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

- BlackRock Inc.
- BMO Capital Markets
- BNP Paribas
- Citi
- Credit Suisse
- Deutsche Bank
- IMF
- Lloyds TSB
- Merrill Lynch
- OECD
- Scotiabank
- TD Bank
- The Conference Board
- United Nations
- Wachovia
- World Bank

The forecasts for Aruba are produced by the CBA.

Cut-off date: December 21, 2010



I. International quarterly and annual forecasts

I.A. United States

	2010		2011				2010	2011	2012
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Real GDP ¹									
Average (17 sources)	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.2	2.8	2.8	3.1
Inflation ²									
Average (14 sources)	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.6
Core inflation ²									
Average (10 sources)	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2
Unemployment rate ³									
Average (13 sources)	9.6	9.6	9.6	9.4	9.2	9.0	9.6	9.3	8.5
Real personal consumption ¹									
Average (14 sources)	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.8	1.8	2.7	2.8
Real disposable personal income ¹									
Average (4 sources)	0.9	1.8	3.4	2.9	3.0	2.8	1.3	2.5	1.7
Exchange rate ⁴									
Average (9 sources)	1.29	1.33	1.33	1.31	1.31	1.31	1.32	1.31	1.26

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

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

³ In % of labor force, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

⁴ US\$/EUR, average for the period.

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I.B. Euro Area

	2010		2011				2010	2011	2012
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Real GDP ¹									
Average (7 sources)	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.7
Inflation ²									
Average (7 sources)	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.7
Core inflation ²									
Average (6 sources)	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.5
Unemployment rate ³									
Average (6 sources)	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	9.9	9.9	10.0	9.9	9.6

I.C. Commodity prices

	2010		2011				2010	2011	2012
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Oil price ⁴									
Average (9 sources)	76.17	82.34	84.15	84.42	86.88	87.71	78.11	83.79	86.46
Gold price ⁵									
Average (5 sources)	1,227	1,353	1,394	1,399	1,394	1,373	1,216	1,366	1,343

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

³ In % of labor force, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

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

⁵ US\$/oz, average for the period.

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II. International annual forecasts

Selected countries and regions

	Real GDP ¹			Inflation ²			Unemployment rate ³		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
World									
Average (14 sources)	4.6	4.1	4.3	3.6	3.6	3.3			
Germany									
Average (17 sources)	3.3	2.3	2.0	1.1	1.6	1.7	7.6	7.0	6.6
United Kingdom									
Average (19 sources)	1.7	2.1	2.2	3.1	2.9	1.9	7.9	7.8	7.6
The Netherlands									
Average (11 sources)	1.8	1.6	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.6	4.8	4.6	4.5
Japan									
Average (21 sources)	3.3	1.4	1.8	-0.7	-0.2	0.1	5.1	4.8	4.6
Russia									
Average (13 sources)	4.0	4.3	4.3	7.1	8.3	7.6	7.6	7.3	7.0
China									
Average (21 sources)	10.1	9.1	9.0	3.2	3.9	3.3	4.2	4.1	4.0
India									
Average (17 sources)	8.6	8.3	8.3	10.1	6.6	5.4			
Brazil									
Average (17 sources)	7.5	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.1	4.8	7.0	7.0	7.4
Venezuela									
Average (12 sources)	-2.6	1.5	1.6	29.5	28.8	29.2	8.8	8.4	7.7

¹ Year/year %-change.

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

³ In % of labor force, average for the period.

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III Annual forecasts for Aruba

	2009	2010	2011
<u>GDP</u> ¹			
Nominal	-8.9	-1.8	12.0
Real	-10.5	-3.7	9.0
<u>Consumption (private + public)</u> ¹			
Nominal	-5.2	2.1	5.1
Real	-3.7	-1.0	2.2
<u>Private consumption</u> ¹			
Nominal	-6.4	1.6	6.4
Real	-4.4	-0.8	4.0
<u>Public consumption</u> ¹			
Nominal	-2.1	3.5	2.1
Real	-1.9	-1.6	-2.3
<u>Investment (private + public)</u> ¹			
Nominal	-17.1	-6.8	16.9
Real	-16.6	-8.7	15.3
<u>Private investment</u> ¹			
Nominal	-18.2	-5.9	17.1
Real	-17.7	-7.7	15.5
<u>Public investment</u> ¹			
Nominal	5.5	-21.3	13.6
Real	6.1	-22.8	12.0
<u>Exports of goods and services</u> ¹			
Nominal	-12.6	-6.7	19.4
Real	-12.6	-9.2	17.0
<u>Imports of goods and services</u> ¹			
Nominal	-12.0	-3.8	12.2
Real	-9.1	-7.6	11.0
<u>Current account balance</u> ²	5.3	-17.6	3.7
<u>Current account coverage ratio</u> ³	5.9	6.1	5.8

Source: CBA.

¹ Year/year %-change.

² Balance on the current account (in % of nominal GDP).

³ Net foreign assets in months of current account payments.

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IV. Quarterly and annual forecasts for Aruba

	2010		2011				2010	2011	2012
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
<u>Inflation</u> ³	-0.2	0.4	1.7	2.1	2.9	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.2
<u>Inflation differential with the USA</u> ⁴	-1.4	-0.7	0.6	0.6	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.6
<u>Stay-over visitors</u> ⁵	0.7	3.5	2.7	1.6	2.6	0.4	2.3	1.8	2.2
<u>Tourism nights</u> ⁵	2.0	2.6	4.2	3.0	2.1	1.4	2.9	2.7	2.5
<u>Tourism receipts</u> ⁵	-2.1	4.5	2.3	2.9	3.3	5.8	2.9	3.6	4.4
<u>Net foreign assets</u> ⁶	1,585	1,564	1,768	1,751	1,603	2,039	1,564	2,039	2,117

Source: CBA.

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

⁴ Percentage points, a minus means a lower inflation in Aruba.

⁵ Year/year %-change.

⁶ Including revaluation differences, end of period, in Afl. million.

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