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Most important sources (international forecasts) (in alphabetical order):

- BlackRock Inc.
- BMO Capital Markets
- BNP Paribas
- Citi
- Credit Suisse
- IMF
- J.P. Morgan
- Lloyds TSB
- Merrill Lynch
- OECD
- Société Générale
- TD Bank
- The Conference Board
- Wachovia
- World Bank

The forecasts for Aruba are produced by the CBA.

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## I. International quarterly and annual forecasts

### I.A. United States

	2010				2011		2009	2010	2011
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2			
<b>Real GDP</b> <sup>1</sup>									
Average (17 sources)	3.2	3.2	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.0	-2.4	3.1	3.0
<b>Inflation</b> <sup>2</sup>									
Average (14 sources)	2.4	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.7	-0.3	2.0	1.6
<b>Core inflation</b> <sup>2</sup>									
Average (10 sources)	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.1	1.2	1.7	1.1	1.3
<b>Unemployment rate</b> <sup>3</sup>									
Average (13 sources)	9.7	9.7	9.6	9.4	9.2	9.0	9.3	9.6	8.9
<b>Real personal consumption</b> <sup>1</sup>									
Average (14 sources)	3.6	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.6	-0.6	2.4	2.5
<b>Real disposable personal income</b> <sup>1</sup>									
Average (4 sources)	0.0	3.8	2.6	2.8	1.6	3.2	0.9	1.7	2.7
<b>Exchange rate</b> <sup>4</sup>									
Average (9 sources)	1.38	1.31	1.30	1.27	1.23	1.23	1.39	1.33	1.26

<sup>1</sup> Quarter/quarter % change, seasonally adjusted annual rate.

<sup>2</sup> Year/year %-change, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

<sup>3</sup> In % of labor force, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

<sup>4</sup> US\$/EUR, average for the period.

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### I.B. Euro Area

	2010				2011		2009	2010	2011
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2			
<b>Real GDP</b> <sup>1</sup>									
Average (7 sources)	0.8	2.0	1.4	1.3	1.9	1.8	-4.1	1.2	1.6
<b>Inflation</b> <sup>2</sup>									
Average (7 sources)	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.3	1.4	1.4
<b>Core inflation</b> <sup>2</sup>									
Average (6 sources)	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.4	0.8	0.8
<b>Unemployment rate</b> <sup>3</sup>									
Average (6 sources)	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.1	9.4	10.2	10.0

### I.C. Commodity prices

	2010				2011		2009	2010	2011
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2			
<b>Oil price</b> <sup>4</sup>									
Average (9 sources)	78.63	78.47	81.46	83.40	84.46	85.54	61.66	80.40	85.57
<b>Gold price</b> <sup>5</sup>									
Average (5 sources)	1,110	1,101	1,133	1,125	1,117	1,050	973	1,120	1,093

<sup>1</sup> Quarter/quarter % change, seasonally adjusted annual rate.

<sup>2</sup> Year/year %-change, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

<sup>3</sup> In % of labor force, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

<sup>4</sup> US\$/barrel, average for the period.

<sup>5</sup> US\$/oz, average for the period.

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## II. International annual forecasts

### Selected countries and regions

	Real GDP <sup>1</sup>			Inflation <sup>2</sup>			Unemployment rate <sup>3</sup>		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
<b>World</b>									
Average (14 sources)	-0.6	3.8	4.1	2.0	3.5	3.5			
<b>Germany</b>									
Average (17 sources)	-5.0	1.7	1.8	0.3	1.0	1.2	8.2	8.5	8.3
<b>United Kingdom</b>									
Average (19 sources)	-4.9	1.2	2.1	2.2	2.7	1.6	7.5	8.3	8.0
<b>The Netherlands</b>									
Average (11 sources)	-4.0	1.2	1.7	1.2	1.1	1.4	3.5	5.3	5.8
<b>Japan</b>									
Average (21 sources)	-5.2	2.1	1.7	-1.4	-0.7	0.0	5.1	5.2	4.7
<b>Russia</b>									
Average (13 sources)	-7.9	4.3	4.2	11.7	7.6	7.9	8.4	8.0	7.6
<b>China</b>									
Average (21 sources)	8.5	9.9	9.1	-0.7	3.2	3.5	4.3	4.1	4.1
<b>India</b>									
Average (17 sources)	6.5	7.7	8.0	10.8	9.6	6.8			
<b>Brazil</b>									
Average (17 sources)	-0.2	5.6	4.5	4.9	5.0	4.8	8.1	7.8	7.9
<b>Venezuela</b>									
Average (12 sources)	-3.1	-1.5	1.3	28.6	32.2	37.5	7.9	8.3	6.5

<sup>1</sup> Year/year %-change.

<sup>2</sup> Year/year %-change, average for the period.

<sup>3</sup> In % of labor force, average for the period.

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### III. Annual forecasts for Aruba

	2009	2010	2011
<b>GDP <sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	-6.0	0.1	
Real	-7.6	-2.5	
<b>Consumption (private + public) <sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	-5.8	2.4	
Real	-5.5	-0.5	
<b>Private consumption <sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	-7.0	1.4	
Real	-5.0	-2.2	
<b>Public consumption <sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	-1.3	5.4	
Real	-5.8	4.1	
<b>Investment (private + public) <sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	-19.5	-1.6	
Real	-18.7	-3.1	
<b>Private investment <sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	-20.7	-3.0	
Real	-20.0	-4.5	
<b>Public investment <sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	5.8	19.9	
Real	6.8	18.0	
<b>Exports of goods and services <sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	-12.2	-4.1	
Real	-11.8	-6.6	
<b>Imports of goods and services <sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	-16.6	-1.8	
Real	-13.9	-4.3	
<b>Current account balance <sup>2</sup></b>	5.1	0.2	1.1
<b>Current account coverage ratio <sup>3</sup></b>	5.8	6.2	7.2

Source: CBA.

<sup>1</sup> Year/year %-change.

<sup>2</sup> Balance on the current account (in % of nominal GDP).

<sup>3</sup> Net foreign assets in months of current account payments.

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#### IV. Quarterly and annual forecasts for Aruba

	2010				2011		2009	2010	2011
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2			
<b>Population</b> <sup>1</sup>	109.8	109.6	110.3	112.5	112.4	113.0	107.4	112.4	115.1
<b>Unemployment rate</b> <sup>2</sup>	11.0	10.0	11.8	10.7	10.0	11.1	11.6	10.7	9.7
<b>Inflation</b> <sup>3</sup>	5.6	4.7	1.2	2.1	4.0	3.3	-2.1	3.5	3.4
<b>Inflation differential with the USA</b> <sup>4</sup>	3.2	2.5	-0.6	0.6	2.5	1.6	-1.8	1.6	1.8
<b>Stay-over visitors</b> <sup>5</sup>	3.5	1.8	0.5	1.6	2.5	2.4	-1.7	1.9	2.8
<b>Tourism nights</b> <sup>5</sup>	3.9	4.0	1.9	2.6	5.0	5.0	0.3	3.1	3.3
<b>Tourism receipts</b> <sup>5</sup>	6.4	5.9	2.5	2.9	2.7	2.1	-8.3	4.5	3.8
<b>Net foreign assets</b> <sup>6</sup>	1,636	1,744	1,790	1,777	1,936	2,258	1,577	1,777	2,128

Source: CBA.

<sup>1</sup> End of period, x 1000.

<sup>2</sup> In % of labor force, end of period. Based on an average of a base, an optimistic and a pessimistic scenario.

<sup>3</sup> Year/year %-change, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

<sup>4</sup> Percentage points, a minus means a lower inflation in Aruba.

<sup>5</sup> Year/year %-change.

<sup>6</sup> Including revaluation differences, end of period, in Afl. million.

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