



## GLOBAL ECONOMY: KEY FORECASTS

<i>Annual Average (Unless stated)</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013 (e)</i>	<i>2014 (f)</i>	<i>2015 (f)</i>	<i>2016 (f)</i>
<b><i>Economic Growth (% Change)</i></b>					
World	3.1	2.7	3.6	4.0	4.2
US	2.8	1.9	3.0	3.2	3.0
Euro	-0.6	-0.3	1.2	1.5	1.8
UK	0.3	1.8	2.3	2.4	2.5
Japan	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.8
<b><i>Inflation - CPI (% Change)</i></b>					
US	2.1	1.5	1.4	1.7	2.0
Euro	2.5	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.8
UK	2.8	2.6	2.0	2.0	2.2
Japan	0.0	0.3	2.2	1.7	1.5
<b><i>Official Interest Rates (% End Period)</i></b>					
US (Fed Funds)	0-0.25	0-0.25	0-0.25	0.75	2.00
Euro (Refi Rate)	0.75	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.75
UK (Bank Rate)	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.25	2.00
Japan (Overnight Call Rate)	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
<b><i>Exchange Rates (Period Average)</i></b>					
US Dollar-Euro	1.29	1.33	1.32	1.28	1.28
Sterling-Euro	0.81	0.85	0.81	0.79	0.79
US Dollar-Sterling	1.59	1.56	1.63	1.62	1.62
Crude Oil Prices (Brent \$/b)	112	109	112	116	120

*Forecasts prepared by AIB's ERU, historical data sourced from Thomson Datastream*

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