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A summary of global and national projections

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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
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GDP 1	2.7	10.0	C 4
Nominal Real	-3.7 -3.2	10.9 9.6	6.4 3.5
Real	-3.2	9.6	3.5
Consumption (private + public) 1			
Nominal	3.4	6.0	5.7
Real	0.3	1.5	2.4
Private consumption 1			
Nominal	1.8	7.1	7.1
Real	-0.3	2.5	2.7
Public consumption 1			
Nominal	7.4	3.5	2.4
Real	1.7	-0.8	1.5
Investment (private Loublis) 1			
Investment (private + public) 1 Nominal	-8.7	13.1	8.1
Real	-8.7 -10.8	9.2	5.0
Real	-10.6	9.2	5.0
Private investment 1			
Nominal	-8.7	12.5	3.4
Real	-10.8	8.6	0.4
Public investment ¹			
Nominal	-8.0	21.9	74.2
Real	-10.1	17.7	69.2
Exports of goods and services ¹			
Nominal	-8.8	26.7	5.5
Real	-o.o -10.5	24.2	3.0
real	-10.5	24.2	5.0
Imports of goods and services 1			
Nominal	-2.5	18.9	5.5
Real	-8.8	12.6	2.7
Current account balance ²	-16.8	-10.4	-2.4
Current account coverage ratio ³	6.3	4.8	4.9

Source: CBA.

¹ Year/year %-change.

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

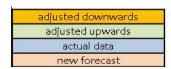
 $^{^{\}mbox{\scriptsize 3}}$ Net foreign assets in months of current account payments.



II. Quarterly and annual forecasts for Aruba

	20)11		2012			2010	2011	2012
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4			
Population ¹		102.4	102.6	102.7	102.7	103.1	101.9	102.4	103.1
<u>Unemployment rate</u> ²		7.9				7.4	9.0	7.9	7.4
Inflation ³	6.1	6.3	5.2	5.5	4.8	3.8	2.1	4.4	3.5
Inflation differential with the USA 4	2.3	3.0	2.8	3.6	3.0	1.9	0.4	1.3	1.4
<u>Stay-over visitors</u> ⁵	8.6	2.7	-0.3	3.6	2.6	3.4	1.6	5.7	2.3
Tourism nights 5	4.9	3.0	1.7	2.3	2.5	3.0	4.8	4.6	2.4
Tourism receipts ⁵	9.6	7.6	3.5	4.1	3.7	5.0	2.4	8.9	4.1
Net foreign assets ⁶	1,442	1,494	1,413	1,397	1,269	1,273	1,473	1,494	1,273

Source: CBA.



¹ End of period, x 1000.

² In % of labor force, end of period.

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

 $^{^{\}mbox{\scriptsize 4}}$ Percentage points, a minus means a lower inflation in Aruba.

⁵ Year/year %-change.

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



III. International quarterly and annual forecasts

III.A. United States

	2011		20:	12		2013	2011	2012	2013
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Real GDP ¹									
Average (33 sources)	2.8	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.5	2.1	1.7	2.2	2.4
nflation ²									
Average (25 sources)	3.3	2.4	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	3.1	2.1	1.8
Core inflation ²									
Average (19 sources)	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.9
Jnemployment rate ³									
Average (25 sources)	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.0	9.0	8.5	8.1
Real personal consumption 1									
Average (23 sources)	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.3	1.5	2.2	2.0	2.2
Real disposable personal income	1								
Average (5 sources)	0.8	1.3	2.7	2.5	2.9	0.5	0.9	1.6	1.5
Exchange rate 4									
Average (20 sources)	1.35	1.32	1.32	1.33	1.33	1.28	1.39	1.32	1.31

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

 $^{^{\}rm 2}$ Year/year %-change, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

 $^{^{\}rm 3}$ In % of labor force, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

⁴ US\$/EUR, average for the period.



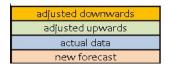
III.B. Euro Area

	2011		201	L 2		2013	2011	2012	2013
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Real GDP ¹									
Average (18 sources)	-1.3	-0.2	0.4	0.8	1.1	0.5	1.6	0.2	1.3
Inflation ²									
Average (17 sources)	2.7	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.6	1.9	1.7
Core inflation ²									
Average (7 sources)	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.3
Unemployment rate ³									
Average (13 sources)	10.5	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.1	10.4	10.5

III.C. Commodity prices

	2011		2012				2011	2012	2013
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Oil price ⁴									
Average (18 sources)	94	99	99	101	102	108	95	101	106
Median		100	99	104	105	106		103	106
Gas price ⁵									
Average (12 sources)	3.32	3.87	3.81	3.91	4.45	3.62	4.00	4.30	4.69
Median		4.30	4.10	4.10	4.90	3.80		4.55	4.55
Cold maior 6									
Gold price 6 Average (13 sources)	1,700	1,762	1,766	1,749	1,746	1,533	1,574	1,647	1,468
Average (13 sources)	1,700	1,762	1,766	1,749	1,746	1,533	1,574	1,647	1,

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

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

 $^{^{\}rm 3}$ In % of labor force, average for the period, seasonally adjusted.

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

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

⁶ US\$/oz, average for the period.



IV. International annual forecasts

Selected countries and regions									
		Real GDP 1			Inflation ²		Une	mployment	rate ³
	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013
<u>World</u>									
Average (14 sources)	3.7	3.6	3.9	4.4	3.4	3.6			
Germany									
Average (17 sources)	3.0	1.0	1.8	2.3	1.8	1.8	5.9	6.4	6.5
United Kingdom									
Average (19 sources)	0.9	1.1	1.9	4.4	2.5	2.0	7.8	8.0	8.2
The Netherlands									
Average (20 sources)	1.7	0.9	1.4	2.3	2.0	1.7	4.3	4.2	4.0
<u>Japan</u>									
Average (21 sources)	-0.9	2.0	1.6	-0.2	-0.1	0.1	4.6	4.5	4.2
<u>Russia</u>									
Average (13 sources)	4.2	3.9	3.9	8.6	6.9	6.5	6.8	6.7	6.5
<u>China</u>									
Average (21 sources)	9.2	8.5	8.5	5.1	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.2
<u>India</u>									
Average (17 sources)	7.5	7.5	7.7	8.7	6.8	6.9			
<u>Brazil</u>									
Average (17 sources)	3.4	3.6	4.2	6.4	5.4	5.4	6.1	6.1	6.1
<u>Venezuela</u>									
Average (12 sources)	3.6	3.5	2.8	26.9	29.2	28.4	7.3	7.2	7.4
<u>Argentina</u>									
Average (14 sources)	8.4	4.0	4.1	11.8	12.7	13.9			
<u>Colombia</u>									
Average (12 sources)	5.5	4.7	4.7	3.3	3.5	3.5			

¹ Year/year %-change.

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

 $^{^{\}rm 3}$ In % of labor force, average for the period.