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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: July 6, 2011



I Annual forecasts for Aruba

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|---|-------|-------|------|
| <u>GDP</u> ¹ | | | |
| Nominal | -8.9 | -3.8 | 10.7 |
| Real | -11.0 | -2.8 | 8.9 |
| <u>Consumption (private + public)</u> ¹ | | | |
| Nominal | -5.2 | 3.7 | 3.6 |
| Real | -3.7 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| <u>Private consumption</u> ¹ | | | |
| Nominal | -6.4 | 1.7 | 5.9 |
| Real | -4.4 | -0.3 | 3.1 |
| <u>Public consumption</u> ¹ | | | |
| Nominal | -2.1 | 8.4 | -1.5 |
| Real | -1.9 | 3.3 | -4.5 |
| <u>Investment (private + public)</u> ¹ | | | |
| Nominal | -17.1 | -7.8 | 17.7 |
| Real | -16.6 | -9.9 | 15.6 |
| <u>Private investment</u> ¹ | | | |
| Nominal | -18.2 | -7.8 | 17.9 |
| Real | -17.7 | -9.9 | 15.8 |
| <u>Public investment</u> ¹ | | | |
| Nominal | 5.5 | -8.0 | 13.6 |
| Real | 6.1 | -10.1 | 11.6 |
| <u>Exports of goods and services</u> ¹ | | | |
| Nominal | -12.6 | -8.8 | 21.7 |
| Real | -12.5 | -10.0 | 20.4 |
| <u>Imports of goods and services</u> ¹ | | | |
| Nominal | -12.0 | -1.7 | 14.1 |
| Real | -8.4 | -8.1 | 12.3 |
| <u>Current account balance</u> ² | 5.3 | -17.1 | 0.4 |
| <u>Current account coverage ratio</u> ³ | 5.9 | 6.3 | 4.5 |

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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II. Quarterly and annual forecasts for Aruba

| | 2011 | | | | 2012 | | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | | | |
| Population ¹ | | | | 109.5 | | | 107.8 | 109.5 | 111.1 |
| Unemployment rate ² | | | | 7.9 | | | 9.0 | 7.9 | 7.4 |
| Inflation ³ | 0.9 | 4.2 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.5 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 3.6 | 2.9 |
| Inflation differential with the USA ⁴ | -1.3 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 2.2 | -0.1 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| Stay-over visitors ⁵ | 2.2 | 1.7 | 2.6 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 |
| Tourism nights ⁵ | 3.9 | 3.8 | 2.1 | -1.0 | 2.8 | 2.1 | 4.8 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| Tourism receipts ⁵ | 6.0 | 3.5 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 1.7 | 4.8 | 3.3 |
| Net foreign assets ⁶ | 1,499 | 1,484 | 1,309 | 1,566 | 1,655 | 1,585 | 1,473 | 1,566 | 1,508 |

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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III. International quarterly and annual forecasts

III.A. United States

| | 2011 | | | | 2012 | | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | | | |
| Real GDP ¹ | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (17 sources) | 1.9 | 2.6 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 3.0 |
| Inflation ² | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (14 sources) | 2.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 3.0 | 2.0 |
| Core inflation ² | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (10 sources) | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.7 |
| Unemployment rate ³ | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (13 sources) | 8.9 | 9.0 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 9.6 | 8.8 | 8.2 |
| Real personal consumption ¹ | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (14 sources) | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 2.8 |
| Real disposable personal income ¹ | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (4 sources) | 0.9 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.6 | -0.3 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| Exchange rate ⁴ | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (9 sources) | 1.37 | 1.44 | 1.43 | 1.43 | 1.41 | 1.39 | 1.33 | 1.42 | 1.37 |

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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III.B. Euro Area

| | 2011 | | | | 2012 | | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|---------------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | | | |
| Real GDP ¹ | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (7 sources) | 3.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.7 |
| Inflation ² | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (7 sources) | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.7 | 1.9 |
| Core inflation ² | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (6 sources) | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.7 |
| Unemployment rate ³ | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (6 sources) | 9.9 | 9.8 | 9.8 | 9.7 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 9.4 |

III.C. Commodity prices

| | 2011 | | | | 2012 | | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | | | |
| Oil price ⁴ | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (9 sources) | 94 | 103 | 101 | 100 | 101 | 101 | 79 | 99 | 101 |
| Median | | | 102 | 100 | 104 | 105 | | 100 | 104 |
| Gold price ⁵ | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (5 sources) | 1,384 | 1,504 | 1,506 | 1,520 | 1,528 | 1,522 | 1,225 | 1,479 | 1,453 |

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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IV. 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) | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 4.4 | 3.6 | | | |
| Germany | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (17 sources) | 3.5 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 7.7 | 6.7 | 6.3 |
| United Kingdom | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (19 sources) | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 8.0 | 7.8 | 7.8 |
| The Netherlands | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (11 sources) | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 4.5 | 4.3 | 4.1 |
| Japan | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (21 sources) | 4.0 | -0.1 | 2.7 | -0.7 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.5 |
| Russia | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (13 sources) | 4.0 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 6.9 | 9.2 | 8.3 | 7.5 | 7.1 | 6.8 |
| China | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (21 sources) | 10.4 | 9.2 | 9.0 | 3.3 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 4.2 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| India | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (17 sources) | 8.6 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 12.0 | 8.0 | 6.2 | | | |
| Brazil | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (17 sources) | 7.5 | 4.3 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 6.1 | 5.2 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 6.2 |
| Venezuela | | | | | | | | | |
| Average (12 sources) | -1.9 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 29.1 | 26.2 | 25.3 | 8.5 | 8.5 | 7.5 |

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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