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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.

Cut-off date: March 3, 2010



I. International quarterly and annual forecasts

I.A. United States

	2009	2010				2011	2009	2010	2011
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Real GDP ¹									
Average (17 sources)	5.9	3.0	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.0	-2.4	2.9	3.0
Inflation ²									
Average (14 sources)	1.5	2.6	2.5	2.0	1.7	1.4	-0.3	2.2	1.5
Core inflation ²									
Average (10 sources)	1.7	1.5	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.2	1.1
Unemployment rate ³									
Average (13 sources)	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.7	9.5	9.4	9.3	9.8	9.1
Real personal consumption ¹									
Average (14 sources)	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.5	-0.6	2.0	2.5
Real disposable personal income ¹									
Average (4 sources)	1.9	2.0	2.9	2.0	2.4	3.0	0.9	1.9	2.8
Exchange rate ⁴									
Average (9 sources)	1.48	1.43	1.43	1.39	1.35	1.33	1.39	1.39	1.34

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

	2009	2010				2011	2009	2010	2011
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Real GDP ¹									
Average (7 sources)	0.4	1.5	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	-4.0	1.4	1.8
Inflation ²									
Average (7 sources)	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.3	0.3	1.2	1.3
Core inflation ²									
Average (6 sources)	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.4	0.8	0.8
Unemployment rate ³									
Average (6 sources)	9.9	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	9.4	10.3	10.2

I.C. Commodity prices

	2009	2010				2011	2009	2010	2011
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Oil price ⁴									
Average (9 sources)	76.06	75.62	76.02	79.09	80.42	83.03	61.66	78.20	83.49
Gold price ⁵									
Average (5 sources)	1,102	1,117	1,131	1,072	1,055		973	1,119	948

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\$/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		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
World									
Average (14 sources)	-1.2	3.7	4.1	2.0	3.4	3.5			
Germany									
Average (17 sources)	-5.0	1.7	1.9	0.4	1.0	1.2	7.5	9.0	9.0
United Kingdom									
Average (19 sources)	-5.0	1.2	2.3	2.9	2.3	1.7	7.5	8.5	8.3
The Netherlands									
Average (11 sources)	-4.0	1.1	1.8	1.2	1.0	1.6	3.5	5.4	6.0
Japan									
Average (21 sources)	-5.3	1.7	1.6	-1.7	-0.7	0.0	5.1	5.5	5.3
Russia									
Average (13 sources)	-8.0	3.5	4.1	8.8	7.8	7.8	8.4	8.3	7.9
China									
Average (21 sources)	8.7	9.5	9.0	-0.7	2.7	3.0	4.6	4.2	4.0
India									
Average (17 sources)	6.5	7.3	7.9	8.1	7.3	5.5	8.0	8.1	8.0
Brazil									
Average (17 sources)	-0.1	5.1	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5	8.1	7.7	7.9
Venezuela									
Average (12 sources)	-2.4	-0.6	1.1	25.1	32.4	37.2	7.5	9.8	11.5

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
GDP¹			
Nominal	-6.0	0.0	
Real	-7.6	-2.5	
Consumption (private + public)¹			
Nominal	-5.8	2.4	
Real	-5.5	-0.5	
Private consumption¹			
Nominal	-7.0	2.8	
Real	-5.0	-0.7	
Public consumption¹			
Nominal	-2.4	1.3	
Real	-6.8	0.0	
Investment (private + public)¹			
Nominal	-19.0	-1.5	
Real	-19.4	-3.3	
Private investment¹			
Nominal	-20.7	-3.0	
Real	-20.0	-4.5	
Public investment¹			
Nominal	16.6	18.2	
Real	17.7	16.3	
Exports of goods and services¹			
Nominal	-12.2	-4.1	
Real	-11.8	-6.6	
Imports of goods and services¹			
Nominal	-16.6	-1.8	
Real	-13.9	-4.3	
Current account balance²			
	5.1	-1.7	-1.8
Current account coverage ratio³			
	5.5	6.2	7.0

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

	2009	2010				2011	2009	2010	2011
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1			
Population ¹	107.4	107.9	108.3	108.7	109.3	109.8	107.4	109.3	111.3
Unemployment rate ²	10.3	9.5	9.3	9.5	9.2	8.5	10.3	9.2	8.5
Inflation ³	1.6	6.8	4.7	1.2	2.1	3.4	-2.1	3.6	3.2
Inflation differential with the USA ⁴	0.1	4.2	2.2	-0.9	0.4	2.0	-1.8	1.4	1.7
Stay-over visitors ⁵	1.4	3.9	1.9	0.9	2.0	2.6	-1.5	2.2	2.9
Tourism nights ⁵	8.5	8.0	4.0	1.9	2.6	6.7	0.8	4.1	3.7
Tourism receipts ⁵	-6.0	6.4	5.9	2.5	2.7	2.7	-8.1	4.5	4.1
Net foreign assets ⁶	1,577	1,715	1,912	1,833	1,800	1,927	1,577	1,800	2,161

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.

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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