: | \$987,580,000 (before expenses)   |
| Interest Payment Dates:           | The 19 <sup>th</sup> of each September and March, beginning September 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2008   |
| Day Count:                        | 30 / 360  |
| Redemption:                       | The notes may not be redeemed prior to maturity unless certain events occur in<br>taxation  |
| Listing:                          | The notes will not be listed on any exchange  |
| Minimum Denominations/Multiples:  | Minimum denominations of \$2,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess th   |
| Cusip:                            | 025816AZ2   |
| ISIN:                             | US025816AZ26  |
| Joint Book Managers:              | Citigroup Global Markets Inc.<br>J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.<br>Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated  |
| Joint Lead Manager:               | Greenwich Capital Markets, Inc.   |
| Co-Managers:                      | Banc of America Securities LLC<br>Barclays Capital Inc.<br>BNP PARIBAS<br>Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC<br>Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.<br>Goldman, Sachs & Co.<br>Mitsubishi UFJ Securities International plc<br>Mizuho Securities USA Inc.<br>National Australia Bank Limited |
| Junior Co-Managers:               | BNY Capital Markets, Inc.<br>CastleOak Securities, L.P.<br>The Williams Capital Group, L.P.   |



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The issuer has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the issuer and this offering. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternatively, the issuer, any underwriter or any dealer participating in the offering will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling Citigroup Global Markets Inc. toll free at 1-877-858-5407, J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. at 1-212-834-4533 (collect calls accepted), Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated at 1-866-500-5408 or Greenwich Capital Markets, Inc. at 1-866-884-2071.

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