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

- ABN AMRO
- BMO Capital Markets
- BNP Paribas
- Citi
- Commerzbank
- Crédit Agricole
- Credit Suisse
- Danske Bank
- Deutsche Bank
- IMF
- Lloyds TSB
- Merrill Lynch
- OECD
- Scotiabank
- TD Bank
- The Conference Board
- United Nations
- Wells Fargo
- World Bank

The forecasts for Aruba are produced by the CBA.

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## I Annual forecasts for Aruba

	2010	2011	2012
<b>GDP<sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	-3.7	10.9	6.4
Real	-3.2	9.6	3.5
<b>Consumption (private + public)<sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	3.4	6.0	5.7
Real	0.3	1.5	2.4
<b>Private consumption<sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	1.8	7.1	7.1
Real	-0.3	2.5	2.7
<b>Public consumption<sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	7.4	3.5	2.4
Real	1.7	-0.8	1.5
<b>Investment (private + public)<sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	-8.7	13.1	8.1
Real	-10.8	9.2	5.0
<b>Private investment<sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	-8.7	12.5	3.4
Real	-10.8	8.6	0.4
<b>Public investment<sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	-8.0	21.9	74.2
Real	-10.1	17.7	69.2
<b>Exports of goods and services<sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	-8.8	26.7	5.5
Real	-10.5	24.2	3.0
<b>Imports of goods and services<sup>1</sup></b>			
Nominal	-2.5	18.9	5.5
Real	-8.8	12.6	2.7
<b>Current account balance<sup>2</sup></b>	-16.8	-10.4	-2.4
<b>Current account coverage ratio<sup>3</sup></b>	6.3	5.0	5.5

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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## II. Quarterly and annual forecasts for Aruba

	2011		2012				2010	2011	2012
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
<b>Population</b> <sup>1</sup>		109.5				111.1	101.5	109.5	111.1
<b>Unemployment rate</b> <sup>2</sup>		7.9				7.4	9.0	7.9	7.4
<b>Inflation</b> <sup>3</sup>	6.1	6.8	6.6	3.7	3.4	3.3	2.1	4.5	4.2
<b>Inflation differential with the USA</b> <sup>4</sup>	2.3	3.6	4.2	1.9	1.6	1.5	0.4	1.4	2.2
<b>Stay-over visitors</b> <sup>5</sup>	8.6	2.4	2.1	3.6	2.6	3.2	1.6	5.7	2.9
<b>Tourism nights</b> <sup>5</sup>	6.5	3.0	3.0	1.8	2.8	2.0	4.8	5.5	2.4
<b>Tourism receipts</b> <sup>5</sup>	9.6	7.6	3.5	4.1	3.7	5.0	2.4	8.9	4.1
<b>Net foreign assets</b> <sup>6</sup>	1,457	1,661	1,821	1,801	1,611	1,740	1,473	1,661	1,740

Source: CBA.

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

<sup>2</sup> In % of labor force, end of period.

<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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### III. International quarterly and annual forecasts

#### III.A. United States

	2011		2012				2010	2011	2012
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
<b>Real GDP</b> <sup>1</sup>									
Average (33 sources)	1.8	2.5	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.5	3.0	1.8	2.1
<b>Inflation</b> <sup>2</sup>									
Average (25 sources)	3.8	3.2	2.4	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	3.1	2.0
<b>Core inflation</b> <sup>2</sup>									
Average (19 sources)	1.9	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.0	1.6	1.9
<b>Unemployment rate</b> <sup>3</sup>									
Average (25 sources)	9.1	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.7	9.6	9.0	8.7
<b>Real personal consumption</b> <sup>1</sup>									
Average (23 sources)	1.7	2.4	1.8	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.0	2.2	2.0
<b>Real disposable personal income</b> <sup>1</sup>									
Average (5 sources)	-1.9	2.1	0.9	2.6	2.5	3.3	1.8	1.6	1.6
<b>Exchange rate</b> <sup>4</sup>									
Average (20 sources)	1.41	1.32	1.31	1.31	1.33	1.33	1.33	1.38	1.32

<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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### III.B. Euro Area

	2011		2012				2010	2011	2012
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
<b>Real GDP <sup>1</sup></b>									
Average (18 sources)	0.6	-0.6	-0.3	0.4	0.9	1.1	1.7	1.6	0.2
<b>Inflation <sup>2</sup></b>									
Average (17 sources)	2.7	2.7	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.6	2.6	1.8
<b>Core inflation <sup>2</sup></b>									
Average (7 sources)	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.5	1.5
<b>Unemployment rate <sup>3</sup></b>									
Average (13 sources)	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.1	10.1	10.4

### III.C. Commodity prices

	2011		2012				2010	2011	2012
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
<b>Oil price <sup>4</sup></b>									
Average (18 sources)	90	95	97	96	97	99	79	97	98
Median		93	96	96	100	100		95	100
<b>Gas price <sup>5</sup></b>									
Average (12 sources)	4.12	4.13	4.37	4.21	4.24	4.63	4.39	4.18	4.47
Median		4.11	4.40	4.25	4.15	4.90		4.10	4.55
<b>Gold price <sup>6</sup></b>									
Average (13 sources)	1,704	1,718	1,777	1,776	1,756	1,732	1,225	1,562	1,667

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

<sup>5</sup> Henry Hub Spot, US\$/mln. Btu, average for the period. The (approximate) energy equivalent of 1 barrel of oil is 5.8 mln. Btu

<sup>6</sup> US\$/oz, average for the period.

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## IV. International annual forecasts

### Selected countries and regions

	Real GDP <sup>1</sup>			Inflation <sup>2</sup>			Unemployment rate <sup>3</sup>		
	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
<b>World</b>									
Average (14 sources)	5.1	3.7	3.7	3.4	4.5	3.5			
<b>Germany</b>									
Average (17 sources)	3.5	2.9	0.9	1.1	2.4	1.8	7.7	6.7	6.5
<b>United Kingdom</b>									
Average (19 sources)	1.3	1.0	1.1	3.3	4.4	2.5	8.0	7.8	8.1
<b>The Netherlands</b>									
Average (11 sources)	1.7	1.7	0.9	1.3	2.4	1.9	4.5	4.3	4.2
<b>Japan</b>									
Average (21 sources)	4.0	-0.4	2.1	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1	5.1	4.7	4.5
<b>Russia</b>									
Average (13 sources)	4.0	4.1	3.8	6.9	8.7	7.4	7.5	6.9	6.7
<b>China</b>									
Average (21 sources)	10.4	9.2	8.5	3.3	5.2	3.9	4.2	4.0	4.0
<b>India</b>									
Average (17 sources)	8.6	7.6	7.6	12.0	8.8	7.0			
<b>Brazil</b>									
Average (17 sources)	7.5	3.6	3.8	5.0	6.5	5.5	6.7	6.1	6.1
<b>Venezuela</b>									
Average (12 sources)	-1.9	3.1	3.2	29.1	26.0	27.3	8.5	7.5	7.5

<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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