

FIRST MIDWEST 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Carapella Victor P (Last) (First) (Middle)  ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500 (Street)  ITASCA, IL 60143 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/05/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FIRST MIDWEST BANCORP INC [FMBI]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) EVP, Comm'l Banking Group Mgr.	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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)
Common Stock	15,276	D	Â
Common Stock	47,900	I	By NQ Stock Option Gain Deferral Plan
Common Stock	25,005	I	By Profit Sharing Plan Trust

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)**

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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) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	08/20/2004	02/17/2009	Common Stock	1,129	\$ 32.825	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	06/16/2005	02/17/2009	Common Stock	1,118	\$ 36.74	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	06/16/2005	08/18/2009	Common Stock	1,877	\$ 36.74	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	06/16/2005	02/16/2010	Common Stock	5,471	\$ 36.74	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	06/16/2005	02/21/2011	Common Stock	266	\$ 36.74	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	02/19/2006	02/21/2011	Common Stock	4,726	\$ 37.37	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(2)</sup>	02/20/2012	Common Stock	8,442	\$ 28.695	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(3)</sup>	02/19/2013	Common Stock	4,827	\$ 26.255	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	02/19/2006	02/19/2013	Common Stock	3,393	\$ 37.37	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(4)</sup>	02/24/2014	Common Stock	8,116	\$ 32.715	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(5)</sup>	05/20/2014	Common Stock	812	\$ 32.75	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(6)</sup>	02/23/2015	Common Stock	11,324	\$ 33.61	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(7)</sup>	02/22/2016	Common Stock	12,258	\$ 33.92	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(8)</sup>	02/21/2017	Common Stock	11,655	\$ 38.62	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(9)</sup>	02/20/2018	Common Stock	16,738	\$ 28.095	D	Â
Phantom Stock under NQ Retirement Plan	Â <sup>(10)</sup>	Â <sup>(10)</sup>	Common Stock	28	\$ <sup>(10)</sup>	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Carapella Victor P ONE PIERCE PLACE, SUITE 1500 ITASCA, IL 60143	Â	Â	Â EVP, Comm'l Banking Group Mgr.	Â

## Signatures

By: /s/ Victor P. 12/04/2008  
Carapella

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) Granted under the Amended and Restated First Midwest Bancorp, Inc. Omnibus Stock and Incentive Plan.
- (2) Represents fully vested stock options.
- (3) Represents fully vested stock options.
- (4) Represents fully vested stock options.
- (5) Represents fully vested stock options.
- (6) Represents fully vested stock options.
- (7) The stock option vests in two equal annual installments specifically on February 22, 2008 and February 22, 2009 respectively.
- (8) The stock option vests in two equal annual installments specifically on February 21, 2009 and February 21, 2010 respectively.
- (9) The stock option vests in two equal annual installments specifically on February 20, 2010 and February 20, 2011 respectively.
- (10) Shares of phantom stock acquired under the Nonqualified Retirement Plan have a 1-for-1 conversion ratio and are payable in cash following the termination of the Reporting Person's employment with First Midwest Bancorp, Inc.

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